



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year A] Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. [Psalm 23]

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd.

**Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! I am the good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold.

**I HAVE RISEN AND I AM WITH YOU STILL ALLELUIA!! TOO WONDERFUL THIS KNOWLEDGE ALLELLIA!**

### "A New Normal"

Many centuries ago an old monk, one of the "Desert Fathers" whose name was Abba Moses, regularly instructed the younger monks and the many visitors who came to the monastery seeking guidance:

*"Go! sit in your cell (your room) and your cell will teach you everything!"*

I'm taking that valuable advice, and I want to share it with you.

And here's some more wisdom from an ancient culture: in written Chinese language the word for "crisis" contains two symbols. It contains the symbol for "danger" and the symbol for "opportunity". Balance fear, the increased threat of serious illness and death through Covid 19, with the enforced opportunity to reassess the things that really matter in our personal, family and community lives. Take the opportunity!

**This, too, I want to reclaim and share with you.**

Surveys of a cross-section of Australians have already revealed a seismic shift in our way of thinking, with a large majority of people confirming that they have already changed their behaviour – many declaring "I won't be going back to the way it was."

For example:

- Many people are questioning the over-consumption habits of recent past.
- They're seeing in a new light the importance of loyalty to employers and to employees and the financial security that comes from that.
- Workers trapped in insecure jobs chasing "big bucks" will look for ways to upskill and value permanency of employment.
- Hopefully we'll return to focusing on the importance of family where we can, find real strength, comfort, faithfulness: discovering how good it is!
- Prayer, especially our listening to God and to what God is saying to us through others and daily experiences, will re-emerge as an essential and valued part of each day.
- We'll re-discover an appreciation of Mass when we are able again to gather with friends and strangers, old and new, to celebrate our communion in Christ and with each other.
- We might even take a lead from what happened on Anzac day – neighbours found wonderful creative new ways to remember the heroism and self-sacrifice of family members and friends, to celebrate and renew commitments to carry that memory forward. I can imagine and foresee many new prayerful family rituals emerging.
- In the isolation of our own "cell" our own "room", our own "home" we will develop again the practice of LISTENING to the Shepherd's voice – rather than the distracting noisy voices of the "thieves and brigands, the wolves and seducers" the Gospels warns against.



The "new normal", please God, will be very different from the "old normal" into which we had slipped **and in so many ways that's a good thing!**

Hal Ranger

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Lawrence Mullens, Ray Knight, and those who have died from Covid 19 in Australia and beyond. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr. William Murphy (1983), Fr. Michael Herbert (1970), Fr. Brian Moran (1997), Fr. Vincent Maher (1979), Fr. Patrick McMorrow (1999), Fr John Isaac, Fr. Thomas Isaac (1992), Reginald Missen, Fred & Fay Betros, James (Jim) Ryan.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Matt Gleeson, Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Helen Hoddle and all those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

### HOMILY by Richard Leonard

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

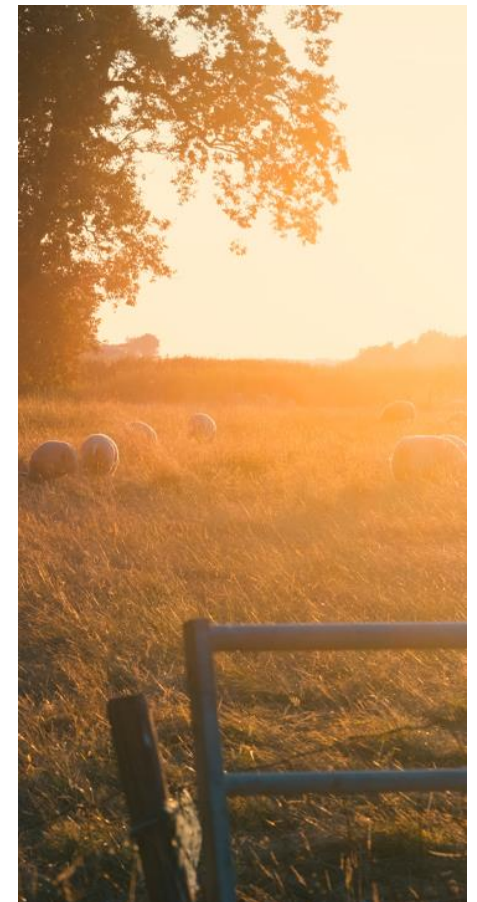
More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

