



# St Mary's Parish

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

7 May 2017

### First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*  
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

- 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,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley  
of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and  
your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*  
You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow: the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!*

### Gospel Jn 10:1-10

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John*

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will  
be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'



### Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 – an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, 'I am the good shepherd'.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

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*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmarra people.*

**Country Mass Schedule**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun
<b>Penshurst</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
<b>Macarthur</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

**St Joseph's Penshurst**

Sun.7 May Remembrance liturgy & gathering  
Fr Frank Madden St Joseph School @ 2pm  
Whole Community Welcomed

14th May 2017 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Lector	Coleen Page
Prayers	St Joseph's School
Gifts	St Joseph's School
Special Minister	Catherine Loria
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Coleen Page

**Our Parish Collections**

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ (Last Week)  
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2016-2017 FY):  
Pledged: \$115,076 Given: \$

**St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach**

(10% of Stewardship)

Given this Financial Year;  
Sr Lorde—Kenya Mission \$3,000

**St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster**

6 & 7 May Ministers of Communion					13 & 14 May Ministers of Communion			
6 pm	K Brewis, P Kelly & T Oliver				Z Celewych & Peter, Maureen Dunn			
10.30am	Necola J, Priya, A Campbell, S Fitzgerald & G Howell				T Hurly, K Barber, J Hockey, V Lovell &			
Date	Welcome	Computer	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
06/05	S McCaskill J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Ian Ferguson	Chris Jansen	Margaret Meagher	M Walter J Gustus	Bob & Julie Roache	R Corbett B Shanahan & T Oliver.
07/05	Frank, Di & Noreen	Lachlan Campbell	Richard Beks	John Houlihan	Jo-Anne Bond	Noreen Doherty	Trish Irving	
13/05	Gerald Healy J Schurmann	Chris Jansen	Kerry Stevens	Ted Oliver	John Duyvestyn	M McGrath P Murphy	Brian & Trish	I Ferguson & L Stevens
14/05	Anne Slattery Frank & Di	O'Brien Family	Geraldine McDonald	Helen Tripovich	Maree Bell	Patricia Blohm	Sonia Shaw	

Remembrance Liturgy & Gathering  
for  
**Fr Frank Madden**  
St Joseph School Penshurst  
@ 2pm  
Sunday 7th May (today)  
Whole Community Welcomed!

'Young at Heart' CD  
by Fr Paul Gurry  
\$20 Each - Perfect Mother's Day Gift  
All Proceeds to B.A.S.P.  
Supporting the Brigidine sisters in their  
work with Asylum Seekers  
Available from the Piety Stall \$20

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Deaths:**

Fr John Murphy SDV

**Anniversary:**

Floyd Crawford, Mary Ross, Fr Vin Sproules, Fr Denis  
McCarthy, Kathleen Lyons, Carmel Scott, Paul  
Coleman, Joan Newell.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Graeme Sewell, Kerryn McCluggage, Andrea Andre, Carissa  
Watt, Rachael Cunningham, Jan Merrett., Mary Guy.

**What's happening this week in St Mary's Parish**

**Sunday** Rosary 7pm St Mary's Church  
**Wednesday** Meditation 7.30-8.30pm Parish House  
Men's day out Maryknoll 1.30-4.30pm  
Wed. Meet Up 9.30-11.30am Dunworth

New Ministry roster  
available  
from Information Table.



**PRAYER**

Your promise of abundant life, O God,  
embraces all your children,  
those near and those far away.  
Protect the sheep of your flock  
from all who would destroy.  
Keep us safe in the fold  
of the one whose voice we know,  
the one who bore our sins on the cross  
and by whose wounds we have been healed,  
the Lord Jesus, the shepherd and guardian of our souls,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
AMEN.



TOTAL \$3,584.15

Thank you!

PROJECT  
COMPASSION

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Total \$872

**HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT**

EASTER OFFERING

TOTAL \$1,496

**THANK YOU !**



**Fatima Centenary**

Next weekend, 13th May, Pope Francis will be in Fatima, Portugal, to celebrate the centenary of Our Lady's apparitions to 3 shepherd children. She asked them to make sacrifices and pray the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world. She asked that this request be made known and encouraged families to pray the Rosary together.

Pope Francis will also canonise two of the children - Jacinta and Francesco Marto.

Every year we circulate a 'Pilgrim Statue' of Our Lady of Fatima to interested parishioners who host the statue for a week and invite others to recite the Rosary with them. If you would like to share in this prayer activity please contact Ted Oliver (55722810) or leave your name at the Parish Office (55711161)

Next week the statue will be with Ted Oliver 298 Coleraine Rd. Hamilton. Rosary 3.00 pm. All welcome.

Also, to celebrate the Fatima centenary, Rosary will be recited in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 3.00 pm on Saturday 13th May.



# Looking Forward 2017

**Fr Patrick Mugavin  
invites all parishioners to a  
*Looking Forward* meeting**

**to be held on  
Wednesday 17 May  
at 7pm  
at 23 Dinwoodie Street,  
Hamilton (Dunworth Centre)**

The meeting will be facilitated by Fr Justin Driscoll, Vicar-General and Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant. The meeting is part of the *Looking Forward* diocesan pastoral planning process. In 2014 and 2015 there were larger *Looking Forward* Gatherings around the diocese. This year, in liaison with priests and parish councils, *Looking Forward* is holding meetings at parishes to focus on local matters.

**All parishioners and members of the school community  
are most welcome!**

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