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PARISH CALENDAR: 3rd—10th May 2020
Sun 3rd 4th Sunday of Easter
Fri 8th Sun 10th 5th Sunday of Easter

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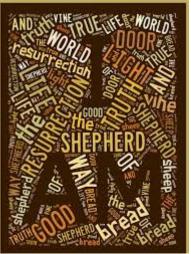
This is a free book, in pdf format, from the It contains prayers and reflections Vatican. gathered from the Church's tradition, as well as homilies and reflections of Pope Francis. It is designed specifically to be a resource for prayer and reflection in this time of pandemic.

https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/fortinella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-

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At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

SHEPHERDS AND SHEEP



Throughout John's gospel, he uses multiple images to describe Jesus with the "I am" statements. "I am the way, the truth and the life," "I am the resurrection," am living water," etc. mystery of God in Jesus is just too rich a mystery to be summed up in one way. The "I am" statements are a good example of this openness as John helps us interpret the meaning of Jesus for our lives.

Today another "I am" statement appears. Jesus says, "I am the gate." John's suggestion is clear: he invites us to again choose

Jesus, to enter through the gate which offers life. Entering a narrow way, a gate, at first, may seem restrictive. But not if it leads us to a place of rest and then out to places of nourishment. A gate can keep sheep locked up. However, the gate that is Jesus, is open to a coming in and going out.

Our relationship to Jesus is not generic. We are not mere faces in the crowd. He knows his sheep by name and we know his voice. Periodically we forget or ignore his voice and we become lost. But he seeks us out and finds ways to call us back: perhaps through a friend's advice, a message in a book we are reading, or a preacher's words. Then, after hearing his voice, we make another turn in our lives and head back to the open gate of Jesus which we enter for forgiveness, rest and renewal.

True, Jesus uses various images to describe himself to us today. But the repeated message in each is that he is concerned about our well-being. He wants us to be careful of those shepherds who would lead us astray and scandalize us by their poor example and faulty leadership. They would rob us of life, he tells us. He redirects us to turn to him, whose voice we know and can trust. He wants that we "might have life and have it more abundantly."

How have we experienced the unique care Jesus has for us? Let's give thanks today for the prophetic and spiritual men and women in the history of our church who have inspired and fed us. We also give thanks for the shepherd's voice we hear in the wisdom of caring parents and family members, teachers, artists, pastors, writers, retreat directors, preachers, catechists, etc. Through them the Shepherd spoke and thankfully we recognized his voice and responded.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 06:00pm Sun 08:00am

9:30am

11:00am 06:00pm

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Sat 06:00pm R: Sun 08:00am C: R: 9.30am C: R: 11:00am C: R: 06:00pm C: R:

SANCTUARY CARERS FOR:

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PRAYERS WRITERS:

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Ave Thanksgiving Dom Priests Loose Mar \$4,003.50 \$

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverly Aliprandi For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Richardson, Julian Fleming The sick of our parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Fr Brian Reynolds OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick and those

MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat	2 nd May	Mary Tedesco Jozef Drobik
Sun	3 rd May	Dr John Egan For the James Family For the People of the Parish
Mon	4 th May	Beverly Aliprandi
Tue	5 th May	Ruby Coutts
Wed	6 th Apr	Marjorie June Whelan
Thu	7 th May	Barry Hickey

Masses will continue to be offered by the priests who will celebrate their community Mass every day and the names of deceased and anniversaries will still be written in the Dominican which will be available in the Church or online.

If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of May is available on our website http://www.stdominics.org.au to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our webiste http://www.stdominics.org.au/ Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

"Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything."

St Catherine of Siena

"If 'absence makes the heart grow fonder', it may be that, rather than becoming accustomed to doing Church from home, our hunger for the Eucharist will intensify and make us value all the more gathering for it when at last we can." - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP



Hymn: Here I am the Servant of the Lord WYD Hymn 2019 - Fr Rob Galea

Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell - SDYC

Instagram: sdyc

PARISH RESOURCES Parishioners who don't have internet access and prefer to stay at home can receive the Dominican or other parish resources by contacting the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au and someone will drop them in your mailbox.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY— COVID-19 UPDATE Our services to the community are NOT closed. If you need assistance with food vouchers and other urgent financial assistance during the current pandemic please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 305 330 between 10.00 AM and 3.00 PM - Monday to Friday'.

