



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY (*Feast of St. Mark*) 8 a.m. TUESDAY 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (*Memorial Day of St. Peter Chanel, Saint of Oceania*) 9 a.m.

THURSDAY (*Memorial Day of St. Catherine of Siena*) 7 p.m. FRIDAY 9 a.m.

THE REQUEST has been made to have Wednesday and Friday morning Masses at 9.15 so parishioners can avoid the congestion of schools drop-off.

**** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will take place on this Tuesday at 7.40 p.m.

THIS IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

It is also the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church building which took place on 3rd May 1998 (Good Shepherd Sunday that year)

THIS IS ALSO EACH YEAR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MORE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

We are asked to pray for adults, especially young adults, to consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated religious life. If you are aware of someone who might be considering these, please invite them to contact the Vocations Office: 9390 5280 or epeli.qimaqima@sydneycatholic.org

A request from Pope Francis “I ask parish communities, associations and prayer groups in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest.

MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD’S DAY

SATURDAY 5.30 P.M. SUNDAY 8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.

BACKGROUND TO FIRST READING. In the early days of the Church there was a miraculous healing of a crippled beggar at the Temple. We read Peter’s address when summoned before the Sanhedrin (Jewish Council).

BACKGROUND TO THE GOSPEL. Jesus’ cure of a man born blind upset Scribes and Pharisees in Jerusalem. They were official religious shepherds but many were more interested in their own gain & glory than the welfare of their flock. In this reading now Jesus as the Good Shepherd is a contrast to them and an inspiration and comfort to us.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION NIGHTS continue for the two groups of children enrolled, each young person accompanied by one parent this Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 in the Church.

OUR PARISH SECRETARY Mrs. Tracey Caruana is out of hospital and hopes to return to work this week. We have really missed her.

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND funds Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, CatholicCare (welfare for Marriages, families, aged & disabled people, adolescents & children), Chaplaincies in Universities, Hospitals & Aged Care Facilities, State School Catechists, Ephpheta Centre for the hearing-impaired and two Sydney Seminaries: Good Shepherd at Homebush and the Neo-Catechumenal Seminary at Chester Hill. The first of 3 C.W.F. appeals for this year will be held at Masses next weekend. **Please feel free to take a CWF envelope today to remind us of the Appeal.**

RECONCILIATION ([Sacrament of Confession and Forgiveness](#)) our priest is available in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 p.m. till 6.55 p.m. (before the 7 p.m. Mass) and also on Saturday afternoon from 4 to 5 o’clock.

CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTS Children’ first receiving of **Reconciliation** and **Communion:** Children in Years 2 and 3 will be eligible for Reconciliation and children in Year 3 will also be eligible for Holy Communion. Details of preparation for both these Sacraments are on the noticeboard, with copies on the table underneath which can be taken away