NEWSLETTER 11/12 May 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/C
READINGS: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

May God bless and keep you, May God’s face shine on you: May God be kind to you and give you peace!

Wishing all our mothers and all who hold a mothering role, a very happy Mother’s Day. We hold up to our compassionate God, all for whom Mother’s day is a emotional day of remembrance.

“I give them eternal life.” Jesus – the Good Shepherd

Throughout the Fourth Gospel a consistent question put to Jesus is, ‘Are you the Messiah?’ When the crowds ask this, they are thinking of a political leader like King David who would free them from the rule of Rome. Jesus does not accept the title ‘Messiah’ on these terms. In today’s Gospel, we are given the only image of a Messiah that Jesus will accept, that of the Good Shepherd who knows his flock and gives them eternal life.

The issue of leadership lies behind this image. David was a shepherd and was regarded as Israel’s greatest leader. This is why the shepherd image was later applied to Israel’s kings by a number of Prophets. The shepherd image was later applied to God as the one who would really nourish, care for, gather and protect the sheep. In Ezekiel 34 we read:

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.

Because of Jesus’ unique union with God, Jesus can call himself the Good Shepherd.

John 10 continues a dispute that began in chapter 9 following Jesus’ cure of a man born blind. The Jewish leaders could not accept that this was an action of God, since this cure took place on the Sabbath day (John 9:14), and it involved Jesus making clay to put on the man’s eyes. The Pharisees drove the blind man out of the Synagogue and then enter into an argument with Jesus. In this context Jesus uses the imagery of the good shepherd and the hired hand who leaves the sheep when trouble comes. When Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd and compares the Pharisees with the hired hand, he is really challenging their leadership.

In the land of Israel, a family might have a very small number of sheep, perhaps only seven. Being so small in number each sheep is known to the shepherd. In the winter months, the sheep come indoors to protect them from the bitter cold and to provide the family with warmth from the heat of their bodies – in a sense they are part of the family. The sheep do know the particular sound of their master’s voice, just as the shepherd knows the individual markings and characteristics of his sheep.

The sheep/shepherd image tries to express that we are each known and valued by God.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

LET’S CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS!

To all of you who contribute to the life of the parish through volunteering in all forms and liturgical ministry, you are invited to share in morning tea/lunch on

SUNDAY 19TH MAY FROM 11 AM.

This is a great opportunity for Fr Pat and the pastoral team to thank you for your contribution to the parish, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for the three communities to mingle and chat with each other, building stronger relationships within our parish. Venue is the Aspinall Centre.

Please RSVP to the parish office BY THIS TUESDAY 14th May by calling 3849 7158 or emailing sec.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

HOMELESSNESS NIGHT

An open invitation to all!

On Friday May 17, YAYA will be hosting a Sleep Out night in the Aspinall Centre. A speaker from Young Vinnies will be coming along to help us better understand homelessness. We will be having a simple meal and watching the video “The Blind Side”.

While this is a fantastic opportunity for our Youth and Young Adults, the Vinnies presentation is also fantastic for anyone who would like to build an understanding of homelessness.

Please come along and join our Youth and Young Adults for the evening. The evening session will run from 7-9 pm, with those choosing to sleep over staying until 7.30 am on Saturday morning.

We will have a donation box available on the night, with all money raised going to support St Vincent de Paul work with homelessness.

YAYA IN MAY

Homeless Sleep Out – Thursday May 17 6pm – 9pm
Young Adults (18+) – Friday May 24 6pm – 9pm

This month we are going to tap into a Reclaim event – Sorry Not Sorry with Matt Fradd. It’s a night of Catholic answers for our faith (otherwise known as Apologetics). If you want to learn about some of the reasoned answers for questions you might be asked about things like “Doesn’t science discount faith?”, this is a great place to start. It is a ticketed event ($5) so for information on how to get your tickets, contact Pauline yaya.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

Music at Mass – St Catherine’s Saturday May 25, 6.15 pm
Come along and help us “create a joyful noise” as we serve in the music ministry at St Catherine’s 6.15 pm Mass. We start rehearsing from 5 pm so please come along.