DOMINCARE

In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community it is timely to draw your attention to a phone number that appears each week on the front of the Dominican, namely that of Dominicare. Dominicare has been part of the parish for decades and is simply a chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

4th SUNDAY EASTER YEAR A GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – A REFLECTION

This Sunday is traditionally Good Shepherd Sunday with its Gospel taken from John chapter 10 where we have Jesus' statement "I am the good shepherd." In our Gospel reading today we find the closely related declaration, introduced by



Jesus' words that underline its importance for him: "Amen, amen I say to you" "I am the gate." Or "I am the gate of the sheep-enclosure."

Jesus is the good shepherd because of his intimacy to us the good shepherd knows his

sheep and the sheep know him. They recognise his voice and he guarantees their security, indeed, their very existence.

The 19th century cultural historian William Thompson has left us his first-hand account of the Palestinian shepherd's relationship with his flock, a relationship, it seems, that has remained basically unchanged since Jesus' time:

"The shepherd calls sharply from time to time, to remind the sheep of his presence. They know his voice, and follow on; but, if a stranger calls, they stop short, lift up their heads in alarm, and if it is repeated, they turn and flee, because they know not the voice of a stranger."

Thomson comments. "I have made the experiment repeatedly." We see Jesus portrayed as the good shepherd in a scene from John's Gospel on the first Easter morning at the empty tomb. There Mary Magdalene recognises the Risen Jesus only when he calls her by name. At first she thought she was talking to the gardener. It was only when Jesus addressed her as Mary that she recognised him.

Historians tell us that "the image of the Good Shepherd is the most common found in the Roman catacombs before Christian imagery could be made explicit" because of the constant threat of persecution. Thus "Christian art [drew on] imagery that was shared with [the surrounding] pagan culture but had a special meaning for [them]." Significantly, the earliest "image showed a young man carrying a lamb round his neck." It was the image of the Good Shepherd, the Risen Christ who, in St Paul's words, "gathers up all things in himself" for "in him we gain our inheritance."

Fr David Willis OP

ST DOMINIC'S LIVE STREAMS OF LITURGIES

You will be able to see a live stream of daily Mass and Vespers (Evening Prayer) while they are actually taking place by clicking on the link below.



https://www.stdominics.org.au/liturgies--homilies.html

The readings can be find by clicking on links below <u>For Mass:universalis.com/mass.htm</u> For Vespers: universalis.com/vespers.htm

Recent Homilies are available to read (pdfs) or to listen to (podcasts) on our Homily webpage.

SISTER DISCIPLES of 830 Riversdale Rd Camberwell, wish to advise even though our gates are closed, We are still here to help you with all that you need, Just send us a email liturgicalcentremelb@pddm.org.au or have a look at our web site www.pddm.org.au or telephone us 9888-4754.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES "Work"

"Work" in all its forms has occupied Christian thinking and this has seen firm statements made about the worth and dignity of all workers.

The secular approach to work is the symbolism of International Workers' day (May Day): although we have our uniquely Australian counterparts.

Leo XIII in 1891, Pius XI in 1931 and John XXIII in 1961 all purposely supported fundamental work rights and obligations that have stood the test of time.

MORE LINKS TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

The Cathedral puts on a very good broadcast at 11.00am, and available on demand thereafter:-

http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass.

https://thesundaymass.org/ is another excellent on-line Sunday Mass, available at any time on Sunday and in the week following.

Daily Mass: The Cathedral site also makes available Mass each day http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week. Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

ONLINE CONCERT FOR CARITAS On Saturday May 9th, Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert for Project Compassion. Gary wrote a song for Project Compassion titled Walk With Me this year and wanted to do more to help so he is bringing Australian and international musicians together in support of Caritas Australia. Through this free concert, he is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19. You can find more details on the concert and view the great artist line-up at caritas.org.au/loungeroomsessions. At this stage Gary, Diesel, and Carmen Smith are confirmed, and more big names are in the pipeline. To view the concert, supporters will need to register at livemusic2u.com/loungeroomsessions/

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or by using the Give Now site on the internet https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicspriory

PROPER OF THE MASS: 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Entrance Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord

the heavens were made, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep,

and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep

and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

Today's Readings (4th Easter, Year A) Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Next Week's Readings (5th Easter, Year A) Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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