

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2013

It was my second son who said it. I have four sons and some of them were known for their wilful ways when they started school! "So which Martin boy are you?" said the Year One teacher "I am the Good One!" Gerard said.

Today we meet not just a shepherd but the Good Shepherd, the one that stands apart from the rest. Shepherds did not enjoy a marvellous reputation but remember King David had started his life as a shepherd boy so there was a history of God been identified with the disreputable and the outcast. It is the character of sheep that worry me. I'm sure there never has been a recorded incident of a sheep that rescued the master or affiliated themselves with good over evil. No sheep are sheep and are dumb and dumber. That is why they need reliable and responsible care.

Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

Trust is a hard thing for us in this present world...and why trust a disreputable shepherd? Because He and the Father are One.

Maybe like Gerard we can proclaim 'I am a Good One' because we can positively trust in the love and protection of the Father through the care of the Shepherd...the Good Shepherd.

Marguerite Martin

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The first Charitable Works Fund Appeal will take place on Sunday 5th May.

Corpus Christi Procession The Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday 2nd June from 2:30pm—4:30pm. It will commence from St. Patricks, Church Hill and will conclude at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Book of Life is now in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for parishioners to write in their prayer petitions. Any parishioner willing to carry the Book of Life in the Procession on 2nd June are asked to see Fr. Alan.

Thinking of Mother's Day Presents?

The men's group has invited "The Trading Circle" to set up a stall next Sunday 28th April after each Mass to sell their fair trade products.

The Trading Circle is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd which helps empower women to earn the money they and their families need to survive and live with dignity. It is a not for profit organisation which works in partnership with women who live in severe poverty.

Fair trade products include attractive and unique handicrafts from around the world.

All items below \$30.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

I would like to give an update. Over the past two weeks further quotations in regards to both have been examined and this week we had someone call at the Church to give a quotation on how much it would cost to put up the Stations of the Cross after they had been restored. A decision also been made this week on who will paint the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and will advise when this work will commence. Both projects will continue to receive attention in the next few weeks. The time taken at the moment is to try and ensure that both works are carried out correctly.

Fr. Alan

A few of the parish youth volunteer with the Capuchin Friars' Van Ministry by bringing good conversation and a hot cuppa to the homeless. We need help if anyone has old/ new clean blankets that we could distribute now that the weather is getting colder that would be great! Please contact: Joyce Lim 0423 326 230 Email: jyylim@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently looking for 1 more person. If you are interested in serving the parish in this way, please see Fr. Alan after Mass or contact him at the parish office on 9798 2501 or email alan@vinash.org.au.

NB Thursday 16 May

We are again hosting the BBI e-conference

Gospel of St Mark

A Crucified and Risen Messiah

Two excellent speakers

Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Sr Michelle Connolly RSJ.

From 10am to 2.30pm.

However come for what part of the day you can!

8:00am Sunday Mass

The Musicians from the Sunday 8am Mass are looking for people willing to sing. Please see Fr. Alan if you are interested.

Alternatively, please contact him at the Parish office at 9798 2501 or alan@vinash.org.au.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 12noon
Thursday 9:00am
Saturday 9:00am

Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00PM

Polish Mass 12 noon

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:00am to 9:30am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9:00am



Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday
8:00am

Summer Hill Parish Tues & Fri 9:00am Wed & Thurs.
8:30am

Anzac Vigil Mass of Remembrance.

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Wednesday, 24 April at 5:30pm.** The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

TALK BY UK AUTHOR, AUSTEN IVEREIGH

"The Justice and Peace Office invites you to an afternoon with well-known UK voice on church affairs, Austen Ivereigh who will be speaking on Sunday, 26 May from 2.30pm—4:00pm at Mount St. Benedict College, Pennant Hills. Austen has authored, "Faithful Citizens: a practical guide to Catholic social teaching and community organising," in which he reflects on years of experience with the civil society coalition London Citizens—a coalition where thousands of Catholics worked with others of goodwill to win concrete improvements for the people of London. Learn how community organising presents a practical set of tools to put Catholic social teaching into practice, and how these tools can renew Catholic communities by building relationships, developing leaders and giving the broader community a powerful example of the Church in action. RSVP with your name and contact to 9390 5935 or christine.drozario@sydneycatholic.org."

Haven't got time to read the newspaper?

2RPH is a radio station that reads newspapers especially for the Print Handicapped. They can be found on 1224 am and 86.1 fm.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: We are now turning to the gentiles (Acts 13:14. 43-52)

PSALM: We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Ps 99:1-3. 5)

SECOND READING: The lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water (Revelation 7.9. 14-17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I give my sheep eternal life (John 10:27-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Ps 144:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35