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Feast of Christ the Good Shepherd & World Day of Prayer for Vocations

17 April 2016

It is very easy to slip into a comfortable, romantic, idealist's image of a shepherd. Artists through generations have given us paintings of little woolly lambs and the serene face of a bearded and groomed shepherd in a nice white linen robe walking through a field of green grass. You can almost hear violins playing sweetly. Then the familiar verses of Psalm 23 add to that comforting image allowing us to forget that those verses were composed for a people who were oppressed, frightened and in grave danger. That image of a Shepherd stirs their memories of the Shepherd King, David and their past days of glory. For a people like us who are in no particular danger, not really oppressed, or seriously frightened, there is little to do with this message except grow more comfortable and secure enjoying the role of imagining little woolly lambs and a smiling serene looking shepherd. There is a danger here for us because it leaves us with a serious disconnect from reality that should motivate us to look more carefully at what is being revealed and proposed by John's Gospel.

The point of this Gospel is not to soothe us into a kind of romantic bliss, but to stir us up and leave us to wonder about deeper and troubling things. Many children do not know what safety feels like. They do not enter the world with some naïve notion that someone will take care of them and protect them. They do not know the peace of the shepherd because they have never seen one. Think of what it is like for those growing up on the streets of this world, in places like Africa, the Middle East, and even parts of Europe. Consider the orphan who has never had a real hug, or the children who saw their parents murdered before their very eyes. Consider the children in hospitals who suffer from terminal illness and experience lives of constant pain. These are his lambs. They need Jesus. These lambs need real peace; and who will bring to them the Shepherd?

Perhaps we should expand our theological idea of ourselves as the Body of Christ to become the **Body of Christ the Shepherd**. He leads his flock this very day into places where storms and chaos threaten. We who have been with him know how peace feels, and so we can Shepherd these places. Every one of God's children, every one of his sheep deserves the comfort of Christ the Shepherd. We can't relax and feel really safe and comfortable with this image as long as any one of God's children lives in fear or danger, or just longs to be held and hugged. Someone must bring them the Shepherd or become the Shepherd.

Let us pray today, on this the feast of Christ the Good Shepherd and Vocations World Day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

Fr Thomas Boyer, .. 'You are a Priest forever in the Order of Melchizedek'

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

The first Wednesday of each month, a Mass of Anointing is held at 10am. This replaces the 9am Mass.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

Rosary: Mondays –
after 9am Mass



Every three years
The Carmelites in Australia and Timor Leste
have their

Provincial Chapter.

This year it is being hosted in Queensland at St Teresa's Centre at Ormiston from **Monday 25th to 29th April.** It is a very significant time for the Province to discern their lives and elect their new Prior Provincial and the Council.

We ask for your prayers through April for the success of this Chapter.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Year C: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts: 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

Sacrament of Confirmation dates 2016

Parent Information Session in the church (parents only)

Tuesday 26th April: 7pm - 8pm

Rite of Enrolment at Mass

Weekend of

Sat. 30th April at 6pm Mass or

Sun. 1st May at 8:30am Mass or 5:30pm Mass

Receive the Creed at Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Weekend of

Sat. 7th May at 6pm Mass or

Sun. 8th May at 8:30am Mass or 5:30pm Mass

Confirmation Family Workshop (in the school hall)

Tuesday 17th May 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Rehearsal for Confirmation (held in the Church)

Friday 3rd June at 3:20pm or

Monday 6th June at 3:20pm

CONFIRMATION

Tues. 7th June at 5:30 & 7:30pm &

Wed. 8th June at 5:30 & 7:30pm

APRIL Parish Calendar

- Mon 18th - Friends of Zumalai meeting at 7:30pm in the community room.
Wed 20th - Finance Council Meeting at 7:30pm in the CCR
Thur 21st - Senior's Morning Tea at 9:30am CCR
Sun 24th - Baptism's at 10am
Sun 24th - Baptism Preparation Session 10am in CCR
Sun 24th - Fr's Antonio & Roque from East Timor in parish for weekend.
Mon 25th - ANZAC DAY MASS at 9am ... *Lest we forget*
Mon 25th - ANZAC Day - Carmel Cellars/East Timor Function at 4pm
Provincial Carmelite Chapter commences at Ormiston for the week
Tues 26th - Parent Information Session in the Church for the
Sacrament of Confirmation from 7pm to 8pm.

Have you got a spare two minutes in your week?

The **Two Minute Homilies** which are prepared by various Priests are reaching an ever growing number of people and are receiving around 1000 viewings and a lot of positive feedback.

They are available on the Archdiocesan Website or on the Facebook Pages of both Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Today is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and fittingly it coincides with the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Today we remember the Lord's instruction to

"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk10:2).



We especially pray for our youth and young people as they consider the call to Ordained, Married, Single or Religious life.

Please take time out today to join with others around the world in praying for Vocations.

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Catholic Man Breakfast - Thursday 14th April

Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

The next menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast is from 7am to 9am on Thursday 14th April at Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen St Brisbane. You can hear Denis Wagner tell his story of "Being Concretely Catholic". Cost is \$45 per person.

For more details visit www.menalive.org.au

For bookings email des@menalive.org.au

Today Gwen Conroy will make her reception into the Order of Lay Carmelites in our parish. Congratulations and many blessings Gwen on this grace-filled occasion.

We remember those in God's care...

Recently Deceased:

Noreen Swifte, Maureen McGahan, Carmelo Capri, John Hassell, Mary Quinn and for all who have died recently.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, may they Rest in God's Peace.

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Marie Sefton, Richard Sefton, Fr Bernard Shah, O.Carm, Fr Michael Camilleri, Ocarm,

We pray for our sick....

Kate Parry, Paula O'Sullivan, Lanie McPhee, John Eide, Ille Uscinski and any of our unwell parishioners at this time.

To have someone included in the Newsletter, please phone or email the Parish office

Names for the sick will be removed after two months, unless notified for them to continue.

Deanery Trivia Night

On Saturday 7th May at 7pm

At St Thomas' Parish Camp Hill

Get together your own table (max. 10) or we can place you at a table.

\$10 per person, cash bar, BYO nibbles for your table, lucky door & best dressed prizes for 'On Our Way to Rio' theme'

Forms available at the back of the church

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Date Claimer: **The Friends of Zumalai** are holding a fund-raising fun night with

State of Origin 1 - on the big screen on **Wednesday 1st June at 7pm** in the school hall.

Next Week's Rosters - 23/24 April

Ministers of the Word

6pm : Rachael Houston, Leon Capra

8.30am: Peter Woods, Brenda Fennell

5.30pm: Jane O'Brien, Trish Sim

(Facilitator: Leon Capra)

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Ministers of Communion

6pm : R Heath, M Heath, B Kennedy, E Kennedy, M Martin, M Sayer, M Sayer

8.30am: N Ansell, R Branch, M Liddy, P Mitchell, M Nicol, M Pigram, P Weatherley

5.30pm: J Connolly, R Dall'alba, L Egan, J Fitzgerald, C Holmes, R Kelly, R Kreger

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Communion to the Sick

Jane O'Brien, Mary Shelly, Trish Sim., Irene McCarthy

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

K Newton, M McCosker, S Hales

Reflection

Heather Stabler

Baptism Preparation

Tamyson Scott, Janine Reilly

Mount Carmel Parish acknowledges the Turrbal people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.