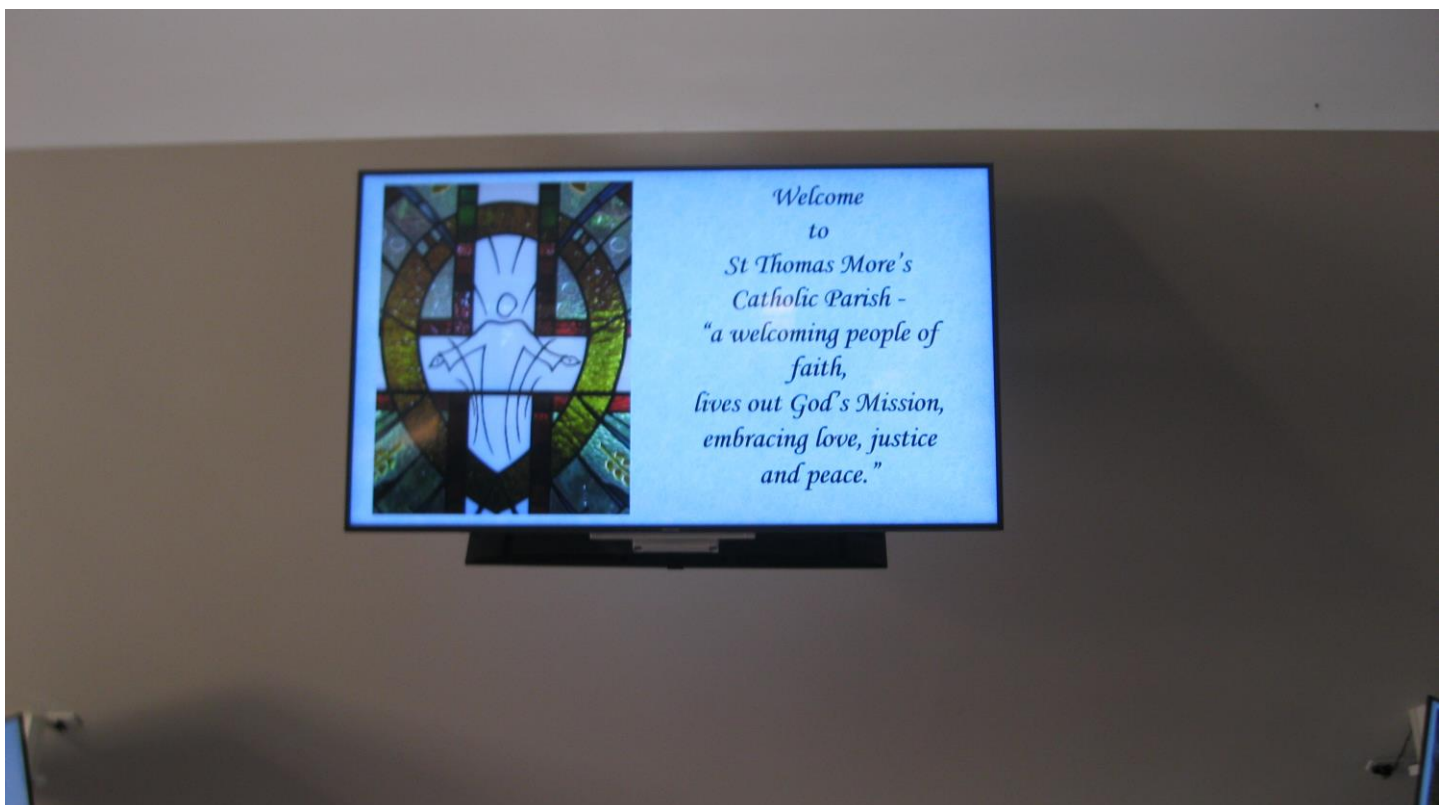
What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it. Now that will be life, and life abundantly.





As you are aware, St Thomas More's Parish and St. Patrick's Parish communities work together and have done for a number of years.

Over this prolonged time of disruption, they have also decided to install monitors to provide Power Point presentations etc for the enhancement of the celebration of Masses.



## **HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING: (feel free to sing along!!)**

### **Opening Hymn: The Lord is My Shepherd**

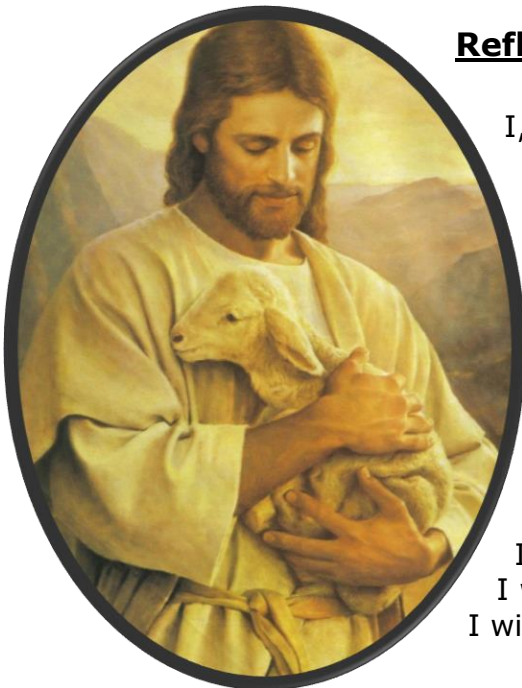
1. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
To know all the wonders he's given to me.

**Psalm: (Sung)** The Lord is My Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.

**Alleluia Verse (sung)** I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep,  
and mine know me.



### **Reflection Hymn: Here I Am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness  
bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

### **Recessional Hymn: We Are Called**

1. Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another;  
to walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

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### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to  
people of good will. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O  
God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away  
the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take  
away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father.

AMEN.

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of  
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born  
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died and was buried; he descended into  
hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty; from there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
AMEN.