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4th Sunday of Easter, 3rd May 2020

Readings

First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall
want.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel:

John 10:1-10

Eucharistic Acclamation

We proclaim you Death, O
Lord,
and profess your
Resurrection
until you come again.

On the Lighter Side

At children's liturgy of the
Word, after the gospel was
read the leader talked about
shepherds leading sheep to
pasture and protecting them
from wild animals and
thieves. She asked who is
our Shepherd today? A
child quickly replied:
"Jesus!" Then what is our
parish pastor? Another
quick reply: "he is Jesus'
sheepdog!"

Gospel Reading: JN 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So, Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



Gospel Reflection

The first reading is Peter's speech at Pentecost. We celebrate Pentecost in four week's time, but today we listen to St Peter's talk to the large gathering afterwards. The Lectionary doesn't follow strict chronological order but has a catechetical, theological pattern. The initial preaching of the Apostles after the resurrection is "Jesus is Risen! He is Lord!"

The Second reading (1 Peter) freely quotes the Prophet Isaiah's passage on the suffering servant (Is 53:5-12) and associates the servant with Christ and now with all Christians. By our baptism into Christ we take on Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

This fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year we have the opening verses of John Chapter 10, an introduction to the Good Shepherd teaching. This week Christ says: "I am the Gate" to the sheepfold, to safety, to the fullness of life. Next year on this Sunday we read from John 10:11-18: "I am the Good Shepherd" and in year C, John 10:27-30, the conclusion: "I know my sheep, ... they listen to my voice ... and the Father and I are one." Christ's words today, "I am the gate" offers his disciples authenticity, assurance and security over any other influences or powers in our world.

Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Message 2020

In these weeks, the lives of millions of people have suddenly changed. For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company. For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.

Mass Intentions

Recent Death:

Kevin Grogan
Lorna Catley
Peter O'Donoghue
Maria Radoslav
Robert Foley

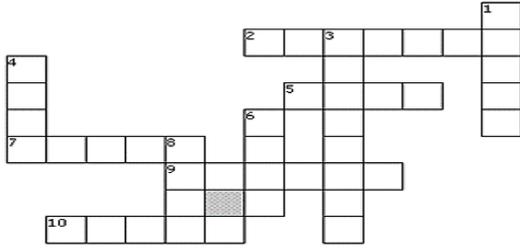
Sick:

Tony Hall
Darby Stanton

Fr. Novie will celebrate Mass
privately, if you have any
intentions that you would
like prayed for please give
Fr Novie a ring to be
included in his celebration
of the Eucharist.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1



ACROSS

2. An area with grass or other vegetation for sheep or cattle to graze on
5. To be frightened of something
7. A building or dwelling place for a family
9. An area of low land between mountains or hills
10. An article of furniture upon which we eat our meals

DOWN

1. To show kindness, compassion, and forgiveness
3. One who herds, guards, and tends sheep
4. The route along which something travels
6. To go or travel on foot
8. The quality of being morally bad or wrong; wicked

Liturgical Jottings Letters of St Peter

As the Gospels of third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, Year A, focus on instruction about Baptism and particularly relevant for the RCIA, so too are the Second Readings of the Sunday of Easter Year A. They are taken from the first letter of St Peter. This letter addresses many themes of Baptism. We may call this letter a presentation of post-baptismal catechesis. From the Second to the Seventh Sundays of Easter the themes in the letter are

- rebirth in Christ,
- redeemed by his blood,
- healed by Christ and united by the shepherd,
- made a holy and priestly people,
- Risen Christ is our hope, and
- reception of the Spirit.

Plant a Garden.

First plant five rows of peas:

Presence, promptness, preparation, purity, perseverance.

Next plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip. Squash unfair criticism, squash indifference.

Then plant five rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful to duty, let us be loyal and unselfish, let us be true to our obligations, let us obey rules and obligations, let us love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:

Turn up for meetings, turn up with a smile, turn up with new ideas, turn up with determination.

To make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Prayer for the Week

O God, you never cease to call even those far away, for it is your will that all be drawn into one-fold. Attune our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us always to you, that we may find under your tender protection life in all its fullness. (1998 ICEL Missal, Year A)

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<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

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Spiritual Communion Prayers

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, you may make a Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I know You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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