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CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest: Fr Dishan Candappa
Assistant Priest: Fr Samuel Pearson
Deacon: Rev Poukesi Vaka'uta

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: 10:00 – 1pm
Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 AM – 2PM

PARISH SCHOOLS

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75 French Road
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Monday – Saturday:
9:15 AM - Good Shepherd

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6:00 PM - Good Shepherd
Sunday: 9:00 AM - St Carlo Borromeo
11:00 AM - Good Shepherd
5:00 PM - Good Shepherd

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

At Good Shepherd Church on the first Friday of the month after morning Mass & Wednesday at 6pm.

MARIAN NOVENA

Wednesday at 6:30 PM preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00 PM

CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Wed-Fri: 8:40 AM - 9:00 AM
Wed: 6:00 PM – 6:20 PM
Saturday: 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, or by appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

2ND & 4TH Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 PM. Bookings essential.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Bookings to be made 6 months prior to wedding date. Bookings made through Parish Office.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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