

OUR PARISH VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

*Incorporating the Community of the Order of
the Clerics Regular of Somasca – CRS*

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3rd May 2020

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Father's Reflection

In these weeks of Easter, we've been hearing the stories of Jesus' resurrection appearances: the empty tomb; Jesus appearing to the disciples in the Locked room; the road to Emmaus; and now Jesus gives us an image of the Shepherd and the sheep. The instructions for Christian life are quite simple. There is no need to go searching for advice: suffice it follow a voice, as sheep do with their shepherd.

Today the Gospel gives us a rare image that we talk about or talk about as much, that of Jesus being a gate: "I am the gate of the sheepfold." There are three key words in today's gospel. First key word; Jesus is the Gate, the door through which the sheep have an access to the shepherd. Thus, it is all very clear: One cannot enter into eternal life through another way that is not the door, that is, which is not Jesus. The Lord is the door of our life — and not only of eternal life but also of our daily life. One who does not use the proper door is a thief and bandit or in simple words 'smuggler' one can take it by "smuggling". But the Lord speaks clearly; the sheepfold is entered "only through the door, which is Jesus".

The second key word: "the way: following Jesus". The instruction of Jesus is clear: "Do not go astray!" It is Jesus "who is the door through which we enter and through which we exit with him to follow the way of life". It is Jesus who shows us the way. Thus, those who follow Jesus do not go astray. The direction is clear, but there are many occasions to go astray due to the fact that we listen to the different voices that are loud spoken in this world to make us to choose different path. If you do this, you aren't following Jesus! You are following someone else, who gives you another, different way, because "there is no one else who can point the way". If we follow him, we are not mistaken.

Finally, the third key: "voice". The sheep follow Jesus "because they know his voice". Someone might ask: "Father, how can I recognize Jesus' voice? And also protect myself from the voice of those who are not Jesus, who come in through the window, who are robbers, who destroy, who deceive?". First of all, tune my heart and mind to his voice- FAITH. Secondly the voice of Jesus is found in the Scriptures. I need to take the Scripture into my hands and read it. Thirdly, the relationship with Jesus has to grow stronger through my prayer and spiritual exercises. Finally seek the guidance of the faith experience people, parents, grandparents and spiritual mentors.

Jesus is obviously our Good Shepherd, there is no doubt about it, but there can be a lot of doubt about whether we are the kind of sheep that we ought to be. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be his good sheep, listening attentively to his voice, and follow his example of self-giving love.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE:

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am

Saturday - 9am

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:

Saturday - 6pm

Sunday - 8am, 10am and 6pm (Youth Mass)

Saturday 9.30am-10.30am & 5pm -5.30pm

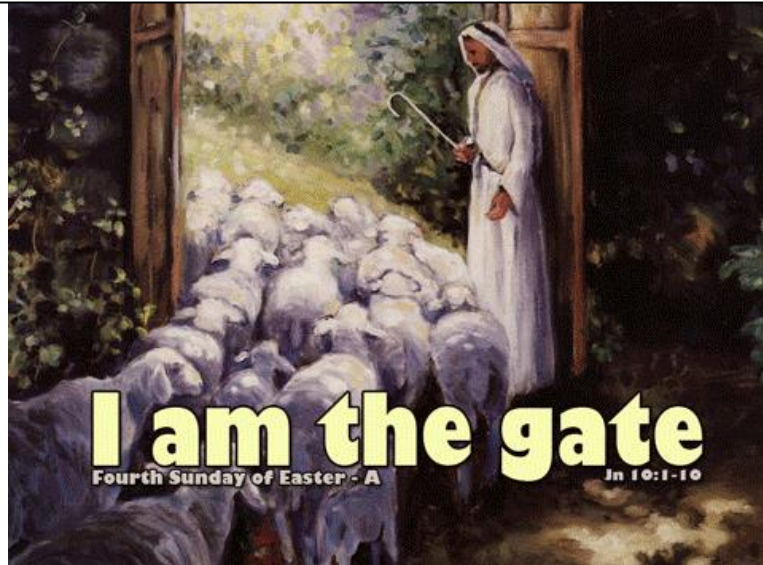
Or on Request at any time

RECONCILIATION:

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020.

Please click the link below to view the letter

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html



1st & 2nd Collections

We have had a number of queries from parishioners who usually donate cash to the 1st & 2nd Collections, asking how to continue this.

For those of you who would still like to contribute during this time **the 2nd collection can be made by EFT or directly deposited into:**

St Jeromes Parish (2nd Collection)

Name of Account- R. C Archbishop of Perth
St Jeromes Parish Spearwood

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 485592103

The 1st collection donations can be made by EFT or directly deposited into:

Name of Account- R. C Archbishop of Perth
St Jeromes Parish Spearwood Presbytery

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 237719937

Donations to the Barry Whitely Hall can be made by EFT or directly deposited into:

Name of Account- R. C Archbishop of Perth
Spearwood Church Hall Building

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 464282210

If you choose to do this, please do so on a **MONTHLY** basis if possible and be sure to put your **NAME** or **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER** as a reference.

