

## Reflection

### The One who lays down his life

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Australian audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

However, the emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people – more like the scum of the earth! – so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds – cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep.

Resources used: *Homily*, Richard Leonard SJ & *Reflection*. Greg Sunter.

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Anzac Day – 25 April

### The Ode

"They shall grow not old, as we  
that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor  
the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them."



# **St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast**

**Tuesday – 27 April - 7:30am**



**Bean Origin**

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

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**Over 45's** will meet on  
**Wednesday 28 April** for Mass at  
9:30am, followed by morning tea in the  
parish centre. Please come and join us,  
you are all most welcome. Please bring a  
plate to share.

Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

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**2 May 2021**

**Cotter Avenue recreation area**

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**Taizé with Eucharistic  
Adoration**

**First Friday Monthly**

**7:30pm – 8:30pm – 7 May.**

Everybody is welcome and  
encouraged to come along to spend time  
with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to  
refresh our souls.

There will be periods of reflective music  
(Taizé) and silent adoration.

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**KIT –**

**The parishioners forum**

Tell us your stories. How  
is life different for you?  
KIT is the parishioner's  
forum – without your  
contributions it will not  
exist. Please send them in  
to the parish office. Thank you =  
[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au).



## **COVID-19 Vaccination**

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination  
against COVID-19 is a morally good thing,  
providing protection for the person vaccinated  
and the wider community. Some COVID-19  
vaccines are associated with ethically  
questionable production and research practices,  
but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have  
advised that it is morally permissible to receive  
any vaccine made available.

More information is available at

<https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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## **Invest in Your Marriage!**

The Marriage Course - via zoom - a 7 week course  
designed to strengthen your most important  
relationship.

**Tues 11th May - 7:15-9:30pm.**

**Cost \$70** includes two workbooks.

Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues  
27th April at [bit.ly/TMCinfo](https://bit.ly/TMCinfo).

Register and pay for course at

<https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

Enquiries [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>

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## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**St John the Apostle Parish Meditation Group**

We are holding our retreat at St Mary's  
Towers (Douglas Park) from Friday 30 July to  
Sunday 1 August

More information will be available in the coming  
weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to  
join us in the special time.

Enquiries: Jenny Maher 0402 112 973

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## **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

**ANZAC Day holiday**

**Monday 26 April 2021**

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality

## Jesus the Good Shepherd

In Jesus we see the Good Shepherd who goes in search of those who are lost, who knows his own and gives his life to save them.

He shows us the Father's deep concern for those who are considered unimportant and whose rights are disregarded.

We learn from him who is gentle and humble of heart, who eases our burdens and gives us rest.

He also makes demands and speaks with authority.

To those who come to him, he gives his own strength and courage to help them live and work for justice and peace.

#7 Constitutions and Statutes of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

## Stewardship

Our readings today call us to reflect inward. In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. God created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds. Our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. This week reflect on how you allow Jesus to shepherd your lives?

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Patricia Ticehurst, Miroslav Chodora, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Bell, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashyley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridence, John Schmich, Pauline O'Gorman, John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd

AT : ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, HOLT  
WHEN : SUNDAY THE 2ND OF MAY 7PM - 9 PM  
WHO: YEAR 6 - YEAR 12 SMALL GROUPS WILL  
BE ACCORDING TO AGES

CALLING ALL  
BELCONNEN YOUTH



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## A Vision for Catholicism in Australia

A Virtual presentation by

**Sr Joan Chittister O.S.B.**

**Sunday 2 May from 9.00-10.30am AEST.**

**Topic:** *"The Future of Catholicism in Australia: Renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations".*

Opening greeting by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Registration is free at

<https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/s1698nzm1qsjym3/>  
or Web <http://www.acccr.com.au/>

Presented virtually by the ACCCR  
(Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform)



## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

## PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

### SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



**Hearing Loop:** in the central body of the church.



### TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



**Donations** to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**



Check In CBR App is mandatory  
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the corner stone.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

## Readings – 2 May 2021

First Reading	Acts 9:26-31
Psalm	Ps 21:26-28, 30-32
Second Reading	1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel	John 15:1-8

## 2 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	YOUTH

## 2 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi
6:00pm	Marian Crowley

## 2 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	2 May	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	8 May	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	26 Apr	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen

## On a Lighter note

