



himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

The scene of Jesus stepping ashore and taking pity on the crowds who were desperately looking for a guide and shepherd has always been a poignant and moving one. Jesus had taken the disciples aside after the rigours of their mission of preaching. It was to be a moment of rest and reflection, of coming to terms with what they had experienced and learned in their new-found mission. Perhaps what they learn, more than anything else, is the hunger and need the people have for what Jesus has to offer by his presence and teaching.

Centuries before, Jeremiah had spoken of God's promise to shepherd the people of Israel and to raise up new shepherds, and a truly wise king. With the mission of the Twelve, and the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus the people have the eyes to see that God's promises are being fulfilled. The time for a new beginning has come.

Paul and the communities formed by him had no experience of the earthly mission of Jesus and it naturally led them to ponder on what difference the life and death of Jesus had made. Today's reading from Ephesians invites us to see the death of Jesus as the means that God used to bring a new humanity to birth. The age-old division between Jews and Gentiles has now been broken down. It is as though Jesus on the cross took to himself all our anger, violence and division, transforming it by the power of his healing and self-giving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,

who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

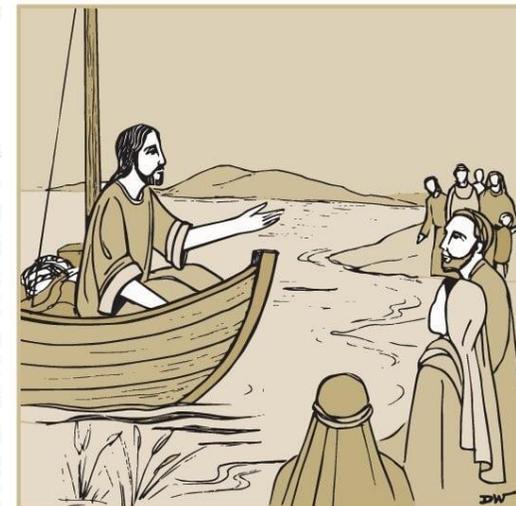
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in

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Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th July 2021



Recently Deceased: Widya Adidharma, Eileen Goodall, Margaret Ellem,

Our Deceased: Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; and deceased members of the Lobo family. Lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

Saint Mary Magdalene 22nd July, Saint James 25th July

PARISH NEWS:

- **All churches across greater Sydney remain closed until at least Friday, July 30 under a NSW Government lockdown aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.**
- Funerals are limited to 10 people, **excluding the person conducting a service for a funeral or any other person necessary for the conduct or preparation of the service.**
- Due to uncertainties brought by the Greater Sydney lockdown and all churches being closed until at least July 30, the scheduled **First Holy Communion Information Evening for Parents on July 28 has been tentatively moved to Wednesday, August 4 at 7pm via Zoom. Information and other details will be emailed prior. Thank you.**
- **New planned giving envelopes for the next financial year will be available for collection once lockdown ceases.** At the end of 2020-2021 financial year, Planned Giving contributors can request a tax receipt. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code or visit the parish website. Thank you for your continued support. 
- To all parish volunteers, if your WWCC number has expired or is expiring, please renew and provide the parish office with your new WWCC details. To renew go to: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/renew-working-children-check-wwcc>.
- **The parish office is closed until further notice.** Please send any enquiries by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or leave a message at 9874 2533. Thank you.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Zoom Basics for Parishes:** Do you want to keep connected with other parishioners during lockdown? Zoom is a simple online platform allowing people to connect and interact with one another. Learn the basics of Zoom, including how to schedule a meeting, how to navigate different Zoom functions and how to use Breakout Rooms. This session is open to anyone interested in learning how to use Zoom including Parish Priests, parish staff and parishioners. For more info email: tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org.au.
When: Tuesday, July 27 from 10am–11:15am. **Where:** Online via Zoom – [register here](#).

- **Position Vacant: Parish Secretary at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Hunters Hill (F/T, 37.5 hours/week, 8.30am to 5pm, Mon-Fri).** The successful candidate will provide a range of secretarial, accounts & office support services to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish. Applications must be addressed to the Parish Priest, Fr Kevin Bates on villamar@bigpond.net.au by 23 July. Enquiries & job description call 9817 5325.
- **Vinnies is proud to announce that over \$3 million was raised at the 2021 CEO Sleepout for New South Wales to help those who need it the most.** Many primary and high schools are also holding their own event and supporting the Vinnies Winter Appeal. To know more about the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Engagement Team, click on their Term 3 2021 Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/vinnieschoolnews2021term3>**

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

PROPHETS or PROFITS!

On cable television, it's easy to scan through and find some religious channels where the people leading the religious services appear to see themselves as a genuine religious prophet. We could well ask ourselves what are the signs of the true and the false religious prophet? The oldest known Christian manual for right living is called *The Didache* written about the year 100. The author(s) of this extraordinary document present this general rule; "if people only ask for money, then they're a false prophet." It's a simple message to remember that prophets and profits don't mix!

I have finished reading a book written by the well-known Uniting Church minister Reverend Bill Crewes it's titled; *The Twelve Rules for Living.* Mind you this is according to the author and not for all people in all times and places! After reading this book I'm convinced that Bill Crewes is a genuine modern day Christian prophet. He's one of those special people who effectively listens and serves the needs of the most marginalized people in our society. He is also able to inspire many others to do the same. In the Ashfield Uniting Church, he runs a restaurant appropriately called *The Loaves and Fishes*, and yes, they never run out of food! Jesus of Nazareth says something about false and true prophets in these words; "you will know them by their fruits, I repeat you will know them by their fruits." (Matthew Ch 10 v 20)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

As all Churches remain closed in Greater Sydney, we encourage everyone watching us online to receive Jesus through the Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

