

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 2: 14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 22: 1-6.

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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 – Peter 2: 20-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia

GOSPEL – John 10: 1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. 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. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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Let's reflect...

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ..." (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Fernando family

For those who have died recently: Tracey Muleta

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Veigus, Joachim Saldanha, Loyal & Sharon, Rosario D'Souza, Maggie Francis, Imelda & Leslie Borthwick, Maurice Dubier, George & Mallika Fernando, Theresa Joseph, Vincent & Bernie Fernando, Mary Michel, Yvonne Pires

Easter Good News! – Easter Hope!

The Paschal Mystery holds out the hope to humankind of the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven that knows no end. This Mystery is the Mystery of Christ, who suffered for us, was crucified, and rose from the dead. As we proclaim in faith, it is Jesus Christ who destroyed our death and restored our life. This sums up Easter – its good news, its hope. Yes, we are in the midst of the Easter season now; yet each Sunday is a little Easter.

The Risen Christ wears the wounds of all he found worth fighting for. If his body were to have risen renewed and healed of its scars, then it would be as though this life, our life, were nothing but a charade, an illusion; a test we endure with no real consequences. But this world matters. God loved it enough to send the Son, and we killed him for it. But Easter reminds us, year after year, Sunday after Sunday, that not even death stops us when God is with us. (Sourcebook)

It was in the approach to celebrating Easter, in fact, the day before Palm Sunday, when Michael Guinan died. He died on the brink of Holy Week, with his funeral held on Wednesday of Holy Week, the brink of the Triduum. Michael Guinan was the husband of Indrani, and father of Jonathan and Nathaniel. In St. Kevin's Parish, we know Indrani as a parish secretary. As a parish we extend heart-felt sympathy to Indrani and all the family in this time of loss and grief. We support Indrani and her sons by our prayer and pray Michael may rest in peace. May the good news and hope of Easter grant great comfort to all those who mourn at this time.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *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. 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. (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation.

Food For Our Spirits

On Wednesday, it was the feast of St. Catherine of Siena and, in these days, on the point of hope St. Catherine lends us some help. A particular message St. Catherine wrote down from the Lord was: "I never fail those who never fail in their hope. I provide for them as a kind, compassionate father." Quite personally, she also wrote "in the light of faith I am strong, constant, persevering; in the light of faith I have hope".