



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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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 THE FIRST READING. The first attempts of St. Paul (*still using his Jewish name Saul*) to be a Christian missionary. It follows his conversion and call from God to be an apostle to the wider world. *Hellenists* mentioned were those whose culture & language were Greek.

BACKGROUND TO THE GOSPEL. In Eastertide, we listen to the talk Jesus gave at the Last Supper, because it is like his *'last will and testament'* before his Passover of death, resurrection and ascension.

WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY Feast of Apostles Philip & James 8 a.m.
TUESDAY 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY 9 a.m. THURSDAY 7 p.m.
FRIDAY **no Morning Mass.** FRIDAY Filipino Nazarene Mass 7 p.m.

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 all Masses this weekend. **Please let us use the CWF envelopes today for donations to this Appeal.**

RECONCILIATION (Sacrament of Confession & Forgiveness) our priest is available in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 to 6.55 p.m. (before 7 p.m. Mass) and on Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m.

MASS COUNT. The Conference of Australian Bishops have required that there be counts of people taking part in our Sunday Masses (including Saturday evenings) over the first four weekends of May. The first two will only involve counting the number of people present but the third weekend will involve counting the number of males and females; the fourth weekend will involve counting the people present according to five categories of their ages: 0-17, 18-29, 30-49, 50-69, 70+. Pastoral Council members will make every effort to count in ways that do not intrude on people's privacy and do not disturb the prayer of Mass

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS: This Sacrament will be administered to adults at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday 23rd May at 10.30 a.m. Mass. If any adult here has not been Confirmed please our priest Brother Pat now.

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

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.

EMMANUEL PENTECOST RETREAT Sat. 22nd Sun. / 23rd May.
Please see the notice about the retreat on our noticeboard in the foyer.

A LIFE-SIZE STATUE OF JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD is coming from Vietnam to be placed in the shrine area constructed outside the main entrances of the Church. Kevin Gatto has laboured long and hard to beautify and solidify this shrine. A smaller statue of the Good Shepherd has been placed there until the main statue arrives. Kevin also created the shrine to our Blessed Lady Mary in the carpark area. Noel Passion installed the lighting the highlights the two shrines. Parishioners are invited to stop and pray and reflect at these two areas.

PLEASE SEE LIFE MARRIAGE & FAMILY BULLETIN on our noticeboard.