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21st APRIL 2024

4th Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday Year B/ 2

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Father Phillip Alstin

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Robyn Grave

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 8—12.00noon
Wednesday 8—12.00noon
Thursday—CLOSED PUB. HOL.
Friday 8—12.00noon

Parish Finance Council

Geoff Walles 0419 810 590

Parish Pastoral Council

TBA

St Anthony's School

Principal: Mr Stuart Baker
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Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after weekend
Holy Mass
After Tuesday 9.30am Mass

Adoration

Tuesday 7:00pm—11.00pm
concluding with Angelus.

Wednesday

9:30am Adoration
6:00pm Rosary (Wed)
6:30pm Vespers (Wed)

Contact for Adoration

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Rosary Times

Maria Goretti Chapel
Mondays 5.30pm
Tuesdays 8.50am
Wednesdays 6.00pm
Fridays 8pm - Via Telephone
Messenger App (Contact Grace
Via the parish office number)

On this "Good Shepherd Sunday," we reflect not only on how Jesus reveals himself as a shepherd but also on how his followers continue his mission of shepherding his flock. We are all sheep because we belong to the Shepherd; we are all shepherds because he shares with us his love and care for all his sheep. We are all brothers and sisters, children of our heavenly Father.

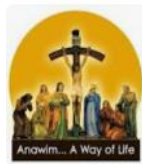
The Apostles served as shepherds at the expense of their own comfort and security, and later even of their lives. Peter and John in the first reading find themselves challenged by the Sanhedrin, a group of powerful religious figures in Jewish society – the very ones who had Jesus put to death. The Apostles, arrested and called to account "for a good deed done to a cripple," show that they are not hirelings who run off at the threat of danger. They serve as genuine shepherds, following in the footsteps of their Master. They do not cower in the presence of the authorities. Neither do they claim any healing power of their own. Instead they boldly proclaim the truth: "all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the Name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his Name this man stands before you healed."

The crippled man, now healed, is not the only sheep under the care of Peter and John. The Apostles want the members of the Sanhedrin to know that the way of salvation stands open to them too. They are the Lord's "other sheep." So the Apostles boldly continue their testimony, pointing out that Jesus is the fulfillment of a prophetic verse from Psalm 118 – a passage the leaders all know very well: "He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone" (cf. Ps 118:22). The "builders" are the religious authorities who failed to recognize that Jesus is the cornerstone of our salvation. What an indictment, especially coming from two men whom the learned authorities consider ignorant! But the Apostles are not condemning the guilty; they are calling them to salvation in Jesus, for "there is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

We learn from the courageous witness of Peter and John that if we are under the care of the Good Shepherd, we have nothing to fear. As we fulfill our mission each day, living by and proclaiming the truth, wherever we are, whoever we are with, whatever conditions confront us, our security is in the Name of Jesus. Indeed, as the Psalm affirms, "it is better to take refuge in the LORD, / than to trust in man," or "to trust in princes."

St. John, many years after he stood with St. Peter before the Sanhedrin, wrote the Letter from which we have today's marvelous second reading. John opens our eyes to look beyond the image of the sheep under the care of the Good Shepherd, to see our real identity as *children of God*, beloved of the Father. The world does not know who we are (which explains in part why we find ourselves rejected and persecuted), but we should know who we are! We do not need to seek recognition by the world, for we have already been recognized by our Father. We might assume that there is nothing greater than being children of God, yet John hints at something even greater: *being like God, seeing him face to face*. Exactly what this means "has not yet been revealed," but we can be sure that "when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

This is why the Good Shepherd laid down his life for us his sheep and took it up again, so that we may be like him and see him as he is. The good pasture to which he is leading us is his own divine life, an eternal share in the Communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



In what ways can I imitate the courage of Peter and John in proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ in my daily life? How does the concept of being both sheep and shepherd in the service of the Good Shepherd challenge me to live a life of selfless service for others? How can I better embrace and live out my identity as a child of God in a world that may not always recognize or understand it?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

We pray for young men and women; That God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; And for the gift of courage to follow His call.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - VOCATIONS

1699 Life in the Holy Spirit fulfills the vocation of man (*chapter one*). This life is made up of divine charity and human solidarity (*chapter two*). It is graciously offered as salvation (*chapter three*)

1717 The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

THE BEATITUDES

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the clean in heart,
for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

APRIL 23—ST ADALBERT OF PRAGUE— born about 939 of a noble Czech family in Bohemia, was a well-educated man, having studied ten years under St. Adalbert of Magdenburg, whose name he took. In 980 he became a priest, and in 982 became Bishop of Prague. Though descended from a rich family, he lived poorly of his own free will and was noted for charity, austerity, and zealous service to the Church. In 989, he resigned as bishop, left Prague, and went to Rome, where he lived as a hermit in a Benedictine monastery, occupying himself with the most humble duties. In 993, Pope John XV sent him back to Bohemia. He founded a monastery near Prague, the first in the Czech lands. The nobility there opposed his ministry, and a number of Adalbert's brothers were murdered. After this tragedy he again left Prague to be a missionary to the Hungarian people. He next preached to the pagan inhabitants of Prussia, where, at the instigation of a pagan priest, he was martyred in April 997. He was canonized a few years later as St. Adalbert of Prague. On the 1,000th anniversary of his martyrdom, in April 1997, Pope St. John Paul II held a ceremonial service at the place of his death, together with heads of seven European states and a million believers. A 10-meter cross stands at the site.



