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

GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS

There are always different ways of seeing the same thing. For some of the Jews in Jerusalem, Jesus' death was the necessary outcome for someone who was leading the people astray. Peter on the other hand has come to see it as the foundation and cornerstone of a new building. He does not deny that Jesus was rejected by some of his own, but he has come to appreciate it from a new point of view. As John expresses it, it is the means by which God lavishes us with love ushering in a new dawn for those with eyes to see.

In a similar fashion Jesus speaks to his disciples in the Gospel today about how he understands his own death. The disciples could only see their hopes of being part of a new kingdom being dashed to pieces, and as a failure. Jesus did not see his death in this way. Rather, it is the gift of the loving shepherd, given freely for his flock that they might live. On this Anzac Day we remember with profound thanks the sacrifice of so many who have served and died so that we might live.

Despite how things might appear there is always a deeper reality that the person of faith is called to see and appreciate. There is an invitation to hope and trust in the hidden and unexpected ways that God works in our midst. Even failures and suffering can have a part to play in God's plan for us. Having the openness to look once again with the eyes of faith is part of the challenge of Easter.

Christopher Monaghan CP

The Saving Word

Acts 4: 8-12

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (ANZAC DAY)

25 April 2021

FIRST READING

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 In 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

Jn 10: 11-18

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

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:

GOSPEL

- the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
- The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Cardinal Cassidy, Fr. Michael McCarthy, Fr Reg Wison, Charlie Xuereb, Helen Ryan, Connie Kelleher, Evelyn Harriott & Joaquin L Delgado-Reeves

Anniversary: On our ANZAC weekend we pray for all who paid the ultimate price in the Armed Forces, Louise Micallef, Maria Dimura, Aileen Langdon, Linda Davis, Monica Kearney, Clare Pekin, Tony Galea, Greg Hayson, Daniel and Adelaida Soriano

Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the QR Code

St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend. Please observe signs on the pews.

Please keep the **physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.** When coming to Holy Communionplease form <u>one line</u> & keep to the <u>centre</u> of the aisle and go back along the <u>side</u> aisles

From my desk

Greetings to one and all. Many thanks to all who participated in the Installation last weekend as PP of St Andrew's, it was a wonderful celebration. Thanks to all who organised the proceedings, together with the bagged pipes, it was much appreciated.

Our next big event will be my Installation as PP of St Agnes' Matraville, Sunday 16 May at our 10am Mass. I am really looking forward to this important event in the life of St Agnes' and are hoping that you will be able to attend. Please bring along a plate of food, to celebrate, with morning tea in the School Hall.

Sadly, we farewell Mrs Terri Macks our School Secretary at St Agnes' Catholic Primary School, Matraville after 20 years of service. We ask the Lord to continue to bless Terri as she moves her into the next stage of her life and ministry. Many thanks Terri!

Fr John

ANZAC DAY WEEKEND

This weekend we express our deep gratitude to all who have served and are serving our country in the military forces. May we never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy. + We will remember them. Lest we forget. +



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL Next weekend CWF supports social, charitable & pastoral works in the Archdiocese. CWF donations are 100% tax-deductible.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

for St. Andrew's and St. Agnes'

Children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are in **Yr4** at St Andrew's & St. Agnes' or in **Yr 4** and **upwards** in other schools will be eligible to receive their First Holy Communion later this year, after they have **taken part in proper preparation in our Parishes.**

An Information Meeting for parents will be in the Parish Hall at Malabar, at 7pm on Wednesday 28 April.

Thank you to all those from St Andrew's Parish and Primary School who donated to this years Project Compassion appeal a total of **\$5,235.60** was raised. Your kind generosity is much appreciated.

Dear Parishioners, as you may have noticed the Malabar Processional Cross has been missing, for some time? The reason is, that it has been at the Restorers being restored. This is a wonderfully, beautiful cross, that we now can appreciate fully in its restorative beauty. There are other items of beauty that are also in need of restoring, since our church opened in 1977. A book of donors has been acquired, so that anyone wishing to make a donation (please place in an envelope and place in any of the collection baskets), can write your name or your family's name to be remembered and inscribed in the Donors Book. Thank you, for your generous giving.

PARISH OUTING – Tuesday, 1st June 2021

Outing by Coach to the **Aviation Museum Albion Park** and lunch at **The Builders Club**, **Wollongong**. \$50 per person (includes coach fare, museum entry, morning tea, and lunch. Full Payment by Sunday, 2 May. Call, Kathy Sullivan: 9311 1749/Marie Jennings: 9661 7186.

All in the Planned Giving (St Andrew's Parish), are kindly asked to fill in the notification form on the table near the donation boxes, and also those wanting to join. If we have accurate information, we may be able to give a higher tax deduction in the new financial year. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Where will Fr John be??

This Week Sunday, 25 April - 10am Matraville Next Week: Saturday, 1 May – 5.30pm Matraville, Sunday 2 May – 9am Malabar

Memorial Mass for the Late Marika Gubacsi at OLA, Pagewood on Friday 7 May at 10am

