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Dear Friends, today's gospel refers to Jesus as the "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, 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 going in but also for coming out. The sheep which come 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 his sheep. Let us follow our good shepherd Jesus and find the good pasture of fullness of life in his glory. -Neville.



Sunday Mass to be live-streamed on YouTube this Sunday:

Follow this link to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw?>

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 (Collection)...Thank you

A Prayer in This Time of Distress: O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in his time of distress, grant, we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and Reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St Peregrine

Tues – St Angelo of Jerusalem

Wed – St Dominic Savio

Thurs – St Augustine Roscelli

Fri – St Boniface IV, Pope

Sat – St George Preca

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are in ill health: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien

Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for who has died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Kane Violet, Peter Narik, Wayne O'Sullivan, Bernard Place, Marie Moran, Marie Davis, Skye Bowman, Peter Noonan.

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Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section". As per the latest information from the government, all places of worship are closed, including chapels.

Copyright obligation in response to COVID-19

Attached is information from ONE LICENSE regarding copyright obligations for online streaming of music.

Caritas Online Concert – May 9

On Saturday, May 9, Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert for Project Compassion. Gary wrote a song for Project Compassion titled "Walk With Me" this year and wanted to do more to help so he is bringing Australian and international musicians together in support of Caritas Australia. Through this free concert, he is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19. Please share the "Loungeroom Sessions" concert details with your community. This is a great opportunity for our community to reach out, to demonstrate the concern of ordinary Australians, Catholics and others, to be there for the most vulnerable in our world at this time of fear. You can find more details on the concert and view the great artist line-up at caritas.org.au/loungeroomsessions. To view the concert, supporters will need to register at livemusic2u.com/loungeroomsessions/. See media release attached. Let's go further, together (but at safe distance)! Thank you for the work you are all doing for Project Compassion - it is much appreciated. Sue Searls,
Diocesan Director, Caritas Australia, ph. 0403 902 921 or email sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop's Office

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, please note the Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times, and continue being available via email or phone. Contact details until further notice: bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au, ph. 03 5337 7121, djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au, vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au, michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Good Shepherd Sunday & World Day of Prayer for Vocations – 4th Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

May 3, 2020 (Fourth Sunday of Easter) is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us, "Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the gaze of God in our lives" (message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2020). Let us pray for the young people in our community and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries - employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Study Cycle 4 begins May 24. Registrations open now until May 13. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 0407 523 424.

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

Message from Pope Francis to Pray the Rosary in May

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. See the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Update to Joan Chittister Melbourne Event

Due to the current travel restrictions the evening with Sr Joan Chittister on September 8, 2020 has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a date in 2021. Sr Joan considers Australia her first priority when international travel commences. As soon as we have a firm date, we will contact everyone. Your tickets will be valid for that event. If you do not want to hold them or give them to someone else, please contact rsvp@garrattpublishing.com.au to have your ticket refunded.

Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 postponed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 scheduled for October in Adelaide, has been postponed. Read the full media release at <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/first-assembly-of-plenary-council-postponed/>. See a message from Bishop Paul on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

A special message to our School Communities from our Principals

As we commence Term 2 with the certainty that most students will be learning from home, the Catholic Education Office Ballarat would like to share this special video message with all of our families. Watch the video on the CEOB website www.ceob.edu.au

Matthew's Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley in Dialogue with Earth's Distress

Veronica Lawson RSM recently held a webinar exploring the Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley at this time of the Earth's distress. Watch the video here <https://vimeo.com/404735366>

With Jesus in the Desert: A retreat for a time of isolation

The staff of Jesuit Communications have prepared a 14-day retreat for the use of people who have to isolate themselves for 14 days during the Coronavirus crisis. Of course, other people who may find it helpful are also welcome to use it. The retreat has suggestions for each of the 14 days, though participants are free to follow it through or to pick out particular days. A shorter retreat that keeps the basic pattern could involve days 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14. More information at <https://www.pray.com.au/with-jesus-in-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation/>

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

This is the Word of the Lord

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.

This is the Word of the Lord

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 Reading: 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.

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

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. Alleluia!

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Dear Friends,

this is a follow up message regarding measures to slow the speed of the Corona virus. We have been directed by both federal and state governments to close all places of worship. This means the closing of our church doors, not just for the celebration of mass and other liturgies, but for all activities that would involve the presence of a number of people for a period of time. Therefore, I ask that you close the doors of your church and place appropriate signage on doors. The message could be as follows: in line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the Corona virus comma the church will be closed to the public until further notice. Please continue your prayers at home for the health of our community. God bless you always, Bishop Paul.