

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

21 APRIL 2024

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

One of the recurring themes in Acts is that of the apostles and disciples being 'filled with the Holy Spirit' which, in turn, finds expression in the boldness of their speech. As Peter addresses the rulers and elders, we observe his boldness in answering their query concerning the healing of a disabled person. Peter qualifies that he does this 'in the name of Jesus Christ the crucified one whom God raised.' He acknowledges that his power and authority come from God through Jesus Christ. He acts in the name of Jesus Christ; he heals as he did. His actions, and not just his words, are testament and witness to the one whom God raised.

The Gospel of John speaks of Jesus as the good shepherd, 'the one who lays his life down for his sheep.' This image of Jesus contrasts with that of the shepherds mentioned in the Old Testament who were bad leaders who led the people of Israel astray. It also interacts with New Testament writings that warn of false shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, can be trusted. He is the Son of God and not a hired hand. The focus of the passage is on Jesus as the one who laid down his life freely. In John's account, we hear that Jesus has the power to take up his life again. This is possible, Jesus says, as it is 'the command I have been given by my Father' and it offers strong assurance of God's power in Jesus, of his complete trust in the love of God and his own love for his sheep.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PS 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 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 cornerstone. / 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

A reading from the first letter of St John.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 14

**Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; / I know my sheep, and
mine know me. / Alleluia!**

Welcome to
Innaloo/Karrinyup Catholic Parish

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4th Sunday of Easter

Reflection:

There are a lot of voices out there that can only distract and scatter us. Perhaps we've paid too much attention to them at times in our lives. Through hard experience we have learned that they don't have our best interests at heart and if we listen to them we are scattered. But the voice of the Shepherd, Jesus tells us, wants to gather us. His voice can help us keep our wits about us in an often misguided world.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Can I name the "false shepherds" I have listened to? How did they mislead me?
- Where and how do I listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lee Healy and family on the passing of her husband Keiran. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on 26 April, 10.30am at OLGC. Rosary 25th April, 7pm at OLGC. We pray the Lord to grant Keiran eternal rest and the family peace and consolation.

Project Compassion

Please pick up your Project Compassion receipts from the back of the church. As Project Compassion is now completed, please **urgently** return boxes or envelopes to church. Donations can also be made online: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 20 April 6pm St Dom
 Sun 21 April 8am Julie De Souza OLGC
 Sun 21 April 9.30am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 23 April 7pm St Dom
 Wed 24 April 9am St Dom
 Thurs 25 April 9am OLGC
 Fri 26 April 9am St Dom
 Sat 27 April 9am communion service St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 27 April 6pm St Dom
 Sun 28 April 8am OLGC
 Sun 28 April 9.30am St Dom

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk. This induction provides an overview of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards,

Policies and Procedures, including:

Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention;
 Reporting of concerns; Role of the Safeguarding Officer; Collective Responsibility and Care.

All church workers, volunteers/paid are to attend a 1 hour safeguarding induction. Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years. The next session is Wednesday, 19 June, 6-7 pm at St Andrew Community Hall, 60 Victorsen Parade, Clarkson.

Phone 9221 7762 or register online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Senior's Group

Next meeting is Tuesday 23rd April, lunch at Tassels Restaurant, 8 Tassels Place, Innaloo, 12noon.
 Tony 0419 949 634 or Wyn 0407 261 500

Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045
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Rosters this weekend	20 April 6pm St Dom	21 April 8am OLGC	21 April 9.30am St Dom
Readers	K Italiano	M Smith	S Von Perger
Acolyte	W Italiano		O Pilot
Offertory Procession		T Dinh P Trong	
Altar Society			
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Peggy, Isabel		Gillian, Darry

Rosters next weekend	27 April 6pm St Dom	28 April 8am OLGC	28 April 9.30am St Dom
Readers	T Dabbs	E Gomm	R Von Perger
Acolyte	Boni		D Ee
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society	Group 2		
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	
EMHC	Pablo, Berly		Ramona, Luke

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle Church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his uncorruptible body plus Rome, the Vatican and St Peter's Basilica. Full board cost: \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For itinerary/booking form, call Sheila 0433 771 979, Veronica 0402 290 827 or info@anawimjourneys.com