

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

07 May 2017

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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE GATE THAT LEADS TO SALVATION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year the Gospel reading on this Sunday is taken from the tenth chapter of John in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. In the passage we hear in today's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the *gate or door of the sheepfold*. Sheepfolds usually consisted of a circular stone wall that was attached to a house or located in a field. Several small flocks of sheep were brought into the sheepfold at night to protect them from predators, whether thieves or wild animals. Someone watched by the gate until morning when the sheep were taken out to pasture.

Bible scholar Fr. Raymond E. Brown gives us two interpretations of the gate imagery. The first is *Jesus is the gate whereby the shepherd approaches the sheep*. Jesus is the sole legitimate means of access to God's flock. This guarantees the safety and well-being of the sheep because the shepherds who pass by the gate are shepherds who have the heart of Jesus. The second interpretation of the imagery is *Jesus is the gate leading to salvation*, a gate not only for the sheep, but for the shepherds. The gate is not only for coming in but also for going out, and the sheep which go out through Jesus find the pasture of life, that is, the fullness of life.

Today fake 'shepherds' entice the sheep with promises of temporary happiness, pleasure, and self-fulfilment often through the internet and social media networking. Only Jesus, the true shepherd, leads us to the path that opens to the gate of eternal life.

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THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. At times it can be hard to recognise the voice of Jesus as there are many who claim to speak in his name. A useful guide is to look at people's actions. We can listen to those whose lives reveal the qualities of Jesus: love, compassion, justice, self-sacrifice. They are the good shepherds in our midst.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;

by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

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 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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (or Alleluia!)

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.



SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 are 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

Jn 10:1-10

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

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



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ROSE BAY AND DOVER HEIGHTS



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This week we have the final appeal for the CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL for the 2016/2017 Financial Year (the official charity of the Archdiocese). The money from this appeal is used to finance the specialised ministries of the Archdiocese: Catholic Chaplaincies, Seminaries, Ephphatha Centre, Ministry to the Aboriginal Community and Catholicare. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible. Envelopes are available on the seats of the Church and can be placed in any of the collections. Your generosity towards this appeal is greatly appreciated.

The total amount outstanding for Dover Heights is: \$6,510.00

The total amount outstanding for Rose Bay is: \$3,150.00

The next 'SEWING SAY' will be held on Saturday, May 13 9.30am – 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Morning and Afternoon Tea are provided. Please bring your own lunch and sewing items.

I have appointed Dominic Altakchy as the new Parish Sacramental Coordinator to assist with preparing children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Dominic is currently studying to be a priest of the Maronite Eparchy and is currently completing a Bachelor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University. He won the Vice-Chancellor's Medal for achieving the highest grade point average in the 2016 academic year. He has worked as a Catechist and has been involved in Sacramental preparation at St Raymond's Parish Auburn. He won the Reuben F Scarf Award for commitment in 2015. He comes with experience, passion and a commitment to assist the children and their families in their faith journey. I look forward to ministering with Dominic as a part of the Parish Team. Let us make Dominic welcome!!

The closing date for Confirmation applications is Monday 8th May. Confirmation Preparation commences on Sunday 14th May. Candidates with at least one parent are asked to be seated in the Church and ready to start the programme at 5.00pm. Candidates and their families are asked to attend the Commitment Mass at 6.00pm after the session.

The second session will be held on Sunday 21st May at 5.00pm in the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated during a Liturgy of the Word on Friday 26th May at 7.00pm by Bishop Richard Umbers.

I ask that the parish communities keep the candidates for Confirmation and their families in your prayers.

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

I will be celebrating a 'MOTHER'S DAY MASS' for Mc Auley School on Friday 12th May at 9.00am. Everyone is warmly welcome!

During the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed after the 9.00am Mass at Rose Bay. Everyone is welcome!

I have included in this bulletin some information on Pope Francis' devotion to 'Our Lady of Knots'.

May we always strive to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us to the fullness of life!

Fr Chris



Pope Francis does have a special devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. While studying in Germany in the 1980s, he discovered this devotion at the Church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg. In the church, there is a painting from about 1700 that depicts Mary in heaven surrounded by angels. She stands on the crescent moon

crushing the head of the serpent, Satan. She holds a long ribbon and is untying a large knot, one of several on the ribbon. Perhaps the inspiration for this depiction of the Blessed Mother arises from the writing of St. Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons (martyred in 203) in his treatise "Adversus Haereses" (Against Heresies): "Mary, the Virgin, is found to be obedient, saying: 'Behold, O Lord, your handmaid. Be it done to me according to your word.' Eve, however, was disobedient; and when yet a virgin, she did not obey. ... Having become disobedient, (Eve) was made the cause of death for herself and for the whole human race; so also Mary, betrothed to a man but nevertheless still a virgin, being obedient, was made the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race. ... Thus, the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. What the virgin Eve had bound in unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosed through faith."

This devotion had a profound impact on the devotional life of Pope Francis. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, he introduced and encouraged the devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. The devotion was so intensely popular throughout Argentina and Brazil that the British Guardian called it "a religious craze."

The Prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots is as follows:

"Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands, there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with your Son and my liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. (Mention your petition here.) I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge."

His beautiful prayer, similar to the "Memorare," moves us to invoke the compassion of our Blessed Mother. In her maternal care for each of us, she wants us to remain close to her Son, Jesus. Never would she want the burdens of life to cause us to lose hope or despair.

Yes, sometimes our lives may seem one big knot due to circumstances beyond our control, as when we face the medical problem, financial disaster and difficulties in relationships. Yet, we look to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, who stood faithfully at the foot of the cross with her Son, trusting that every Good Friday will pass to the glory of Easter. Moreover, poor children of Adam and Eve, we must look to the humble obedience of our Blessed Mother. So often the "knots" of life are of our own making. How often we "knot-up" our own life by disobeying the commandments and the teachings of the church, and then even blame God and others (as did Adam and Eve) for what we chose to do. Nevertheless, with humble and contrite hearts, we can depend upon the prayers and intercession of our Blessed Mother to show us the way and to help us unknot our lives so as to live in the freedom of God's children.

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Rose Bay Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm
Tues-Fri 9am
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Baptisms

Every Sunday 11am Rose Bay
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COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

* **CWF Pastoral Appeal:** Our parish will ask you to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal next weekend. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

* **Lismore Flood Appeal** Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal launched by Bishop Gregory Homeming. To donate to the Appeal go to

www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org.

* **Our new website** www.magdalene.org.au is up and running, with more content to be added in the coming weeks.

* **St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass**, Sun 21 May 10am, Archbishop Fisher. Refreshments will follow. Info centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au.

* **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. Info www.acyf.org.au.

* **McAuley Primary School** is now enrolling students for Kindergarten 2018. Please call 9371 8786 for an appointment.

* Thank you to **Rosie and Bruno from Hands On Cleaning Services**, I'm very proud of the cleanliness of our church. 0421 923 907

Roster — May 7

Mass Time	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Anna Creagh		
1st Reader	Therese O'Brien	Hazel Mezger	Kerry Gazal
2nd Reader	Mark O'Brien	Stuart Green	Lindsay Gazal
Eucharistic Minister	Toni Pimenta Barrie Lum	John Menadue Jo Patterson	Frances Walsh
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Dover Heights Roster

Commentator— Kate Cosgrove

First Reader— David Scarf

Second Reader— Susan Scarf

Acolyte/Senior Server— Matthew Scarf

We pray for:

the sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke.

the deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery.

