



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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

25 April 2021

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

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. v.22

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

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. 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.)
2. 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.)

3. 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

We shall see God as he is.

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

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.'

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass times at our affiliated Churches for this week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget					5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		9.30am			5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am

First Friday of each month - St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted.

The government QR coding is now compulsory. Please QR code in each time you attend any of affiliated churches. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Please arrive early for Mass so that we may still start on time.

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Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal
Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

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God's Work
Our Hands

PARISH FOCUS GROUP - SUNDAY MAY 2 @ 11.15AM

In the Parish Hall with Light Refreshments, but RSVP 25 April

Every parishioners voice is important, come along and bring your thoughts, ideas and vision for St Bridget's Future

Transport is available – contact the parish Office.

Let us pray together and be inspired by the prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola

O Lord, Christ Jesus,

when all is in darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength.

Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen.

Vocation Sunday: Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood".

Welcome: A warm welcome is extended to Ian Vergel who is a third year seminarian at Corpus Christi College and will who will speak to us about religious vocations.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Food Drive:

Vinnies Greythorn conference is undertaking a collection of non-perishable food which will be distributed to refugee and other needy families in our local area. We are being challenged to meet the increasing need in our community. In partnership with the Hope for Boroondara Food Drive (a project of the Anglican church network), our food donations will be also be channelled to the needy in the Fitzroy, Kew, North Balwyn, Doncaster, Camberwell areas.

Until Sunday May 2, please bring your donated food items (non-perishable) to the church and place them in the crates provided in the meeting room (off the narthex). Many thanks for your generosity and support.

FINAL WEEK - Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can now be returned and placed in the second collection basket. Many thanks for your support.

Invitation: Parishioners are invited to come together to farewell Fr Mark Reynolds, at 7.00 pm on Friday 30 April for Mass at Our Holy Redeemer Church, to be followed by supper/refreshments.

Rosters for May 1 & 2

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
<i>Lectors</i>	Sr P Keogh	B Potter
<i>Minister of Holy Communion</i>	V Borg	M Stewart

NOTE: Ministers distributing Communion at Mass and visiting the sick at home must wear masks whilst do so, and must sanitise their hands before and after administering the Sacrament.

Meditation Group – continues on Wednesday morning at 9.30am – via zoom.

Scripture Reflection – you are invited to a scripture reflection session from the gospel of Mark 7:24-30 - The Healing of the daughter of the Syrophenician woman. Time Tues 7:30 pm via Zoom. Please contact Susie Hii for further information or connection details on susiehii.hc@gmail.com