EVENTS:

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Max Regan, son of Martin & Elaine.

He will be baptised this Sunday in St Bernard’s Church.

READERS ROSTER 18/19 May

Please arrive 15 mins before Mass.

St Bernard’s: Evanne Cosico, Betty Brekspear, Joseph Cosico; Simon Hill, Irene Lam, David Stubbs; Fiona Cleary, Kay Cook, Sean Szeto; Youth.

St Martin’s: Terry Booth, Andrea Otto, Marie McLean.

St Catherine’s: Celine George, Mary Cusack, Darryl Petersen; Veronica Kirn, Mia Jeffery, Carly Jeffery.
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Fay Williams, Henry Gorrone (husband of Margaret), Albert Wong, Francis Ho Leong Yim, Brentyn Rollason, Warren Leahy, Mary Dwyer, and Stephen Pozzi who have died recently, also Peter Quinn, Peter Craven, Natalina Woods, Norine Ingham, Raymond Coglan, Jock & Phylis Birgan, Kevin & Peter Cryan, Fr Peter Cryan, Leonard Bridge, James (Pat) King, Simon Tinh, Joseph Trinh Tien Huong, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, and Warren Gould whom we remember at this time.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to John & Barbara Chandler who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday 10 May. We wish them many blessings and much happiness in their future years.

SENIORS BUS TRIP

Ringsfield House Nanango
Thursday 16 May

Bus leaves St Bernard’s 8.30 am.

Established in 1908 as a magnificent family home, with its wide verandas, historic interior and glorious garden, Ringsfield House provides the perfect setting for an enjoyable day out. Cost $60. Morning Tea and lunch included. Bookings Sue 3349 8198/0488 498 198.

ARIA ANGELS

Children learn their faith as they learn to walk, talk, create and explore. This program is offered for children between birth and 5 years. Join with the children in music, movement, art, craft, morning tea and prayer. Wednesdays, 8 May - 12 June, 9.30 am till 11am in the Media Room at our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank. Cost $7.00. Contact Anne 0419 642 490 or Sunnybank 3345 5766.

AWAKEN PENTECOST RETREAT

Sunday 9th June, 10.30 am to 8.30 pm

Greek Orthodox Memorial Hall, 269 Creek Road, Mt Gravatt East. Suggested donation of $50 for catering and hall hire. Under 16 yrs olds are free. Registration/RSVP: David by 3 June. Ph: 0437 006 264 or E: registration@awaken.org.au

menALIVE MAX 19

The theme this year is “INTO THE BREACH”. The material and experience on the weekend is all NEW to previous years and comprehensively different to the parish weekends run nationally. 7.30 pm Friday 12 July - 2 pm Sunday 14 July 2019, Women’s College, UQ, Bne. Cost: from $275 pp includes 2 nights’ accommodation and 6 meals. Register: https://event.me/KoqI2. E: mail@menalive.org.au. Peter 0404 496 405/Robert Falzon - 0412 745 734.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. 2 - 4 August 2019. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Qld. For information contact Maria and David Murphy, 3342 1456, E: dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au. W: www.wwme.org.au

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Sat. 18 May & Sat. 25 May 9.00 am to 4.30 pm

Open to all members of the community who are supporting a loved one with a mental health concern. Strategies are taught in evidence-based training programs authorised by Mental Health First Aid Aust. Training at Kyabra Community, Kyabra St., Runcorn. P: 3373 9499 if interested in attending.

GREGORY TERRACE PAST MOTHERS’ MASS

Sunday 19 May, 10 am Mass, Chapel of the Holy Family

Followed by morning tea in the Founders’ Room. Cost $20 + booking fee. RSVP via college events by Tuesday 14 May. Contact Samantha samtonymills@gmail.com (M) 0409 290 906.

SANTHOM FESTIVAL 2019

Sat. 25 May 10.30 am—7.30 pm 108-112 Middle Rd., Hillcrest

Celebrate diversity with a multicultural feast of food, activities, dance, art and music. Free entry. Enq: 0452 649 950 or 0411 787 651.

