

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Ac 4:8-12 Ps 117 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. We are the sheep for whom he has laid down his life, putting everything aside for our sake – his natural human desire for an easy life, the security and familiarity of a home life, his time, his sleep, his tiredness, and his preference to avoid persecution, torture and death.

We are the sheep who recognize our Shepherd's voice and willingly follow him to better pastures. We want him to be our Good Shepherd. We want his protection, his guidance, and his love.

However, sometimes we forget to listen for his voice. This usually happens when life doesn't go as planned, the way WE want it to. In frustration and fear, we assume that Jesus has left the sheepfold. We think he's gone after the lost sheep and left us behind to fend for ourselves, and – oh no! – this is surely when the wolves attack! Doesn't he realize that? How could he do this to us if he really cares as much about us as he says he does? Why is he more concerned about the sheep who strayed than he is about us who are good sheep?

However, no matter how busy Jesus gets and no matter how far he has to go to rescue lost sheep, he never leaves our side. He is always with us. When life doesn't go the way it should, it's not because he's abandoned us. It's because he's prodding us with his shepherd's staff, trying to get us to move in a different direction, and we just haven't believed it.

We don't want to go in that other direction. We like the familiarity of this old pasture. We're getting annoyed at the tap-tap-tapping of the staff on our heads. And we won't discover the blessing of this discipline until we turn again to Jesus with eyes of trust and ears that are attentive to everything he says, even if at first we don't like what he's saying.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

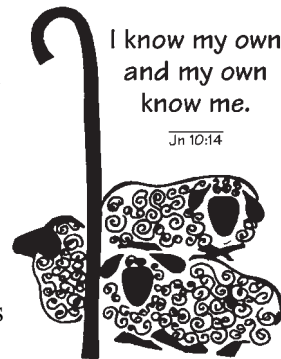
*In what areas of your life do you feel lost and alone or abandoned? What activities can you do that will restore your vision and your hearing so you can recognize the presence of your Good Shepherd?*

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

*Name some of the ways that the Good Shepherd's voice calls out to us. Share the story of a time when he prodded you but at first you didn't realize it was him. When did something feel painful until you realized that you were going in the wrong direction? What helped you recognize the voice and the staff of the Good Shepherd?*

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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**WELCOME:** Our warm welcome to all who worship with our parish community. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a census form at the parish office. You may also request to have your house blessed.

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** are celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except during the season of Lent. Parents and Godparents are required to come for a preparatory session 45 minutes before the 6pm Mass. Please register at the parish office.

**CATECHISM CLASSES:** Pri.1 - Sec.4 are offered in the parish as well as the FIRE programme - Family Integrated Religious Education. Please enquire at the parish office.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements for a Church wedding should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend either a Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or an Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms and booking of wedding date at the parish office.

**PRAYER & BLESSINGS** at all Masses for wedding anniversary couples on the 1st Sunday of the month and for expectant parents on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please be seated close to the sanctuary.

**MASS OFFERING:** To offer Mass for any intention, please fill in the special Mass offering envelope, enclosed the stipend and drop it in the steel box in the lobby.

### DURING THE WEEK

Monday 8:00pm Powerhouse Prayer Assembly  
 Tuesday 5:00pm Prayer for Vocation  
 Tuesday 8:00pm Charismatic Prayer  
 Friday 8:00pm Divine Mercy Hour  
 Wednesday & Saturday, 9.00am Church Cleaning (Willing Hands).  
 Volunteers are most welcome.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 6:30am  
 5:00pm (Novena)  
 6:00pm (Sunset Mass)  
 2nd Saturday : 7:30pm (Mass in Tagalog)  
 Sunday : 6:45am; 8am (Mandarin);  
 9:30; 11am; 12:30 & 6pm  
 1st Sunday : 11am Children's Mass (Chapel)  
 Weekdays : 6:30am & 6pm  
 Public Holidays : 9am only

## Vocation Sunday

3 May 2009

### PRIESTS:

Fr. Johnson Fernandez 6784 1211  
 Fr. Timothy Yeo 6786 5043  
 Fr. Albert Ng 6784 3190  
 Fr. Paul Ngo Thanh Phong 6784 6418

### PARISH STAFF:

6784 2332  
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 Julie Chan Secretariat  
 Raymond Tan Maintenance  
 Thomas Cheang Hon. Accountant

### Mon, 4 May: 4th week of Easter

Ac 11:1-18 Ps 41 Jn 10:1-10  
**Tue, 5 May: Easter [4];**  
 Ac 11:19-26 Ps 86 Jn 10:22-30  
**Wed, 6 May: Easter [4];**  
 Ac 12:24-13,5a Ps 66 Jn 12:44-50  
**Thu, 7 May: Easter [4];**  
 Ac 13:13-25 Ps 88 Jn 13:16-20  
**Fri, 8 May: Easter [4];**  
 Ac 13:26-33 Ps 2 Jn 14:1-6  
**Sat, 9 May: Easter [4];**  
 Ac 13:44-52 Ps 97 Jn 14:7-14

**HOLY FAMILY SHRINE**

4 to 10 May at the home of Arnold & Gemma Rivera. Blk 456 Pasir Ris Dr 4, #06-293. Tel: 65852014.

Rosary devotion on Monday, Tuesday & Sunday at 8:15pm. All are welcome.

Enquiries: Phillip Fan: 65856410 / 97465678



**DURING THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, 4 MAY**

**POWERHOUSE PRAYER ASSEMBLIES**

at 8:00pm in the Chapel "Praying for Youth". All are welcome!

**TUESDAY, 5 MAY**

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY**

Praise and worship at 8pm in the Chapel followed by a session on 'Forgiving from the Heart' by Fr Albert Ng. All are welcome.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

at 8:00pm in room 16.

**WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY**

**FAITH FORMATION**

A Quick Journey Through The Bible 7:30-9:45pm in the parish hall. Facilitator: Sr Christine Santhou.

**THURSDAY, 7 MAY**

**LEGION OF MARY**

May is the month dedicated to Mary. In honour of Our Lady, we will be screening the movie "Mary Mother of God" in the parish hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

**FRIDAY, 8 MAY**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Non-Violent Communication Workshop 8 to 10pm in the parish hall. Facilitator: Sr Rosalia Yeo.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER DEVOTION**

8pm in the Chapel.

**CHANGE OF TIME FOR SATURDAY NOVENA**  
**5pm**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Do you want to know more about the Catholic faith?

Call your non-Catholic family members & friends to join the three new RCIA journey for English or Mandarin-speaking and the youths.

Sponsors and facilitators are also needed for these groups.

Registration forms available at the parish office and on our website: www.holytrinity.org.sg.

**CLASSES IN ENGLISH**

will begin on **Tuesday, 5 May at 7:45pm.**

**CLASSES IN MANDARIN**

will begin on **Monday, 15 June at 7:45pm.**

**CLASSES FOR THE YOUTHS (RCIY)**

will begin on **Friday, 15 May at 7:45pm** in room 12. *The RCIY programme is specially tailored for youths who want to learn more about our faith and those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Initiation.*



**SATURDAY, 9 MAY VESAK DAY, PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Morning Mass at 9am

Novena at 5pm

Sunset Mass at 6pm

**NO catechism classes for all levels.**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**PASIR RIS CNG I**

Being the Month of Blessed Virgin Mary, come and join us for Rosary Devotion on Friday, 8 May at 8:30pm

Place: Blk 479 Pasir Ris Dr 4 #03-439

Host: Jennifer Tan. All are welcome!

Website: <http://pasirrisrng.spaces.live.com>

Contact Kenny 93293965 or Julie 96493447

**SIMEI CNG ROSARY PRAYER**

Thursday 7May at 8:15pm at the home of Daniel & Lucy Tan. All are welcome!

Blk 117 Simei St.1 # 08-540.

Contact : Daniel 97522402

website : [www.simeicng.com](http://www.simeicng.com)

**HOLY TRINITY FEAST DAY**

**Sunday, 7 June.** Tickets for the Food & Fun Fair are on sale in the church lobby. All proceeds for the building of Church of Divine Mercy.

**CANTEEN NEXT WEEK**

Will be operated by the Neo-Catechumenal Way. Do come and lend your support.

**THE CATHOLIC NEWS**

is available this weekend.

Get a copy for the family and read all about the various religious communities in Singapore.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Would like to thank all their generous benefactors for their generous donation of \$16,937.65 for the month of April 2009.

**CELEBRATE MARRIAGE 2009**

Sat, 23 May @ Holy Cross, Clementi, starting at 9am. Talks: 1) Catholic Education in the Home by Bro Adrian Danker; 2) Family Life in the 21st Century by Bro Colin Wee; 3) Is the Marriage Vow Relevant Today by Msgr Eugene Vaz and 4) Interreligious Marriages by Sister Theresa Seow. There are also children and youth programmes, and baby-sitting service.

Mass at 12noon will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Nicholas Chia, with blessing of milestone anniversary couples. Register at [marriage-encounter-sg.org](http://marriage-encounter-sg.org).

**SERVICES**

**FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Ms Jackie (Appointment co-ordinator)

Please call after office hours: 97978319



**BETHANY** Wednesdays, except  
**FREE** public holidays, from  
**THERAPY** 10 to 11:30am in room 12

**LEGAL AID**

Monday, 25 May, 7:30pm to 9pm.

Please register at the Parish office.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

For cancer patients / caregivers call:

Patrick 97287425 or Theresa 96819205

**SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC**

- 1) NO communion on the tongue;
- 2) NO hand-shake at the sign of peace;
- 3) NO holy water at the fonts and
- 4) Those with fever and the common cold are advised not to attend Church services.

**CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY**

Masses at:-

**Hai Sing Catholic School Hall,** has been suspended temporarily until further notice.

Enquiries, contact Nicole at 98459286.

**POSITIVE PARENTING CONVENTION**

Saturday, 13 June, DBS Auditorium

*If you wish to keep your parenting role joyful instead of stressful, then sign up NOW!*

Organised by Morning Star Community Services to help parents keep in touch with trends in today's parenting and the needs of children.

For more information, please call Sharon or Jessica at 63158812 or visit their website at [www.morningstar.org.sg](http://www.morningstar.org.sg)

**BE AWAKENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Praise@Work Life In The Spirit Seminar 2009 is a 6-weeks session for working adults held every Saturday at St. Bernadette's Church from 30 May to 4 Jul, 2:30 - 5:30pm.

Fees: \$25 exclude stay in retreat on

Fri, 26 Jun (7:30pm) – Sun 28 Jun (1:30pm).

For enquiries and registration, please email [liss@praiseatwork.org](mailto:liss@praiseatwork.org) or contact

Stella 97550829 or Patricia 81257238

Closing Date: 23 May. For more information, visit <http://www.praiseatwork.org/>

**ADDRESSING THE PASTORAL NEEDS OF THE CATECHIST** by Br. Collin Wee

Sat, 30 May, 9:00am – 1pm, CAEC 2 Highland Road, contribution: \$10

Organised by Singapore Pastoral Institute

To register: Call 68583011 or Fax 68582011

email: [spi@catholic.org.sg](mailto:spi@catholic.org.sg)

For more information & registration form, visit, [www.catholicspi.org](http://www.catholicspi.org)