

# 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR YEAR B

Christ the shepherd of the people.

Jesus Christ looks on the people with compassion because they are like sheep without a shepherd. He teaches the Good News that the people who have been dispersed like lost sheep will be brought back into the fold. It is our vocation to remind people that through his blood Christ is the peace between us

## OPENING PRAYER

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING:** The prophet Jeremiah 23:1-6.  
*The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.*

**PSALM:** 23

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

**SECOND READING:** The letter of S. Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18.  
*Jesus Christ is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 6:30-34.  
*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

**Preacher:** Father Mark Catherall  
Parish Priest & Vicar

## MASS INTENTIONS

The response in the prayers to; The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

Recognising our brokenness and disunity as your Church,  
we pray for your leading to draw us closer to one another as we draw closer to you;  
we pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters in this parish and community,  
and for all who are searching for meaning in their lives.

*Silence*      The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

With the noise of global conflicts and human deprivation thundering in our ears,  
with the questions and doubts clamouring,  
we pray for your shepherding of our humanness and your leading in the secret places of the heart.

*Silence*      The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

With the statistics of family life challenging our values,  
and with the pressures to conform to norms in conflict with God's will,  
we pray for your sound and centred wisdom in all our daily living and life choices.

*Silence*      The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

With the stressed and overburdened, the overworked and the unemployed, we pray for balanced lives;  
for physical, mental and spiritual health; for patience in times of trouble,  
and direction in times of confusion.

We pray in particular for the sick known to us:

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| Christine | Peter | Enzo | Ezekeiel | Michael | David | Doris | Andre |
| Margaret  | Sue   | Joan | Guy      | Tim     | Ray   | Terry |       |
| Frank     | Herta | Jean | Simon    | Cindy   | Lois  | Eva   |       |

We pray for all those who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus and its variants, particularly those in our hospitals and in intensive care, and ask the Lord that we, our families and our community may be brought safely through this pandemic.

*Silence*      The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

As we remember with love and gratitude the lives of those who have died in faith,  
we commend them to your eternal rest and unchanging affection.

In particular we commend to your eternal presence the members of our own families, the recently departed; and for all those whose anniversary falls at this time, namely:

18<sup>th</sup> Albert Harry Brown.  
19<sup>th</sup> Leslie John Horswell, Jo Bunting, Sandra Jefferys.  
20<sup>th</sup> Mary Ruck.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Gillian Davies  
24<sup>th</sup> Sarah Elizabeth Dodd.

✦ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;      **and may light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace;                              **and rise in glory.**

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

*Silence*            The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

We are all reliant on the intercessions and prayers of others.  
Therefore we join our prayers with those of your saints;  
S. Philip and S. James and Mary, the Mother of God, as we say together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessèd art thou amongst women  
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

With the crowds of Galilee our hearts are lifted with joy at your presence among us,  
for we know that you have the words of eternal life.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**