APRIL 24—ST FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN— was born in Sigmaringen, Germany, in 1578. He studied law and served the poor in his legal practice before he finally decided to enter the Capuchins at age 35. After his ordination to the priesthood, he continued to devote himself to the needs of the poor and sick, and had a special zeal to counteract the religious errors that were spreading widely in Germany and Switzerland. Fidelis (the name means "faithful") was sent to preach to Calvinists in Switzerland, where he was martyred in 1622 by a group of soldiers when he refused to renounce his faith. He was canonized in 1746.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

*Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—
Love your neighbour as yourself."*

Mark 12:29-31

"Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain."

(St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.



May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



READERS OF THE WORD FOR APRIL

Saturday—Reg Farnell
Sunday - Kevin Mark

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

SICK: Imelda Kempson, Peter Freeborn, Perry Burns, Marie Oates, Romola Blowes, Amy Lopez, Amanda Razon, Douglas Robertson, Isaiah Noack, Alby Foster, EJ Orbase, Marie Emery, Michael, Apolo Gomez, Lorraine Boys, Phil Bawden, Patricia Kehoe, Chris Harwood, Rosemary Young

RECENTLY DECEASED: James O'Brien,

ANNIVERSARIES: Dean Castle, Guiseppe Spano, Frank Stephens, Angelo Composto, Catherine Stewart, Maria Visentin, Glenn Freeborn, Lucy Rodrigues, Darryl Ryan, Rosemary Keain, Pat McClure, Giuseppe Marchesan, Ronda White, Maurice Spiers, Maroun Khabbaz, Stan Puczkowski, Barbara Bartoszek, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Relatives and friends of the Burns and Hill families.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.*

Marian Procession

The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. Please let the Parish Office know if you are attending by 10th May.

****The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game.**

The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).



Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek and you heart will grow big enough to receive Him and to keep Him as your own. Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.

Mother Teresa



People First Community Lottery tickets go on sale from 18th April until 25th July 2024. 100% of every \$2 ticket sold goes directly back to our Vinnies group in this parish. Tickets are on sale online only at communitylottery.com.au.

It is important when buying tickets to choose our St Vincent de Paul – Edwardstown/Plympton group, either by typing in the search area or choosing 'Church' and clicking on our group. There is an early bird prize of a Toyota Corolla Hybrid Ascent Sport if bought before 16th May.

Thank you for your recent and ongoing support of our request for food and toiletry donations. With the cold weather setting in, we are also adding cans of soup to the list. There are baskets inside the church to leave these donations in. They are collected weekly and used to make hampers to distribute on our visits each week.

CHANGE TO WEEK DAY MASSES

From Tuesday 6th February 2024 mass will be offered 9.30am Tuesday only

**All Sunday Mass times remain the same
Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.30am**

Wednesdays—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues concluding with Rosary & Vespers as usual. The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Benediction will not be offered.
Other Times - Reconciliation may be offered after Mass Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE THE TEMPORARY CHANGE TO THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ON THE FRONT OF THE NEWSLETTER.

Adoration at St Anthony's

TUESDAY NIGHTS

7.00pm - 11pm (please note next week—23rd April—Adoration will commence at 8.30pm due to Melkite 7.30pm Mass.)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.05am Prayer for Priests
12.00pm Angelus
6.00pm Scriptural Rosary
6.30pm Vespers



"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:40

Please contact Geoff Walles on 0419 810 590 if you are able to help with the roster or for any queries.

SAVE THE DATE – 2024

**Adelaide Diocesan Assembly
June 14 and 15** Parishes, schools and communities are asked to mark their calendars for the 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly which will take place on the evening of Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15. Further information and invitations will be sent out soon. Any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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INTROIT

Misericordia Domini *Ps 33 (32): 5, 6*

IV

THE earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, al-le-lu-ia; * by the word of the Lord, the heavens were es-tablished, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 33 (32)

1. Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; * for praise is fitting *for the upright*.
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp; * with a tenstringed lute *sing him songs*.
O sing him a song that is new; * play skillfully, with *shouts of joy*.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers has be-come the cor-ner-stone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in prince **R**.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **R**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever. **R**.

OFFERTORY

Deus, Deus meus *Ps 63 (62): 2, 5*

II

O God, my God, * from daybreak do I watch for you; and in invocation of your name will I lift up my hands.

Psalm 63 (62)

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; * for you my *soul is thirsting*.
For you my flesh *is pining*, * like a dry, weary land *without water*.
I have come before you in *the sanctuary*, * to behold your strength *and your glory*.
2. Your loving mercy is better *than life*; * my lips will *speak your praise*.
I will bless you all *my life*; * in your name I will lift *up my hands*.
My soul shall be filled as with *a banquet*; * with joyful lips, my *mouth shall praise you*.

COMMUNION

Ego sum pastor bonus *Jn 20: 14*

II

I am the good shepherd, al-le-lu-ia; I know my sheep and my own know me, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 23 (22)

1. The LORD *is my shepherd*; * there is nothing I *shall want*.
Fresh and green *are the pastures* * where he gives me *repose*.
Near restful *waters he leads me*; * he revives *my soul*.

Glory Be to the Father...

COMMUNION HYMN

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within the paths of
righteousness e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort
still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall
be.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of
praise.
He, who on the cross as Victim, for the world's salvation
bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enter-
prise; we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.