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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

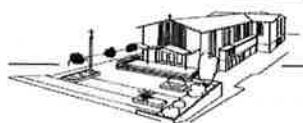
Weekday Masses: 9am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7.30am Tues, Wed, Fri
9am Thurs & Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. immediately after 9am Mass until 9.45am

School: 9311 1995

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus believes that sinners have a future not just a past.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Ray Rootes, Benjamin Soares Vargas and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Peter Mills, Aileen Langdon, Linda Davis, Monica Carey, Tony Galea

Please make contact with other parishioners through phone calls, texts or emails.

Project Compassion –

Please return Project Compassion envelopes/boxes to the church during office hours.

Please share with others when you find something interesting regarding our Faith on other parish websites and bulletins.

During this **Easter** season let us continue to deepen our Faith by spending some special time of prayer in our own homes.

You might think about setting up a special '**prayer space**' with a crucifix or a statue or Holy picture, a Bible or prayer book.

Please reflect on the Scripture readings on the other side of this bulletin.

Visit our parish websites:

www.stagnesmatraville.org.au www.standrewsmalabar.org.au

While you are unable to physically attend Mass, you might like to watch Mass on:
TV Channel 10 Sundays at 6am

or online <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>.

Keep updated read **The Catholic Weekly** online at: www.catholicweekly.com.au

You are invited to read the reflections by Fr Paul on our website.

During this time of pandemic, you are invited to unite with others by praying:

Prayer for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick;

We pray for all the sick at this time, especially those who may feel they have been sidelined due to the urgency around Covid-19. Through the intercession of Our Lady Health of the sick, may they receive the due attention they require and make a speedy recovery. Lord Jesus, heal them of their sickness. In your name we pray.

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Please pray for health professionals, clergy and all those caring for the sick.
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Archdiocese of Sydney marks **Bicentenary of the arrival of first Catholic priests in Australia.**

Fr Therry and Fr Conolly will be honoured at the 10.30 Mass on Sun. 3 May at the Cathedral.

The Mass will be livestreamed via the St Mary's Cathedral You Tube channel via this link:

<https://bit.ly/3f48T7C>

Sr Mary, Chaplain to the Seafarers

Please try to read about Sr Mary's work in the Catholic Weekly of 26 April, pages 1and 3.

Rosary in the Month of May

May is traditionally the 'month of Mary'

Because we are unable to have rosary and Benediction 7pm Tuesday nights, we can, in solidarity with other parishioners, try to pray the rosary at the same time at 7pm on Tuesdays and hopefully frequently during May.

*You are most welcome to contact Fr Laurie
if you feel a need to speak to someone during this difficult time.*

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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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

03 MAY 2020

JESUS: SHEPHERD AND GATE

To appreciate today's Gospel and the images it features, we have to understand something of shepherding practices in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

In applying to himself the image of shepherd, Jesus presupposes the intimate knowledge that should exist between a shepherd and his sheep. Sheep from various flocks would be penned up at night in communal sheepfolds. At daybreak, shepherds would come to the gate, call, and gather their sheep to lead them out to pasture. While during the night the sheep were all mixed up together, the shepherd could rely on the fact that his sheep would recognise his voice, separate themselves from the rest, and willingly follow him through the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus contrasts a 'good shepherd' like this with others who come only to steal, harass, and ultimately bring about the loss of sheep that do not belong to them.

Jesus goes on to identify himself with the 'gate' of the sheepfold. This adds a fresh dimension. If the sheep are to flourish, they have to go out each morning and find pasture. Yet, if they do not return to the fold at night, they will be at risk. So daily they have to come and go through the gate. The gate is their means of access to both protection and growth.

As 'Gate' Jesus performs this function for the community. Through continual interaction with him in prayer and worship its members find life and growth.

In this sense he 'has come that they may have life and have it to the full' (v. 10).

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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!**