

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, TORONTO

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The call to 'Encounter Jesus' is both an invitation and a mission. We are an open, welcoming community that seeks to share the life and love of Jesus with every person we encounter. As a community, we strive to create those spaces where anyone can freely encounter the person of Jesus. We are further challenged to encounter Jesus in each other, in the world and in the life of the Church.

We acknowledge the Awabakal people as traditional owners of this land. As we journey in the footprints of those who walked the land before us, we are mindful of those in our community who carry the memories, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass Times Saturday: 5.30 pm
 Sunday: 8.00 am

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion takes place on the first Sunday of the month.

Reconciliation (when Mass is celebrated)

Saturday afternoon: 4.45pm

Weekday Mass & Liturgy of the Word

Monday 9.00 am Liturgy
 Tuesday 9.00 am Liturgy
 Wednesday 9.00 am Liturgy
 Thursday 9.00 am Liturgy
 Friday 9.00 am Liturgy

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Craft Group on Monday, 23rd April at 9.30am in the Conference Centre.

There is no ALPHA meeting this Wednesday.



LIVING PRAYER - PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

As we remember ANZAC Day this week, we pray for those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

PRAYING AS A COMMUNITY

"Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I gathered in their midst." Matt. 18:20

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

When: Friday mornings following the 9.00am Liturgy.

ROSARY

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9.20am (in the chapel).



WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Baptisms: Halle Compton, Olive Martin, Zairia and Nakoa Douglas

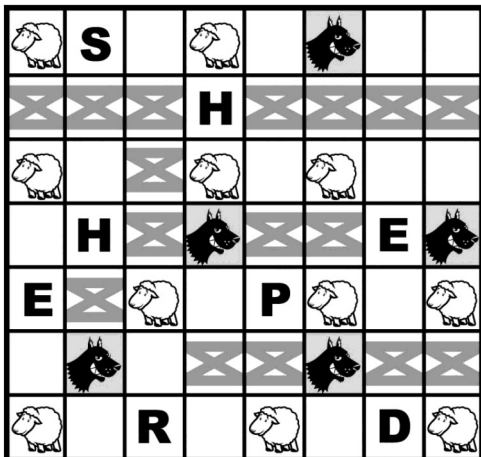
Sick List: Kath Burns, Sharon Jesudason, Nancy Brown, Tony Peart, Barbara Roberts, Sharon Jesudason

(Names will appear on the sick list for four weeks. Names may be relisted.)

Deaths: Leslie Ball, Bill Turnbull, Maria Finn

Anniversaries: William and Myrtle Johnson, John Shields, Pat Poynton, John Hunt

START



FINISH

Help gather all the sheep by connecting them together using only straight lines - including diagonal lines. But do not pass through fences or wolves. Complete the word below by adding each letter as your connecting line passes through it.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who takes care of his sheep. Draw a flock of sheep around Jesus.



"...we shall be like him..." - 1Jn 3.2

OUR MISSION IN CHRIST

This week, our words of reflection come from the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate* (19-24):

A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for "this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thess 4:3). Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel.

That mission has its fullest meaning in Christ, and can only be understood through him. At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with him. But it can also entail reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: his hidden life, his life in community, his closeness to the outcast, his poverty and other ways in which he showed his self-sacrificing love... "Christ enables us to live in him all that he himself lived, and he lives it in us".

The Father's plan is Christ, and ourselves in him. In the end, it is Christ who loves in us, for "holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full"... Every saint is a message which the Holy Spirit takes from the riches of Jesus Christ and gives to his people.

To recognize the word that the Lord wishes to speak to us through one of his saints, we do not need to get caught up in details, for there we might also encounter mistakes and failures. Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person.

This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens.



SHORTAGE OF PRIESTS

We are all well aware that our diocese is experiencing an ongoing shortage of priests, resulting in our current parish structure with a Parish Leader & Priest Supervisor.

Fr Geoff is Priest Supervisor for both Toronto and Morisset parishes, but has been assisted to date by Fr Reg at Morisset and Fr Gordon at Toronto to say Masses. Fr Gordon is no longer able to travel out to Toronto and Fr Reg is likely to become less available in the near future resulting in potential changes to Masses at Toronto and Morisset.

Meetings will be held immediately after the Sunday Celebration of the Word on Saturday 5th May and Sunday 6th May to discuss what this may entail for our parish. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Responsorial Psalm:



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ROSTERS

The new rosters are now available on the entrance table. For those who indicated on 'Gifting Sunday' that they would like to be involved in these ministries, we will take the time in this roster period to introduce you to the teams, provide formation and training in these ministries.

ANZAC DAY

We will have Liturgy of the Word as normal at 9am on Wednesday, 25th April, with the appropriate readings and prayers of the day.

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT STALL

The Craft Group will be holding their Mother's Day Stall over the weekend of 28th/29th April.

VOCATION VIEW: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. What love God has bestowed on us in calling us his children! Pray that you may be faithful to your vocational call. (1 John 3:1-2). For more information regarding Vocations contact vocations@mn.catholic.org.au