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**18th July 2021**  
**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6  
Ephesians 2: 13-18  
Mark 6: 30-34

**“The work of shepherding begins in relationships of mutual love and trust, spiritual friendships where sheep and shepherd know, love, and care about one another.”- T.M. Moore**

In today's Gospel, St. Mark very strongly brings out the compassion, the human understanding of Jesus for man. He first planned to give his Apostles a well-earned rest. They had evidently worked hard while out on their mission and a few days rest would restore their lost energy. He himself, too, must have been hard pressed, preaching and dealing with the crowds. In the absence of the Apostles, he had no one to help him—he too needed a rest. He, therefore, planned that he and they should go to a quiet corner of the Sea of Galilee where there was no village there and therefore, they would not be disturbed.

The desire of the crowds, however, to see him and to hear him speak upset these plans. The people got to the quiet spot first. There they were waiting when the boat pulled to shore. He could have sent them away, but again, his human compassion took over. Seeing these simple people of Galilee so anxious to hear about God and his mercy, he let them stay and began to preach the good news of forgiveness and hope to them. For the most part they were simple, unlettered villagers, shepherds and fishermen. They knew a little about the Law of Moses, but only a little. There was no one but the local rabbi to teach them and the local rabbis were not very educated at that time. The doctors of the law, the great theologians were all in Jerusalem where they got the respect and the financial reward which they felt they merited. Hence, the people of the country were more or less forgotten and neglected. They were, as our Lord described them, "like sheep without a shepherd," wandering about half-lost.

They were certainly fortunate, however, in finding the true shepherd who would lead them to the eternal pastures. Not only would he now sacrifice his rest to come to their aid but he would, later on, lay down his life for them and for all of us. We, like those poor people of Galilee, have so much to be grateful for. The compassionate Christ has had pity on us too, and has brought us into his fold. He knows all our infirmities and all our human weaknesses, and he is ever-ready to have pity on us and pardon us. Those people of Galilee were not saints, they were not overly religious, but ordinary, run-of-the mill people. They cheated one another; they were often uncharitable to one another; they were not always chaste and pure; they prayed very little and perhaps only when they wanted some material benefit. Yet our Lord had compassion on them.

This should give us great confidence and great encouragement. Christ has not changed: he is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has the same compassion for us that he had for those Galileans; we too are often like sheep without a shepherd wandering half-lost through life (Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M). There are many lost sheep of today's world facing marginalization, loneliness, isolation and depression through family separations, addictions, trafficking, poverty, racism, tribalism, social injustice and confusion due to the dissemination of misinformation that permeates society. There are so many elderly people who feel 'lost'. There are people who reach out to such 'lost sheep' but more shepherds are needed. In what way, can I embrace the shepherding in the given context of my life and lead them to green pastures of life. The biblical definition of shepherd is one who watches over, looks after and guides someone (Ps 23:1).

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "We can do no great things. Only little things with great love. You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do something beautiful for God."

Stay home, stay safe and well!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince





## PARISH TEAM

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## PARISH SERVICES

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

### Children's Liturgy

TBA

### Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the  
9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday at 11:20  
(Must make a booking)

**Weddings:** By appointment

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Come and be part of our beautiful community!



There was once a little shepherd boy called Nino, who lived in a little village at the foot of a mountain, with green meadows and a plentiful river. But it wasn't just the beautiful nature that made the village a charming place, it was also the kindness of its one hundred inhabitants.

The little shepherd boy was always with his flock of sheep, his dog and his little donkey. Every day before the sun came up, Nino the little shepherd boy was already ready to milk the sheep and goats in his flock and then go out onto the meadows with them.

Although he was a little older now, Nino the little shepherd boy still spent all day outside, returning just before it grew dark as tired as his flock. Being a shepherd was indeed a very selfless job, for you needed to be strong and fit to spend all day every day walking through the fields. And there was the milking to be done too, so that people could have milk and cheese.

Whenever there was too much milk from milking the sheep and goats, the little shepherd boy would usually share it out among the villagers.



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## St Mary MacKillop

### Feast Day: 19 July

If Saint Mary MacKillop were alive today, she would be a household name. It's not that she



sought the limelight. On the contrary, she simply wanted to serve the poor wherever she found them in her native Australia. But along the way, she managed to arouse the ire of some rather powerful churchmen. One even excommunicated her for a time. Born in Melbourne in 1842, to parents who had emigrated from Scotland, Mary grew up in a family that faced constant financial struggles. As a young woman she was drawn to religious life but could not find an existing order of Sisters that met her needs. In 1860, she met Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters. Its members were to staff schools especially for poor children, as well as orphanages, and do other works of charity. As the congregation grew, so did Mary MacKillop's problems. Her priest-friend proved unreliable in many ways and his responsibilities for direction of the Sisters were removed. Meanwhile, Mary had the support of some local bishops as she and her Sisters went about their work. But the bishop in South Australia, aging and relying on others for advice, briefly excommunicated Mary—charging her with disobedience—and dispensed 50 of her Sisters from their vows. In truth, the bishop's quarrel was about power and who had authority over whom.—continued—

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-mary-mackillop>



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### Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

### 'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive).

### Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

### Manage your Fertility Naturally!

Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? **Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta** might just have the answers you're searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or [catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org](mailto:catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

### Thank you for supporting our seminarians – our future priests

Your kind-hearted gifts through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal provide for the education, formation, spiritual guidance and practical experience our seminarians need to deepen their faith and prepare for a life of service to our community. Thanks to the generosity of our faith community, we have almost raised \$300,000. If you haven't had a chance to donate, you can still do so by visiting [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your kind prayers, faithful accompaniment and caring support.



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<b>18 JULY</b>	WELCOMERS				
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR				
	READERS			Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS			<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	FLOWERS			<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Kathy Fenech

<b>25 JULY</b>	WELCOMERS				
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR				
	READERS			Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	
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