

## Reflection

### Good Shepherd



Today's psalm and gospel draw on a ubiquitous Old Testament tradition: God as the great shepherd of 'his' People, imagery which highlighted the stark difference between the God of the Hebrew people and those of their oppressors. Psalm 23 is so well-known and so loved. Here the relationship is not simply one of great care and provision, but of true intimacy. The psalmist's words paint a picture of a very dear friend, who is there in our darkest as well as rejoicing times; a friend 'worth their weight in gold'; a friend beyond measure; a friend to the whole of oneself (body, mind, spirit).

From our Celtic Christian heritage, comes a much loved term: Anam Cara, meaning "soul friend", a friendship at its very deepest. The Anam Cara was a source of deep wisdom, a spiritual mentor, counsellor, and guide. St Brigid of Kildare is said to have counselled a young cleric that "...anyone without a soul friend is like a body without a head." As we contemplate God, and especially Christ as the Good Shepherd who knows instinctively what his dear sheep need and desire, we can consider him too as our great Anam Cara who, through the gift of his Spirit calls us on to better pastures and clearer waters.

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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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### 2023-2024 Ministry Rosters

The Ministry Rosters for the period of

1 June 2023 – 30 May 2024 are currently being compiled.

- ☐ There are vacancies in the
- ☐ Hospitality,
- ☐ SJA Shop
- ☐ Grounds Maintenance rosters.

Please give your prayerful consideration to participating in a ministry.

*Our parish needs your gifts to enhance the life and ministry of the parish.*

**ETHICS WITH Fr. Philip Malone msc**  
*The God I believe in is the God I respond to*  
**Wednesday 10 May 2023**  
**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

St John the Apostle Catholic Church  
*An opportunity to reflect on the choices we make in life as followers of Jesus.*  
You can read about Fr. Philip's bio on the flyer on the webpage or on the email that was sent on Monday 17 April.

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## **MSC - Heart of Life**

**'Dare to Dream!' - 5-week program**

**When: Wed, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May,**

**Where: Zoom, 5.00-6:30pm**

**Cost: \$130.**

**Facilitated by: Clare Shearman, Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation.**

Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or Ph. 03 9890 1101

*"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8)*  
Based on the Dreams session exploring the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance for working with dreams', consider the potential for our dreams to shape the future.

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## **Catholic Theological College**

*Sign up for one of  
18 online sessions.*

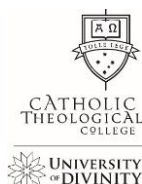
### **Engaging Your Faith—May 2023**

*Theology, Vatican II, Scripture,  
Spirituality, Science & Faith.*

Choose what interests you  
from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

[etc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://etc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



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## **COMMISSIONING OF ALL PARISHIONERS ON ROSTERS**

**1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024**

**All masses weekend 27/28 May**

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**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

## **The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Closing Down Clearance Stall 3 & 4 May 2023, from 8am - 4pm,**

Zouki Foyer at the Calvary Public Hospital, to clear the remaining stock of donated hand-made goods and surplus equipment. A range of hand-knitted and crocheted beanies, jumpers, mittens, scarves, children's clothing, rugs, quilts and more will be on sale at bargain prices! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Thank you for your support.

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## **Building a Community of Women |**

The Catholic Women's Taskforce invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Saturday 6 May at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Manuka (or Zoom in on evening of 8 May). Consider joining the taskforce, as a member or a friend. Our strength lies in building community and providing ways to listen and share the experiences and opinions of other women of faith. Being together and listening to one another makes us all stronger and more resilient in our faith. Obviously, we are going to have coffee and cake – so please register your interest in person or for Zoom at: [www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)  
Contact: Andrea Dean: [andrea1959@gmail.com](mailto:andrea1959@gmail.com) or Monica Phelan: [monphel@bigpond.com](mailto:monphel@bigpond.com) or Alison Weeks: [alisonmweeks@bigpond.com](mailto:alisonmweeks@bigpond.com)

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## **Catholic Men's Breakfast**

**Tuesday 23 May - 7:00 – 8:45 am**

**Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York),**

Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full.

Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220)

Enquiries Frank Stanford 0417 664 110

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Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

# Heart Spirituality

## Jesus is 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.

*MSC Constitutions and Statutes, Spirit of the Society, #7  
Personal notes, pp.101-103f. Issoudun 1856*

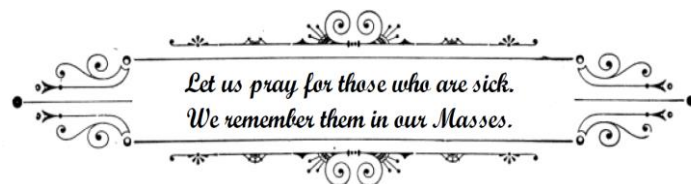
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be  
everywhere loved.....forever!

## Stewardship

### Leadership

In today's gospel (Jn 10), Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who is deeply loving, compassionate and full of care; as one who knows us each individually, no matter the size of his flock! Later in that same gospel, Jesus uses this imagery to indicate how Peter must invest the same deep care as the Shepherd Jesus. The evangelist would have had no notion of Peter as the "Head of the Church" per se - this conversation is about leadership. Each of us is called to some form of leadership within our community. As disciples to one another, and in our mission outside the church, we are called to be nurturers and encouragers and affirmers, extending what care may be needed by another.

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## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Miroslav Chodora, Cyril Harper, Patricia Ticehurst, Michael Quigley, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Bell, Denis Carey, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridence, John Schmich, Pauline O'Gorman, John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Lawrence Southwick.

Answers to the riddles: Your right elbow, an egg, your name, a hole, a coin, "are you asleep yet?"

## Mass Intentions the week of 1 – 7 May

Mon 01/05	McGrath Families
Wed 03/05	Family of Josephine De Rose
Thur 04/05	Elsie D'Souza
Fri 05/05	Doris Galea

<b>Sat 06/05</b>	
5:00pm	Daryl Smeaton

<b>Sun 07/05</b>	
8:30am	Paparo Family
10:00am	Fallace Family
6:00pm	Kenneth Dalli

**To ensure that a mass time is available please  
telephone the parish office to make a booking.**

## Youth Group

**YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS [YCS]**

**Sunday Dates 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

28 May

25 June

Enquiries to the parish office 6254 3236 or  
[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

## Formation and Training Session

This session is for Acolytes and  
Ministers of Communion  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 3:30pm - In the church

For more information contact  
Sabina: [sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com](mailto:sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com);  
0428 329 951

Gordon: [Gordon.donnir@gmail.com](mailto:Gordon.donnir@gmail.com);  
0432 219 813

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	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
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

## RESPONSE TO THE 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

## Readings – 6 May 2023

First Reading	Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm	Ps 22:1-6
Second Reading	1 Pt 2:20-25
Gospel	John 10:1-10

## ROSTERS

### 7 May Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

### 7 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Nettings
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawaunkula
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

### 7 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

### 7 May SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Chris Gray
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	30 Apr	Gave Culhane
Grounds	6 May	Vacant
Church Cleaning:	30 Apr	Edgar Nnajide

## On a Lighter note

Answers can be found in COMPACT



WHAT CAN YOU HOLD IN YOUR LEFT HAND, BUT NOT YOUR RIGHT?	WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO BREAK BEFORE YOU CAN USE IT?
WHAT BELONGS TO YOU, BUT YOUR FRIENDS USE IT MORE THAN YOU DO?	WHAT GETS BIGGER WHEN MORE GETS TAKEN AWAY?
WHAT HAS A HEAD AND A TAIL, BUT NO BODY?	WHAT QUESTION CAN YOU NEVER ANSWER YES TO?