

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

YEAR B SATURDAY 17TH & SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2021



Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care. Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) 0437 576 730 and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Fr Pat Downes; Marion Rowe; Antonino Gervasi;
Tony Lazzara; Rudolf Moodoo; Kenneth Junge;
Fr Max Jongebloed; Mary Starrett

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto;
Basilio Alcodia; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Gai Thi Tran;
Peter MacIntosh; Rex Kakoschke; Peter Corcoran (senior)



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Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

Local News~

- * Well it's happened again - we are back in Lockdown!! Our church is locked - we cannot celebrate Mass until further notice.
- * There are 9 very sad Confirmation candidates who will have to wait a bit longer till they receive this sacrament.
- * Father Anthony hosted a meeting of 8 priests in the Narthex on Tuesday. After their meeting they enjoyed lunch together at the Golf Club.
- * Sunday is the 1st Anniversary of Tony Lazzara's passing. Please remember Tony and his family in your prayers.

COVID Restrictions

St Mary's & St Patrick's
as of Friday 15th July 2021

- ◆ All churches closed until Tuesday mid-night.
- ◆ Funerals - no more than 10 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- ◆ Weddings are not permitted.
- ◆ Hopefully a more positive update will be available for next weekend's Newsletter.

FIRST READING Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v.2

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

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.

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

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.

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

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

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

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.

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

SECOND READING Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has

made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Congratulations to St. V de Paul for their successful market stall last Saturday. They are very grateful for the generosity of fruit and vegetable donations from locals. Please keep any donation envelopes till we are back in our church again.



FINANCES
Presbytery : \$290.60
Parish: \$156.00

