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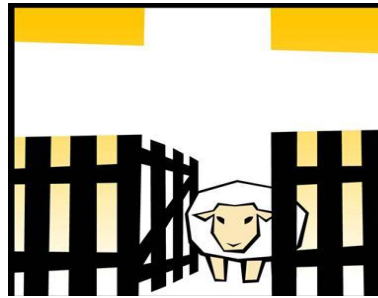
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Dear friends, today's gospel refers to Jesus as a "Good Shepherd". This imagery is closely related to his mission of shepherding the people (of Israel). Jesus identifies himself as the gate or door of the sheep. A sheepfold usually consists of a circular wall of stones attached to the house or located out in an open field. Several small flocks of sheep are brought into the sheepfold at night to protect them from predators and whatever thieves or wild animals. Someone watches by the gate until morning when the sheep are taken into pasture. This guarantees the safety and well-being of the sheep because the shepherds who pass by the gate are real shepherds who have the heart of Jesus. On the other hand, those who seek entry to the fold, apart from shepherds, are thieves and robbers. In his saying, Jesus must have targeted the Pharisees and Sadducees, but these "thieves" certainly apply to the unhappy line of religious and political leaders from biblical times until our own day.

The second interpretation of the imagery is: Jesus is the gate leading us to salvation. The gate is not only for coming in but also for going out. The sheep which go out through Jesus who is the gate, find pasture. Here, Jesus is offering the pasture of life that is fullness of life. This gift of life is opposed to the slaughter that is associated with the thief. Shortly after Jesus declares that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Let us follow our good shepherd Jesus and find a good pasture of fullness of life in his glory. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Joseph the Worker

Tues- St Athanasius

Wed- Ss Philip & James

Thu- St Peregrine

Fri- St Angelo of Jerusalem

Sat- St Dominic Savio

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Catherine O'Flynn, Gryff Dwyer and Shirley Fletcher.

Recent Deaths: Leo Gee

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Gleeson, Thelma Walsh, Teresa Hewitt, Kevin Bradshaw, Anna van Someren, Mary Cameron,

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Next Weekend Masses

Sat: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 6:1-7. 1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.

Parish bank details: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes).

Presbytery: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A. 30/04/2023

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and **worship Our God.**"

Welcome and congratulations:

We welcome the children and along with their parents who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!

Sunday at 11.00 am Camperdown: Vincent Joshua Hall Son of Joshua & Danielle Hall

Bobbi Paige Bell daughter of Madeleine Clarke and Toby Bell

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$297.00 & Presbytery \$571.55. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

This year the Good Friday Collection is 265.60.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, April 30, 2023

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 and is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We remember young women and men throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to marriage, the single life, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Vocations Prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday:

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life. Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Amen.

ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word

This new four-week training program for Ministers of the Word has been created by Australian liturgy specialists in order to foster and develop the skills of new and existing ministers. The online program features quality liturgical content and offers practical exercises in a supportive and engaging environment. The comprehensive program is suitable for members of all communities, city or regional, large or small, school or parish. More information available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2023

The first edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Mass Counts start on weekend May 6-7- updated notice

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting begins on May 6-7 and continues each weekend until the end of May. Forms are attached. *You can use either the excel or pdf of the Mass Count form to submit your Mass counts. Counter's forms are for recording the numbers at Mass and should be returned to the parish office for collation onto the Mass Count form spreadsheet.*

- Please record a count for every Mass & Lay Assembly held in your parish on each of the 4 weekends.
- Please complete **all** columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc).

If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Feast of St Joseph the Worker – May 1

God our Father, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the 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 said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'. In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem. So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'. We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

30- April-2023 4 th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy		
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn		J Saunders
Counting Team:	P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: M Russell, A Gardner		
Church Cleaning:	MRC	Altar Cobden: Ann Scott		
Marian Statue:	F & C Conheady			
7- May-2023 5 th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister	
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan		
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	R Henry	H Hickey	
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar C'down	C McCarthy, J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: C Walsh		Altar Cobden:	Helen Watts	
Marian Statue: J Fry				

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We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being