

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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 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.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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## FULLNESS OF LIFE

The readings for today invite us to reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus and its consequences for us. As Peter concludes his preaching on the day of Pentecost, he reminds the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem that Jesus' brutal and wrongful death has been reversed by God raising him as Lord and Christ. That is not all, because the resurrection provides them with the possibility to think again and so accept the gracious forgiveness that God is unexpectedly offering. In the midst of human frailty, misunderstanding and violence God's love will find a way to bring life out of death.

In the second reading the focus shifts as Peter pays close attention to Jesus' manner of dealing with his own suffering and death as a model for disciples as we confront suffering and injustice. As the shepherd, Jesus goes before us carrying our weakness and brokenness on the cross, transforming them by the power of his healing love. In our turn, we are called to follow his example of forgiving and life-giving love.

The Gospel today invites us to accept Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls, protects, and enlivens us. Jesus is the Shepherd who gave himself for the sake of the sheep, the one who still calls us to hear his voice and follow. He has come so we might have life and have it to the full. In Jesus, we have the sure hope that whatever struggles lie before us he will lead us safely home if we listen to his voice and follow where he leads.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## 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.

## RESPONSORIAL 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.

## 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  
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### 4th Sunday of Easter

#### Reflection:

Our Shepherd Jesus, isn't just a leader of a flock: we are not just part of a crowd. He "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." It's good to know we are not lost in the crowd, or just another person in the pews, one of the anonymous sheep. There are times in our lives when we need to be reminded that Jesus knows us "by name." In biblical language, to know a person's name is to know the person. So, we are well known and our needs are recognized by the Risen Christ in our midst.

#### So we ask ourselves:

- Have I experienced a personal, "by name" call from Jesus? When?
- Where do I feel Jesus is leading me at this point in my life?
- Am I responding, or resisting that call?

#### Baptism

We welcome Emilie Ann Allin, daughter of Patrick and Kelsie Allin into our parish community. Emilie will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Allin family.

#### Children's Liturgy

All children are welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy at St Dominic's 9.30am Mass every Sunday.

#### MASS THIS WEEKEND

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses*

Sat 29 April 6pm

St Dom

Sun 30 April 8am

OLGC

Sun 30 April 9.30am

St Dom

#### MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 2 May 7pm

St Dom

Wed 3 May 9am

St Dom

Thurs 4 May 9am

OLGC

Fri 5 May 9am

St Dom

Sat 6 May 9am

St Dom

**Healing Mass**

#### MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 6 May 6pm

St Dom

Sun 7 May 8am

OLGC

Sun 7 May 9.30am

St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

### St Vincent de Paul Society

The Conference started in the Parish in 1954.

We are at risk of closing now and new members are urgently needed to join the Conference of four, to continue helping people in need in our local community. If you can give one and half hours a week to help others then we welcome your support. We visit in our local area on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. All enquiries welcome. Contact Barbara 0488100799.

### Senior's Group

Tuesday 9th May, 10 -12 noon at St Dom's church hall. Ukulele Entertainment (big group). Gold coin donation appreciated please for Ukulele's charity of choice. We shall provide late Morning Refreshments. Please bring either a plate of savory or sweet. All parishioners are welcome to join us for a little fun, music, song and friendship.

### Upcoming Events

Youth Group: 13 May 4pm St Dominic's parish hall

Confirmation: 27 May 6pm St Dominic's

28 May 8am OLGC

Rosters this weekend	29 April 6pm St Dom	30 April 8am OLGC	30 April 9.30am St Dom
Readers	K Hart	B Croxford	L Marciano
Acolyte	W Italiano		D Ee
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society	K Wear E Jeffery		
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	

Rosters next weekend	6 May 6pm St Dom	7 May 8am OLGC	7 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	A Laure	K Wear	C Pilot
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society	Group 3	M Farmer	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	

### Parish Golf

This Sunday 30 April: Tee off 4pm at Hamersley Golf Course.

#### Safeguarding Officers

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