Thank you and God Bless!

Direct Debit Planned Giving

If any of our generous parishioners would like to change from envelope donations to direct debit please call the Parish office and we would happily post out the form to do so. Thank you



Facebook Page – St Jerome's Catholic Parish

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Jeromes-Catholic-Parish-463604160339424/posts/>

Weekly Masses

Monday- Saturday 6.30am morning prayer followed by mass at 7.00am

Sunday- 9.00am mass

9 Day novena to Our Lady of Fatima - commences on Monday 4th May 2020

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, you came to Fatima to reveal the graces that come from praying the Holy Rosary to three little shepherd children. Inspire us with a sincere love of this devotion so that, like the shepherd children, it is not a burdensome task but a life-giving prayer. May our prayers and meditations on the mysteries of our redemption bring us closer to your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Like the children of Fatima, we want to bring God's word to others. Give us the strength, O Lord, to overcome our doubts so that we may be messengers of the Gospel. We know that Jesus lives in our hearts and we receive Him in the Eucharist.

Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.

Especially... (Mention your intentions here...)

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!

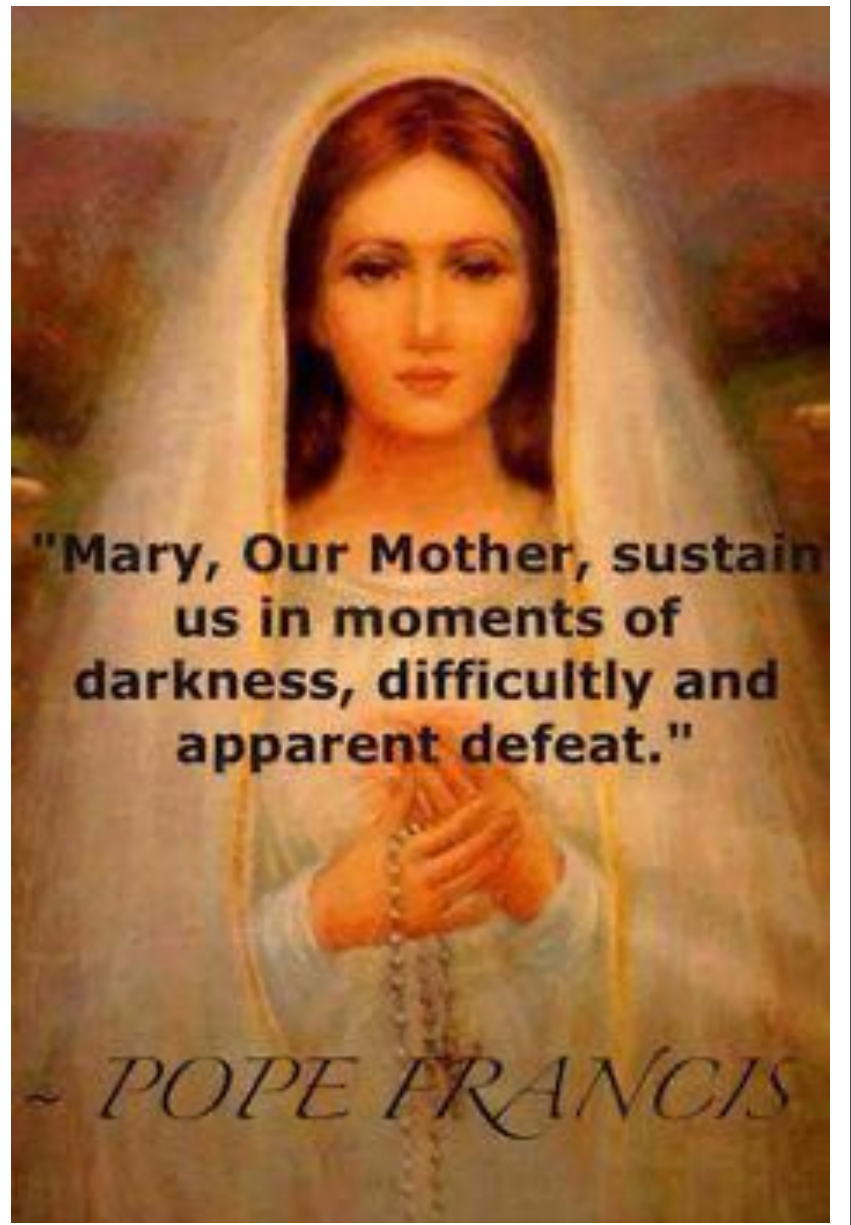
Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!

"From famine and war, deliver us."

Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



FIRST READING: *Acts 2:14.36-41*

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 Word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps. 22. R .v.1*

**R: 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. **R**

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**

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**

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 *1st Letter of St Peter 21:20-25*

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.

The Word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God**

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: *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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.