

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.

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;

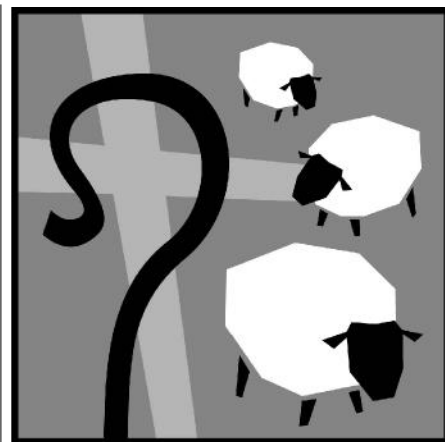
I lay it down of my own free will,

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterization should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

The Vocation we all have

Our newly established Catholic Faith Community of St Luke's, Marsden Park has already been graced with many blessings.

And we pray that God continues to shower blessings upon us.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today our mind normally turns to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I hope you can also remember to pray for vocations to Diaconate – the order of deacons - to which I belong.

But it is also a time to remember the vocation of marriage, the most common vocation of all believers. As I mentioned in my homily last week, Pope Francis has spoken of how spouses attain holiness through the kind acts to each other and their children.

There is also a calling we all have to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This can be achieved by taking up the challenge to be an active follower of our Risen Saviour. We do this by engaging in actions to make Christ present in the world through the way we live.

In our new community of St Luke's we are calling on people to perhaps get outside of their comfort zones and to help the community to flourish. As we are in a constantly growing suburb, it is possible we will have new people visiting us each week. So, it is vital that we have welcomers to make them feel at home. People to greet them in the car park and at the door to our place of worship.

We need people to provide and serve food after Mass so that we can demonstrate hospitality and provide a forum for people to meet other members of the community.

We need people to go out from this community to provide support to people in our city who struggle more than we do – people like the homeless, aged and sick.

We need people to support our liturgy to be vibrant and well run by helping out with music, by reading, by acting as acolytes, altar servers and extraordinary ministers of Communion.

We need people to help the younger members of our community understand their faith through children's liturgy.

So, we need lots of people to help make St Luke's all that it can be.

After Mass today we will be asking people to nominate for some rosters for various roles and ministries. It is not a lifetime commitment, just whatever time and support you can give in the next few months. As more people join us we hope there will be more volunteers to help out.

I thank you in advance for your generosity. Deacon Tony Hoban, Pastoral Director

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron,
a person of faith
who desired all people to come to
know and love you
in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke
pioneered:
discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace
and nourished by Word and Sacrament
may we grow in our relationship with
you
and together make our Catholic Faith
Community
a community of communities,
a sanctuary where the thirsty come to
drink in the midst of their journey,
and a centre of constant missionary
outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Welcome Fr Jeevan

Once again we welcome Fr Jeevan as our Celebrant for today's Mass and thank him for joining us. We wish him every success for his Masters Degree in social work studies at Western Sydney University.



Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about *CatholicOutlook*. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

CatholicCare has a new website

Remaining committed to their core mission to be the compassionate face of Christ and be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor, CatholicCare now also has a new website to help them on their journey. Visit the new website at www.ccss.org.au

Good Shepherd Sunday: 22 April

Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday which is being celebrated in Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers.

To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood and [seminary life](http://www.parracatholic.org/vocations) in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 3 May

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 3 May at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church and then join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. RSVP: Sr Paula, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

Reflection Day for Women: 5 May

Reflection Day for Women, Fairlight Rd, Mt Schoenstatt hosted by Sr Mary Louise. Saturday 5 May from 9.30 am – 3.00pm. Cost: \$25 BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. Register: info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

Mount St Benedict Centre: 18 – 20 May

Conversations with the Wisdom of Benedictine Women. A Retreat Facilitated by Carmel Posa sgs. Throughout the ages there have been many Benedictine women who have shared the wisdom they have acquired in their search for God. This weekend retreat will reflect on this wisdom using the writing and lives of St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, St Leoba German Benedictine missionary of the 8th Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12th Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20th Century and Joan Chittester, Benedictine of our time. For more information: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390.

