

PIUS VOICE

22nd April, 2018, Good Shepherd Sunday



UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

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Mass Times

Tuesday , Wednesday &

Friday 9.15 am

Thursday 9.30 am

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

Rosary: Tues, Wed,

Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am

Adoration (During term time)

Fridays : 10 am— 12 noon &

6 pm — 9 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon

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Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today is the Good Shepherd Sunday and the Vocation Sunday and the word of God presents us with two images, the Children of God and the Good Shepherd. In today's gospel passage Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element in his own life that he is the good shepherd who is laying down his life for his sheep. He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. The scriptures tell us of the extraordinary love of God for us has taken in Jesus the form of the good shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd was perhaps the favourite early Christian image of our Saviour and has a long tradition in the history of God's people. It is one that would be immediately understood by the people of the time. We have the popular images of Jesus the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders, or we have a smiling Jesus sitting under a tree, with a little lamb on his lap. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion. The second reading places before us the image of the Children of God telling us how closely we are linked to the Father in Jesus Christ. Considering these images, in recent times this day has been known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which we are called upon to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Jesus came to earth to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Now he elicits human help to proclaim the Good News to the World and fulfil his mission by calling young people who can exercise their human and personal abilities to carry on the work of God.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us ask the Lord that we may be his good sheep, listening attentively to his voice, and follow his example of self-giving love. Jesus gives us the example of a good shepherd who shows his concern and care for his own sheep. The Lord of compassion promises to go and gather his sheep and bring them back to good pasture. This is the time we pray for all our shepherds in the church and society who are given the responsibility of caring for others. Here we have Jesus as our model and who offered to sacrifice his life for his chosen ones. Jesus the Good Shepherd is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The church insists that vocations are a responsibility of the Christian family.

To foster vocations, the family must foster the Christian life. The family is invited to live its faith in Christ on a daily basis in unity and prayer. Pope Francis – Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations 'It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now. 'We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.

A prayer request.....

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as His instruments to encourage vocations.

God Bless.....Fr. Mathew

Marian Devotion From 29th of April to 27th October 2018

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard) Yes dear brothers and sisters, as we are approaching the month of May, it is very apt to begin our devotion to Blessed Mary by praying the Rosary as families and friends at home. Here is an opportunity for 26 people or families to take the Mother Mary statue to your homes for a week. You could take the statue on Sunday Morning after 9.30 Mass and return it by Saturday Morning. At the back of the Church , clipboard is available to indicate your names.

Anzac day

Mass on Anzac Day will be at 9.30 am.

Marian Procession volunteering

The annual Marian Procession is being held on Sunday May 20 at Pilgrim Peace Park (South Parklands) at 2pm. The Archdiocese Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support on the day in a range of roles.

If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM—PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next batch of Planned Giving Envelopes (May to end of October 2018) together with receipts (May 2017 to April 2018) are now available for collection from the church foyer. **Thank you for your on-going generosity in making it possible for us to maintain the church structure and daily expenses and meeting our on-going diocesan commitments.**

From the first Sunday in May 2018 please ensure you only use the new Planned Giving envelopes as your current number may have changed on our database.

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If you do not as yet contribute to the Thanksgiving Program and would like to do so please speak with the Parish Priest, Fr Mathew or phone the parish office on 8261 2428.

Contributions to the Thanksgiving Program are also available through Direct Debit or Credit Card. Please phone the parish office for the relevant form.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for supporting the Project Compassion Appeal 2018. If you still have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes at home **please return** these to the church (weekends) or the parish office (weekdays) **no later than Monday 30th April.**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND- Fr Jack from Modbury Parish is taking a Holy Land Tour Group leaving Adelaide on October 21st. For More information email pilgrimfrjack@hotmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alison Hellams, Barbara Stirling, Ken Porter, Anthony Young, Charlie Bell, Christine Brassier, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Eddy Pericone, Frank, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick Omi, Gloria & Robert Hopkins, Graham Smith, Heather Jones, Helen Durkin, Lyn Cibich, Margaret Baughen, Margaret Daly, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Habets, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Simon Albury, Trina Roberts and Ursula Suharto, Vic,

Recently Deceased

Parish Prayer Network:

Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following: Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

Mass Intentions this week

This Week's Saints

23rd St George; 24th St Fidelis of Sigmaringen; 25th Anzac Day; 26th St Mark; 27th St Louis Grignon de Montfort; 28th St Peter Chanel

Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B:

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Vinnies Food Bank

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD FOR VINNIES:

Tins of soup; small and medium weetbix and cornflakes; pasta sauce; longlife full cream milk; tinned tomatoes; rice.

Grateful thanks for your kind donations.

Palms Australia - Be a volunteer OUT THERE

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Come to the **Palms Info Session:**

Saturday 26 May 10:30am

Adelaide City Library, 71-91 Rundle Mall

Saint of the Week—St Mark

The Evangelist Mark is believed to have been the "John Mark" of the Acts of the Apostles. In his first letter, St Peter sends greetings from himself and "Mark my son". St Irenaus tells us that after St Peter's martyrdom, "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, transmitted to us in writing what Peter had preached." Perhaps directly reflecting St Peter's own homiletic style, Mark's Gospel reads with the immediacy of an eyewitness account. It is rich with narrative detail. St Mark is said to have gone to Alexandria, Egypt, after St Peter's martyrdom. He is thought to have been martyred in Egypt and is that country's patron.

Ministry Roster 28/29 April

- 6.30pm** C Patricia Beaven, **R1** Hughette Rignanese, **R2** Martyn Pearce, **E1** David Lloyd, **E2** Jim Kelly
E3 Victorine Kahandawala **E4** Roman Szczepanik, **M** James Lloyd
- 9.30am** C Dorothy Nappa, **R1** Bernadette Davies, **R2** Betty Vowles, **E1** Jos Hensing, **E2** Charlie Baldacchino, **E3** Marie Sterai, **E4** Annette Stone, **M** Anne Allio
- 5.30pm** C Amy Bartjes, **R1** Philip Matthews, **R2** Michelle van den Kieboom, **E1** Sunil Mohanaraj, **E2** Elsa Jones, **E3** Judith Mohan, **E4** Maria Cid, **M** Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Church Cleaners: Team E: Pearce/Kaminski/Charlie & Val

Altar Linen: Marie

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29.

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'