ALL HALLOWS OPEN DAY

Sunday 26 May, 11 am-2 pm

A welcome from Principal, Catherine O’Kane as well as the opportunity to view displays, meet staff, enjoy performances, view academic displays and tour the school. To register your attendance visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au. Contact: 3831 3100.

POSITION VACANT

Applications are open for a position at the Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish. A person with excellent Office Management experience as well as administration and secretarial skills is required for a full time position of Parish Manager for 37.5 hours a week Monday to Friday. For additional information, please visit https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/ and to careers. Closing: Friday 17th May 2019.

CATHOLIC LEADER

- Plenary Council 2020’s first phase saw more than 220,000 participants across Australia
- Centacare’s Men’s Behaviour Change Program builds coping skills to end domestic violence
- Dutton Park parish launches Rising Youth Ministries to attract young people from around the community

SUNDAY REVEREND COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY

5th SUNDAY OF EASTERTC
19 May 2019

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER/C - 11/12 May 2019

G GOSPEL ACCLAM: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd, says the Lord, I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine, mine know me. (Refrain)

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 7:9, 14

RESP. PSALM: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him singing for joy. (Refrain) R/

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Refrain) R/

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (Refrain) R/ Text: Ps 99


GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

COMMUNION: SHEPHERD OF SOULS

1. Shepherd of souls, in love, come feed us, lifegiving bread for hungry hearts! To those refreshing waters lead us where dwells that grace your peace imparts. May we, the wayward in your fold, by your forgiveness rest consoled.

2. Lifegiving vine, come, feed and nourish, strengthen each branch with life divine; ever in you O may we flourish, fruitful the branches of the vine. Lord, may our souls be purified so that in Christ we may abide.

3. Following you, O Lord, who led them, multitudes thronged the mountainside; filled with compassion, Lord, you fed them, fed them with loaves you multiplied. Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray: lifegiving bread give us this day.

4. Father, who fed the Hebrew nation, giving them manna from the sky, give now the bread of our salvation, that we who eat shall never die. We are your people, God, in need; may we on living bread now feed.

5. Help us, dear Lord, prepare a dwelling worthy of you who made us all; cleanse then our hearts, our guilt dispelling, purify us who heed your call. “Take this and eat” were words you said, giving yourself to be our bread.

SONG OF PRAISE: IN THE LORD I’LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (repeat)

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RECONCILIATION

St Bernard’s - Saturday 4.15 pm

Mass Times

St Bernard’s

- Tuesday: 9.15 am
- Wednesday: No Mass - 3rd Wednesday
- Thursday: 7.00 am
- Friday: 8.00 am
- Saturday: 5.00 pm - Vigil
- Sunday: 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 6.15 pm

St Catherine’s

- Monday: 9.15 am
- Wednesday: 7.00 am
- Saturday: 6.15 pm Vigil
- Sunday: 8.30 am

THIS WEEK

Monday 13 May 2019

HeartFIT - 11.30 am, St B’s Aspinall Centre

SVDP Meeting - 5 pm, St C’s Community Centre.

Tues. 14 May 2019

Craft Group - 10 am St B’s Community Centre.

St Catherine’s Community Meeting - 7 pm, St Catherine’s Community Centre.

Wednesday 15 May 2019

Beside Restful Waters - 7.00 pm St Bernard’s Ch.

Thursday 16 May 2019

Play Group - 9.15 am, St B’s Community Ctre.

Seniors - Bus trip. Leaves St B’s 8.30 am.

Bethany - Family remembrance prayer, 10.30 am Aspinall Centre.

Friday 17 May 2019

Play Group - 9.30 am, Fr Rosenskjær Hall.

Heartfit - 10 am, St Bernard’s Aspinall Centre.

Mass - 8 am, St Bernard’s; 9.30 am St Martin’s.

YAYA Night - Aspinall Centre 7-9 pm.

RECESS: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

1. The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

Ref: I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are going he promised to be there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me. (R) Text & Music: Boniwell, Brian © ONE LICENSE #4-641326