Christian Meditation: 20 May

You are invited to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Days for 2018 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday 20 May. Arrival time at the monastery is from 10am for a 10:30am start. Conclusion is around 3pm. Mass is celebrated at 2pm. There will be presentations and periods of meditation with the opportunity of an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers. Bring your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Registration is on the day. There is no set charge, a donation may be made for the monks. There may be accommodation available at the Monastery Guest House enquiries to Br Terry Cavanagh on 0438 282 318. Other enquiries to Ann Bergman 02 9498 2625 anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas 02 9456 4775 atlomas@bigpond.com

St Philomena Association Holy Masses: 19 May 2018

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at midday with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, [17 Cameron St, Doonside](http://www.17cameronst.doonside.nsw.gov.au). A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, peoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub St Luke's College
Enter via Frontiers Ave
Marsden Park

PLEASE SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

Our community offers many gifts and these include some key ways you can help St Luke's to grow at this time.

Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the following areas of ministry:

- Provider of after-Mass food
- Welcomer/warden
- Acolyte or Senior Server
- Reader
- Altar Server
- Children's liturgy 'teacher'
- Musician/singer
- Flower arranger

If you are unsure what you can offer or would like someone to contact you about your ideas or what opportunities exist, please contact us.

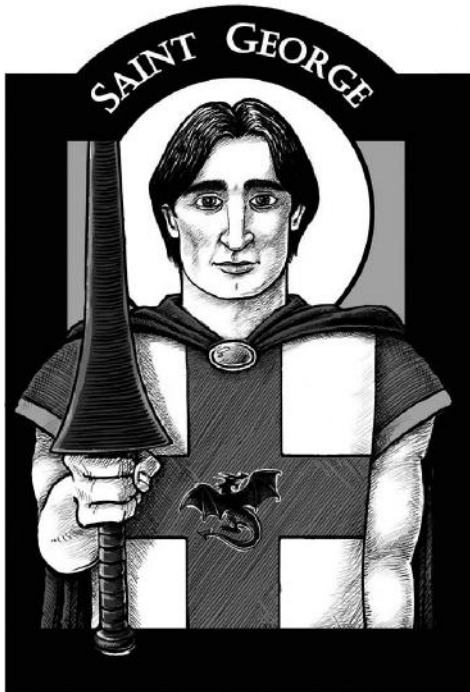
SACRAMENTAL ENQUIRIES?

For Baptisms, Weddings, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and First Holy Communion etc, please contact us.

Contact information is on back page.

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

St Luke's College
02 9854 3100
www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au



Very little is actually known about the real life of St. George other than he was martyred in Palestine during Christian persecution in the third or fourth century. The most famous legend depicts George as a young soldier who rescued a maiden princess from a dragon at Silene in Libya. His actions, inspired by his belief, led the townsfolk to convert to Christianity. George refused any reward for his heroic deeds, but rather, he encouraged the people to show compassion towards the poor. He became the patron saint of England, which adopted St. George's flag (a red cross on a white background) as its national flag.



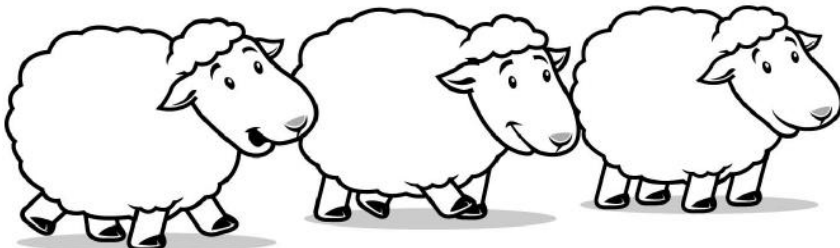
Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

flock	one	shepherd
hear	run	together
know	scatter	voice
life	sheep	wolf

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I am the _____.
I know my own _____ and they
_____ me, just as the _____
knows me and I know the Father.
I lay down my _____ for my sheep.



Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

shepherd
Father
life
good
sheep
know