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Fourth Sunday of Easter (YEAR A) - 30 APRIL 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14. 36-41

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

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 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.

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.)

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

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.'

A VOCATION VIEW—GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray that men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call especially to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and religious life in the Archdiocese of Hobart

Dear Parish family,

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Easter, is observed as *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, previously known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*.

The Shepherd is a well-known model for those in leadership in the church, in particular the bishops who are successors of the apostles, beginning with the pope as successor of Peter. It was Peter who Jesus commanded to "feed my sheep". It is an apt sign of leadership as the shepherd walks with the sheep, gathering and leading them at the same time, protecting them from harm and ensuring they are nourished.

In today's Gospel, Jesus likens himself to an image which may appear strange, but at the same time is a comfort to us – the gate through which the sheep enter the fold. In our baptism, we enter the sheepfold through his death and resurrection, sharing his life and mission.

All of us have an integral part to play in the mission of the church, utilising our God given talents in building up the kingdom of God – whether that be in priestly ministry, religious life, marriage or in dedicated lay ministry. In all cases, we place ourselves at the service of others so that they may know, love and serve God as they enter the sheepfold themselves becoming part of God's kingdom.

Today, let's pray in particular for those who are being invited to consider offering their lives in service of others and the building of God's kingdom through a particular vocation. And as we do, let's be grateful for the invitation we have all received in being invited into the sheepfold.

Have a blessed week!

Fr Ben Brooks



From the Parish Treasurer

Now that the Offertory collection has been recommenced at weekend Masses, we would like to recognise that many parishioners no longer use the giving envelopes for their gift to the Parish but now use electronic banking instead. We would like these parishioners to realise that when the collection is taken up with the gifts at the Offertory, their gift is being recognised as well. The Parish will continue to make the giving envelopes available as well as the Tap terminals and accept your gifts either through electronic funds transfer or direct debit. We thank you for your support of the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like any further information about giving to the Parish.

EPICLESIS RETREAT

Following the success of the 2022 Evangelium Project and Evangelium Conference, we are excited to invite you to the upcoming a one-day event aimed at deepening our spiritual lives and making us more effective instruments of God in sharing our faith with others. The retreat will be led by Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, and will include talks, times for prayer and reflection, music, and a shared meal. **When: Sunday 14th May** from 10:00 am – 3:45 pm **Where: St Francis Hall, Riverside** **More Information:** evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au **Register Now:** https://epiclesis_launceston_event-brite.com.au

FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER!

3RD FAITH SHARING SESSION:

Monday 1st May or Tuesday 2nd May

3.30pm - 7.00pm,

in Church of the Apostles

Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator

email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au



YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Holly Deane** (Zachary and Courtney), and **Aria Tran** (Tommy and Thi who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Fran O'Sullivan and Gwille (Julie) Gough who have died recently, Stephen Oliver, Leslie Phillips, Florence Hughes, Irene Turner, Gwen Howell, Bill Duffy, Grant Arnold, Christina Coomne, , we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 3pm, concluding with Benediction, at the **Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston**. All are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in praying for vocations to priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life, especially for the Church in Tasmania.

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 7th May at the Carmelite Monastery*. You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES will meet on **Saturday, 13th May** in the ground floor meeting room of the parish centre, commencing at 2pm for a **Liturgy of Remembrance** for deceased Associates and Sisters followed by afternoon tea.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome**.

MORNING TEA after Church of the Apostles 10.30am Mass next Sunday. If you would like to join a roster to bring a plate or help clean afterwards, please contact Jodie on 0417 356 335

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am**. Newcomers are welcome.

Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The next meeting for the team will be held on **Wednesday, 3rd May** at the Pastoral Centre. All interested parishioners are welcome.



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Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church

Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



DIRECTED RETREAT

Emmanuel Centre, Launceston, **29 May to 4 June, 2023**. Hosted by Sr Jenny Scally and Maureen O'Halloran. Cost: \$800. A time of deep silence and encounter with God, with opportunity for daily spiritual direction.

Enquiries: Sr Jenny jenny.scally@sosj.org.au or Maureen 0400 038 095

GRIEVING YOUR WAY is a workshop for Christian women who would like some strategies to find and navigate their way through loss. Facilitated by Karen Mace, this workshop will help you to acknowledge, open to, and begin to work through grief associated with loss. You will learn how to integrate your faith, how to see God in even the darkest experiences, and how to recognise Our Lord as He not only walks with you, but often carries you on this part of your life journey. **Wednesday, May 24th at The Emmanuel Centre 9:30am-12:30pm**. For Enquiries & Registration please contact Karen: kammace@me.com or info@karenmace.com

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish
BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.
Reference: "your surname"

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	Apostles (April—September)	

WEEKDAY MASSES 1st—6th May

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm -5.45pm	Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*



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The Office of Youth Evangelisation

QUIZ NIGHT

to fundraise for the Tasmanian Pilgrimage to World Youth Day

Saturday, May 20th
7pm for a 7:15pm start

Statewide - contact us to join a parish hub near you, and compete against other parishes across the state

For more information, or to register, email: youth@aohtas.org.au or contact Sam Clear on 0448 330 238



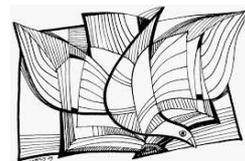
GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 1st:	John 10:11-18
Tuesday 2nd:	John 10:22-30
Wednesday 3rd:	John 14:6-14
Thursday 4th:	John 13:16-20
Friday 5th:	John 14:1-6
Saturday 6th:	John 14:7-14

Ponder and pray the living Word of God

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

150th Year Anniversary, Sunday 18th June 2023

Mass at 10.30am at Church of the Apostles will be followed with refreshments and a tour of the school. RSVP essential for refreshments and the tour by 7 June. Enquiries: shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au/ 63311011

Children's Corner

A thief has stolen some letters from the passage of text below. Use these letters to discover something that Jesus said to his disciples.



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DINING WITH FRIENDS

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a FREE home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends**.

Next gathering: **Tuesday, 2nd May at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.**

Bookings are essential for catering

Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

Enquiries: Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au