



The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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*St Patrick's, Mackay
St Francis Xavier, West Mackay
St Mary's, South Mackay,
St Michael's, Sarina*

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

25 April 2021

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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:

(R.) 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 corner stone.
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 Jn 3:1-2

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

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

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down
his life for his sheep.

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WEEKDAY MASS:

Mon 26th April.....9.00am St Patrick's
Tues 27th April.....5.30pm St Mary's

Wed 28th April... 6.30am St Francis Xavier

Thurs 29th April....9.00am St Michael's, Sarina
5.30pm St Mary's

Fri 30th April.....6.30am St Francis Xavier
12.10pm St Patrick's

Sat 1st May7.00am St Patrick's

DEVOTIONS - St Patrick's

Tues 27th April: 7.00pm Novena
Fri 30th April:
11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.
12 noon Angelus

SUNDAY MASS:

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 1st May:

6.00pm St Mary's, South Mackay
6.00pm St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

Sunday 2nd May:

7.00am St Patrick's, Mackay
7.00am St Therese's, Alligator Creek
9.00am St Francis Xavier, West Mackay
9.00am St Michael's, Sarina
6.00pm St Patrick's, Mackay
(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Patrick's Church
Friday & Saturday 11.30am - 12.00 noon
St Francis Xavier Church
Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

Register for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass: Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKACF>. Online bookings commence 7.00pm each Sunday and close at 11.00am the following Friday. **Phone only for those not online: St Patrick's, St Francis Xavier, St Mary's and St Michael's:** 4957 4807 from 9.00am to 1.00pm Mon to Thu & 9.00am to 11.00am on Friday.

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Farleigh C.W.L. invites you to come and pray for your mother at St Brigid's Church on Friday, 7th May commencing at 9.30am. Raffle will be held.

Catholic Men's Dinner: TUESDAY 27th April. Guest Speaker is Terry Sheedy. The Sheedy's have been a part of Mackay's history for some time. Join us at the Boomerang Bistro Nebo Rd., Mackay. It's 6:30 for a 7pm start. Please RSVP to Kevin; phone or text 0487747412 by pm ANZAC Sunday 25th April. All welcome.

SEMINAR: What does the Church teach about Euthanasia? Because of its belief in the holiness of life, the Church holds Euthanasia to be a gravely immoral act. Fr. Don will outline why the Church has come to this belief and will offer an explanation of recent church documents on this important and current moral issue in a one-hour seminar on **April 27th at 10am at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, North Mackay and again at 6.15pm at the Jubilee Hall at St. Patrick's College.** Fr. Don will especially draw on the 2019 Church document called "The Good Samaritan" which outlines a vision of care for people drawing near the end of their earthly life. There will be some time for discussion. With the Queensland Parliament likely to legalize Euthanasia this year, it is important for all in the Church to understand our Catholic perspective on this matter. Please register with the parish office, preferably by email for this seminar.

MERCY COLLEGE MACKAY OPEN NIGHT: Tuesday 27 April 2021 from 4PM to 7PM to be held at the College. Information Presentation at 5.30PM. All prospective students & parents welcome. Year 7 in 2022 online enrolments welcome

CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE - INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Wednesday 5 May 6.00PM for 6.30PM start. Venue: St Patrick's College Hall
Interested Parents and their Year 6 students are invited

2022 Year 7 Enrolment enquiries: Ph: 1800 228 433 E: cmc@rok.catholic.edu.au

Further information about Catherine McAuley College, Mackay can be found at the Diocesan Catholic Education website: www.rok.catholic.edu.au

A quote from Catherine McAuley ~ "We must strive to do ordinary things, extraordinarily well."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Monica Baldwin, Fred Maes, Gerry Breen, Glen & Dianne Stevens, Grace Mifsud, Debbie Jones, Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Melissa Smith, John Camilleri, Pat Holdsworth, John Bugeja jnr, Kiana Bugeja, Ty Smith, Jim Scriha, Natalie Valmadre, Dorothy Robinson, Debbie Hagger, Mary Walsh, Gavin Carter. (*permission of people needed for names to be printed*)

THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED: Jim Young, Michael O'Riely, Colleen Sharpe, Derek Kennedy, Domenico (Mick) Erba, Juanita Wright, Edward Gauci, Heather Leonard, Bernard McGuire, Lorena Abique (P'pines), Sr Armada & Sr Francescina (Malta), John Vassallo, Bryan McMahon (Bris), William (Bill) Nicholson (Bris), Valda Mason, Richard Luscombe, Josie Perna, Dell Parrott, Sr Angnes Hanif, John Caruana, Joe Zammit, Connie Refalo, Francis Corby, Mark Stevenson, Mary Falzon, George Camilleri, Maisie Tortora, Mary Norris, Lawrence Bugeja

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Ronald Mulherin 12/4, John Styles 18/4, Vera Galea 25/4, Margaret Burke 20/3, Gertrude Devlin 29/3, Gerard Falzon 22/3, Angela Gauci 29/3, Ben Faa, 28/3, Paul Gauci 29/3, Fr Kevin Treacy 26/3, Connie Gauci 26/3

WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED: Ann, Harold & Des Hinton, Barry Waddington, Phyllis & Gavan Johnson, Jim, Frank & George Vella, Joe Zammit, Giuseppe Sorbello, Maria Sorbello, Albert & Mary Deguara, Bob Sturgeon, Mary De Thomas, Albert Phillips, Chris Vella, Giuseppe (Joe) D'Anna, Rita Bugeja, Jean Sciberras, Angelo Sorbello, Joe Bartolo, Jessie Berardi, Joseph Micallef, Marlene Comin, Joseph Grech, Len & Myrtle Butterworth, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Gerard Hill, Brian Hill, Casey Zarb, Mick Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Vince Guinea, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Frank Camilleri, Jack & Mary Camilleri, Fred & Margo Andrew, Peter Andrew, Judy Vella, Giuseppe Sant, Joseph Sant, Giuseppe Morabito, Sebastiano, Rosaria & Joe Leotta. **Deceased members of the Toledo, Hackett, De Brincat, Bulatiko, Sorbello, Galea, Muscat, Mirabella, Camilleri, Quinn, Guinea, Donnelly & Noonan Families.**