



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A — 3rd May 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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Jesus said, "The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out."

Readings for today: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Dear friends,

This Sunday goes by a number of different names: the Fourth Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd Sunday; and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. For many of us, the daily rhythm of our vocation has changed, even if our fundamental vocation has not. As we live and work differently, we are reminded that we don't "have" a vocation, we *are* a vocation.

In these passed months, we have needed to learn new things: parents have become teachers in the home; pastors have become "performers" on the live stream; grand-parents have adapted to "drive-by" visitations; friends have become virtual companions; our community service has been curtailed; simple tasks have become more complex; all our weekly distractions, like sport or entertainment or going out for a meal, have disappeared; and our prayers have become more personal and domestic even as we pray together.

Even as we miss the simple joys of life, and learn to adjust to new circumstances, we remain committed to the vision of new life that Easter promises. Pope Francis own words on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations are an encouragement to us:

The Gospel tells us that in the midst of this challenging journey we are not alone. Like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the troubled waters to join the disciples... The first word of vocation is gratitude. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

Our vocation is not only about what we do in life; it is also about who we *are* in life. Even as we live our vocations differently, we remain called to lives of gratitude, faith and trust. *Fr. Anthony*



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St. Stephen**
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St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday: 8.00am & 12.30pm (*live-streamed*)
Saturday 11.30am – Marian Devotions (*live-streamed*)

Sunday Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: *Suspended until further notice*
Sunday: 8.00am; 10.00am (*live-streamed*)

St Patrick's *Suspended until further notice*
Villa Maria *Suspended until further notice*

Reconciliation: **Monday to Friday** *Suspended until further notice*
Saturday

Exposition: *Suspended until further notice* **Benediction:** *Suspended until further notice*

Songs of Easter Joy: 5.30pm - Friday (*live-streamed*)

MUSIC for FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Processional Hymn

1. By ev'ry nation, race and tongue,
worship and praise be ever sung; praise the
Father: *Alleluia!*
For pardoned sin, death overcome,
And hopes that live beyond the tomb:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

By Ev'ry Nation, Race and Tongue

2. Saints who on earth have suffered long
for Jesus' sake enduring wrong, ever faithful:
Alleluia!
Where faith is lost in sight,
rejoice and sing with never wearied voice:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Let earth and air and sea unite
to celebrate his glorious might, their creator: *Alleluia!*
Sun, moon and stars in endless space
echo the song of ev'ry race:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Psalm

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

The Lord's my shepherd

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

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Communion Reflection

1. Good Shepherd, you know us,
you call us by name
You lead us; we gladly
acknowledge your claim.
Your voice has compelled us;
we come at your call.
and none you have chosen will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you know us

2. Good shepherd, you warn us
of robbers and thieves,
the hireling, the wolf
who destroys and deceives.
All praise for your promise
on which we shall stand,
that no one can snatch us away from your hand.

3. Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for the sheep.
Your love is not fickle, your gift is not cheap.
You spend your life freely, and you take it again.
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.

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Recessional Hymn

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*(R) Angels, saints and nations, sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."*

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With your praises, King of kings.

3. King most holy, King of truth,
Guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ, thou King of glory bright,
Be to us eternal light.