

Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Our readings for this Sunday call to mind our need for God across the ages. The daily news often depicts a world out of control, wracked by war, aggression, violence, sadness and fear. Yet we know God reaches out in every age with love.

In Jeremiah we hear that the Lord gathers up the remnant of the flock bringing them into the fold where they will be safe. God will not abandon them but will raise up David as king who will bring Judah and Israel to safety. Our psalm response is a mantra for all ages: 'the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.' The Letter to the Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us' and offers us the comfort that he 'came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.'

As we focus on the Gospel of Mark, we find Jesus calling his disciples together and inviting them to 'come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' Recognising their need for rest after being on mission, Jesus still has his eye to the crowds who are like 'sheep without a shepherd.' Today we can see the constancy of God's care for us in the midst of all that might overwhelm us. There is invitation both to find time for rest and reflection on the gift of the Lord as shepherd and Christ who is peace, as well as for sharing this gift with all in need.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

21 JULY 2024

FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

Eph 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the

21 July 2024

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WEEKEND Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.00am & 5pm

MASSES

WEEKDAY Wed: 12pm **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MASS TIMES**
MASSES **THIS WEEK**

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm
*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.*

ANTIPHON: *I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

COMMUNION *The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders;*

ANTIPHON: *He gives food to those who fear Him.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tommy Hudson, Michael Blanch (Armidale).

ANNIVERSARIES: Wally Warner (2/7), Lyn Slade (10/7), Peter Parsons (12/7), Margaret O'Callaghan (12/7), Frances Martin (12/7), Sheila McNamara (20/7), William Barry Davy (25/7), Bridget Teo (29/7).

DECEASED: Noeline Turner, Bishop Peter William Ingham, John Nash, Peter Newley, Gary Donaldson, Colin MacPherson.

SICK: Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Fr Anthony Koppman, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

VEENA'S VERSION FROM HER AND FR ANTHONY

*Cheerio to our many friends at St Patricks Parish!
Don't worry, we will still be sending you plenty of good jokes
from the highlands to keep you smiling from the highlands!*

PARISH MORNING TEA Fr Anthony will join us on Sunday 21 July after the 9 am mass for a special morning tea. Please come and bring a plate if you can.

PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION AND GOOD SHEPHERD APPEALS:

This combined collection will be held on Sunday 4th of August this year. Please come prepared if you are able to donate.

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

July 21/28: Sea Sundays **28 July:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
4 Aug: Priest Retirement Fd & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal. **8 Aug:** Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (BSB 082 105)

1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery
(Diocesan collection) Acc No:001023642

2nd Collection (Local) West Tamworth Church
(St Patricks Church Mgt) Acc No: 001041198



"Cling to the will of God." (1870)



PRIEST MOVEMENTS AT ST PATRICKS: It has been wonderful to have Fr Anthony with us recently. Although we need to say farewell again on 25 July, we have enjoyed this blessing. Please come along to our Parish Morning Tea with Fr Anthony this Sunday to wish him well. We also now extend our warmest welcome to Fr Sabu Pulimalayil rcj to lead St Patricks from Thurs. 25 July. Please welcome Fr Sabu and make him feel at home here at St Patricks.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note the changes to mass times this week.

PASSING OF THE MOST REV KEVIN M MANNING DD BISHOP EMERITUS OF PARRAMATTA:

Bishop Manning was appointed the eighth Bishop of Armidale in 1991 and served until his appointment as the Bishop of Parramatta in 1997. The Diocese of Parramatta will advise on funeral arrangements and we will pass on this information to you as it is provided. Please pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace. Amen.

FATHER JOHN CURRAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD: A general invitation is extended to the friends of Father John Curran to celebrate a Mass with him at Saint Michael's Catholic Church Manilla Sat 24th August at 11am for his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Followed by lunch at Manilla Services Club (25 Court St). RSVP required for lunch by 9th August to Marie Flett on 0427 851 120.

FEAST DAY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP: Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Thursday 8th August. Josephite Companions and Parishioners are invited to attend 9am Mass at St Patricks Church followed by a short reflection and morning tea in adjoining Parish Centre. Please bring a plate if you can and join us for this special feast day.

CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT: [Catholic Viewpoint - Issue 14 - Apr - Jun 2024](#) is available. A print friendly PDF version is also attached if you would like to print your own copy. You might enjoy the article on the Aboriginal Message Stick which was recently exhibited in our local schools.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: Planned Giving Envelopes have mostly been collected. If you have envelopes you are yet to collect, please do so this weekend or advise the office if you no longer wish to use them. If you would like to join planned giving either via Direct Debit or by weekly envelopes, please contact the office for assistance.

*"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand." - Irish Blessing*

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 21/7/24

Vigil: R D Bolitho Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Nichols A Sartori
5.00pm Sun: R J Moloney C Lavell
Counting Team P Shiels A Bowden
Fri Cleaning S Brown V Griffiths
Altar Linen: H Reid

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 28/7/24

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown J Woodbridge
5.00pm Sun: R A O'Halloran T Mitchell
Counting Team G & M Thrift A Bowden
Fri Cleaning K O'Brien M Brown
Altar Linen: J Hutt

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

