



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

3rd May 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

In the Arms of the Good Shepherd...



Sentence: ‘I am the good shepherd,’ says the Lord. ‘The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’ *John 10.11*

THE COLLECT

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2.42 – 47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

Said: I will fear no evil.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. ² He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters. ³ He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake. ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me...**R**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. ⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Peter chapter 2.1 - 10

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a

holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, ⁸ and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 10.1 – 10

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for church and the world.

Good Shepherd, you are the shepherd of many flocks: hear our prayers for all the people of the world. We pray for those in the grip of fear and anxiety as we all face the threat of the COVID 19 virus; for scientist and medical workers, those in the frontline caring for those affected and those suffering the effect of the spread of the virus suffering isolation; those working in food availability and distribution; for those who are hungry and without shelter; for those in the clutches of unscrupulous and uncaring leaders. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, that your people everywhere may be freed from want. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, you call each of us by name and claim us as your own: hear our prayers for your worldwide church. We pray for all who are shepherds to your flock, for Philip our Archbishop and Clarence our Bishop; for all who have lost their way or strayed from your path, for all who have heard your voice and come at your call. Guide us in the ways, that following you we may tread the path that leads to abundant life. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, each of your flock is precious in your eyes: hear our prayers for the communities in which we live. We pray for the very old, the very young and those unable to care for themselves; for the unemployed and those who cannot provide for their families; for all whom we love, for our families, our friends and for ourselves. Protect your people from the all danger and harm, that they may know your goodness and mercy in their lives. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, you seek especially your lost and wounded ones: hear our prayers for all in trouble or need. We pray for those who are anxious, those with no clear direction in life; for the lonely and those who grieve for loved ones; for the sick and the dying and for all who give them care. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Anne Foote, Debbie Chilcott, and Sally Davidson ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*] Comfort us on each dark and stony path, that in your presence we may not be afraid. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, you long to bring all your flock safely home: hear our prayers for your followers of every age. We give thanks for all who have heard your call and followed where you have led, and we remember those from this parish whom you have gathered into your fold. Heidi Weiher, Lynette Chandler (03rd); Joyce Jones

(04th); Raymond Pitman, Evelyn Carboon, Toni Caplehorn (5th). Mabel Fullard (6th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Be present with us through all our days and at our life's end bring us safely through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may come to dwell in your house for ever. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES:

Till we meet again: Our heartfelt thanks and well wishes go with Suzy and Aileen Callaghan as they leave our parish. You have become such an integral part of our parish family in a short while. Your love, generosity and creativity are deeply appreciated and your memory will remain edged on our hearts. Thank you for the huge contribution you have made to the life of the parish and the communities in which we live. We hope to have you and Aileen with us when we return to our church building and celebrate our new entrance. Always in our hearts and thoughts.

Self-isolating Parishioners: If we have any parishioners who are “self-isolating” due to the Coronavirus, but who need essentials from the shops or support in some way, please do not hesitate to contact the Wardens or Fr André. Whilst we might not be able to source valuable items like toilet paper, hand sanitiser or rice, we will try to make sure you are OK.

Finances: Ministry is continuing throughout the Parish with weekly services published on the internet, funerals being conducted, hospital and aged care visitation and general contact with Parishioners. There is also a great deal of help being provided to the community in general. Our website lists large numbers of people accessing and appreciating the efforts we are making at this difficult time. Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers at this time please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank. As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving so that we can plan any withdrawals we may need from Trust accounts. Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –

Account details: BENDIGO BANK –

Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore’;

BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.

Reference: Offertory

We hope to have a **Parish Chat on Zoom every Friday at 12.00 noon**. Please join us. Let Fr André know if you wish to be invited.

Emergency Relief: We are in NEED of groceries for those who are doing it tough in Kilmore. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Thursday morning.

**ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED TILL FURTHER NOTICE;
Op Shop closed till further notice.**

Next Sunday 10th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 7.55 - 60; Ps 31.1 – 5,17 - 18; 1 Peter 2.11 – 25; John 14.1 – 14

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 11; 12	Ps 13; 14
4 th May	Numbers 3.5 – 13, 40 – 51	Exodus 24
	John 11.1 – 16	1 Corinthians 3.18 – 4.5
Tuesday	Ps 15; 16	Ps 17.1 – 13; 15 – 16
5 th May	Numbers 6.1 – 8, 22 – 7.5	Exodus 25.1 – 22
	John 11.17 – 37	1 Corinthians 4.6 – 21
Wednesday	Ps 18.1 – 31	Ps 18.32 – 38, 45 – 52
6 th May	Numbers 9.15 – 10.10	Exodus 25.31 – 40
	John 11.38 – 44	1 Corinthians 5
Thursday	Ps 19	Ps 119.1 – 16
7 th May	Numbers 10.35 – 11.15	Exodus 28.1 – 6; 29.1 – 9
	John 11.45 – 54	1 Corinthians 6.1 – 11
Friday	Ps 20; 21.1 – 7	Ps 24; 26
8 th May	Numbers 11.16 – 33	Exodus 29.38 – 30.8
	John 11.55 – 12.8	1 Corinthians 6.12 – 20
Saturday	Ps 22.1 – 22	Ps 22.23 – 32; 23
9 th May	Numbers 12	Exodus 31
	John 12.9 – 19	1 Corinthians 7.1 – 11

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Our services are available from about 09.00am on Sundays on our Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/> or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. Its also on the link Services Online on the website.

Prayer from Thomas Merton for our time of uncertainty. Let us all pray this prayer every day at 12.00 noon. Please join me. Blessings. André

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.