

Fourth Sunday of Easter 12th May 2019

Entrance Ant: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord, the heavens were made, alleluia.

First reading : from the Book of Acts 13 : 14 , 43 - 52

Responsorial Psalm : We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

Second Reading : from the Book of Revelation 7 : 9 14 - 17

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

Gospel : according to John 10: 27 - 30

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have just joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – ‘Hot Topics’

Join us as we shed some light on the big social justice issues of today! Topics include: Domestic Violence; The Church and Mining - an Update from Rome; Post-Election Analysis on Housing, Climate, Wages and Labour, and Refugee and Asylum Seekers; and a parishioner panel and discussion on Developing an Archdiocesan Social Justice Coordination Team. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All welcome!

Saturday 25th May 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm, St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org | or call us 9307 8465 COST: Free

Scholarship at the Cathedral Today, Catholic educational institutions are faced with the challenge of undertaking their mission within a pluralistic society whilst still genuinely reflecting Catholic faith and values. To what extent should the content of curriculum, policies and staff formation be influenced by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition? Please join us as Moral Philosopher Prof Sandra Lynch from the University of Notre Dame delivers her lecture "Mission Impossible? Education & Formation in a Pluralistic Society" at 6:30pm, Thurs 23 May in the Chapter Hall of St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments provided.

Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Sydney Arch in partnership with The Institute for Ethics and Society of The University of Notre Dame Australia. Please register your attendance at: <https://www.satcathedral.org/>

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This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd.

The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference. Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith. Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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Parish News

Parish Fete News

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. We are now looking for expressions of interest to include more outside stalls this year with the vendor providing their own facilities. The cost of the stall will be \$75 and if a powered site is required, e.g. outside food stalls the cost will be \$180. We will still have most of our usual stalls including some food stalls and the Chocolate Wheel. We would greatly appreciate donations of suitable prizes for this. In previous years we have only had a few outside stalls but would like to increase the number for our next fete. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842. The response to the donations of articles for the Trash & Treasure Stall has been great. All items have been stored in the new green container and it has become necessary to empty the container and install some shelving then sort through what has been donated into some sort of order. If you would like to assist us on the 18th May, from about 9am your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 if you can assist.

Church Grounds

Thank you to Deacon Al and the Samoan Community for volunteering to look after the lawns surrounding the Church area and the hall area.

Linen Roster

We are currently looking for someone to join our roster to assist with the washing of church linen. If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks, please contact the Parish Office on 9825 1679 or stchris@tpg.com.au

First Holy Communion

This year's Sacramental program is about to begin with the Sacrament of Eucharist. Children from St. Christophers and surrounding schools will begin their preparation towards receiving their First Holy Communion in late June. Lessons will begin on 19th May at 4:00pm. The children's group leader and meeting place will be posted on a list in the church foyer. Please arrive early to determine where you need to be by 4:00pm. Could parishioners please keep our children and their Leaders in your prayers as they prepare for this very special milestone in their Christian life.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thankyou to everyone in our parish for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal for the benefit of our agencies such as CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies. Through you, they can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's lives.

Lenten Group

The Lenten Group will have its final meeting for this year's Lenten Program on Friday, 17th May, 2019 at 10.00am in the hall and followed by morning tea at Moorebank Sporties.

Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Thurs 7:00pm (except before first Friday of month)

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

*Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers,
Godmothers and nurturers*



We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johnny Price, Jeffery Crouche, Baby Sierra



Recently Deceased

Chris Edwards, Tahlia Pereira Rogers

Anniversaries

Cecilia Z Ibasco, Pascual Parcasio, Thomas Joseph, Sergio & Susana Aban, Dominga Maravillas, Eliata & Maria Ramalinga, Jucelaine Autard,

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*