

2020	OUR LADY OF SORROWS
S A C R E D  H E R E T	The Children's Liturgy.....  @ Home!

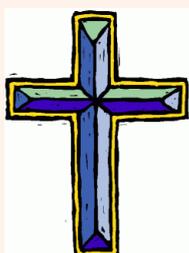


Welcome to the Sunday May 3rd edition of 'The Children's Liturgy', devoted to our children. We have included activities that would normally take place during our Church celebrations. Instead, during our time of isolation, we all celebrate together in our homes. There is a guide for parents to discuss the gospel and the readings with your children. We would love to see what you have been up to! Please send photos of your activities to :

'Loaves and Fishes' our group on Facebook. If you don't have Facebook please send them to : shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### Prayer for Vocations

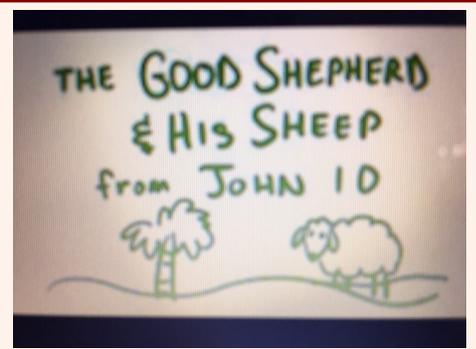
God, thank you for loving me.  
In Baptism you called me  
by name  
to live as your child.  
Help all your people to know  
their call in life.  
For your greater glory, raise up  
generous leaders  
to serve as priests, deacons,  
sisters, and brothers.  
Amen.



### At the Movies

Have a look at this video of  
the Gospel of John the  
Good Shepherd

[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=uKtW\\_3yQXBw&t=9s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKtW_3yQXBw&t=9s)



### 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepard Sunday

#### First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

#### Second Reading:

Peter 2:20-25

#### Gospel:

St. John 10:1-10

Lots of great resources  
for Easter at these sites:

[www.catholicicing.com/](http://www.catholicicing.com/)

[www.cafod.org.uk/  
Education/](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/)

(Virtual Children's Liturgy )

[www.svp.org.uk/mini-  
vinnies/activities](http://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies/activities)

Here is a story:

### THE NEW SCHOOL BAG

Janey loved her new school bag. She was so proud of its shiny zippers and the cool pockets. On the bus on the first day of school, she made certain that all the other children saw it. She held it out to her best friend and said, "Look Billy, isn't it cool?" Billy mumbled something that sounded like, "Yeh, cool." Some of Janey's excitement seemed to melt away. Billy sounded kind of quiet. "What's wrong, Billy?" Billy answered, "Nothing—nothing you can fix anyway." Janey knew that Billy's family wasn't like hers but didn't know what to say. "What do you mean?" she finally asked. Billy said, "Well my family talked and we decided that we wanted to give some money to the mission at church. So this year I have to use my brother's old bag. But it is ok. Sometimes I feel kind of jealous but I am glad anyhow." Janey wondered even more. Why would someone use an old school bag and give money away? What did Billy mean? She asked, "Why would you give away your money? Why are you glad, Billy?" The response came quickly, "Because somebody needed the money more than us." Janey thought about this a lot. Finally she asked her next door neighbour, Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller always seemed to have time to talk with Janey when other adults were too busy. Mr. Miller considered Janey's question for a long time. "Well, Janey, sometimes it is more important to think of what someone else needs rather than what you want." Mr. Miller continued, "We try to be like Jesus who came to earth and gave his entire life for us. So in a little way, giving to others and not getting everything that we want is sort of like doing what Jesus did for us." Janey asked, "So I can act like Jesus?" "Yes," Mr. Miller said, "in a way, we honour Jesus by giving to others." Janey smiled, "That is what I want too Mr. Miller. I want to be like Jesus." Mr. Miller grinned back and said, "I think Jesus is happy to hear you say that."

#### Discussion questions:

Today Jesus told us he is the gate. He is telling us that he is our role model and that we should be like him. In this story, Janey learns one way she might be able to try to be like Jesus.

Can you remember what Jesus says, right at the end of today's gospel?

**Jesus says, "I have come so that you might have life – life in all its fullness."**

What do you think it means to have life in all its fullness? Living life to the full doesn't mean having all the latest toys or the most fashionable clothes or the biggest house.

And it doesn't even mean just having all the things we need in life, like enough food and somewhere safe to live, although this is a really important part of living life to the full.

It also means being the best person that we can be, living our lives well and having the chance to use all our gifts and talents for the good of all.

What gifts and talents do you have? What are you good at?

Do you always make the most of the gifts that you have? Do you always try to be the best person you can be?

#### Something to think about...

Together families can decide to be like Jesus, just like a single person can try to act this way. Can you think of something you can do together that will show the world you want to be like Jesus and live your life to the full, doing all you can to help others and using your gifts and talents for the good of others?

Today, together, think of one act of kindness that will show someone else the love of Jesus. Who benefited the most — your family or the recipient of your kindness?

## Making a Shepherd and His Sheep

Remember that Jesus loves us very much and he wants what is best for us. Jesus wants us to be safe – he wants us to keep away from anything that might hurt us or hurt our souls. Jesus is like a fence around the sheep – the fence around the sheep that keeps out thieves and wolves. Jesus wants us to stay close to him because he loves us. When the Gospel of John talks about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, it is a reference to Jesus loving us very much. A good shepherd takes such good care of his sheep that when he talks and calls to them, they know his voice. We cannot hear Jesus' actual voice with our ears, but we listen to him through the scriptures. The Good Shepherd would go so far as to die for his sheep, and that is exactly what Jesus did for us.

**So go ahead and make your own toilet roll shepherd and cotton pad sheep to remind us that Jesus is our shepherd. Just copy the pictures.**



### CAFOD, A GIRL CALLED GLORIA AND LIMA, A CITY IN PERU

Lima, a city in Peru, is extremely dry, with very little rain. Which means that it faces many challenges, particularly when it comes to the climate.

Lima is surrounded by a chain of mountains called the Lomas de Lima. Lomas means 'hills'. These mountains are very important and are known as Lima's 'green lung'. But despite their importance they are under threat from pollution and mining.

But children in schools in Lima are doing what they can to protect them. Supported by CAFOD, a local organisation called CIDAP have set up an eco-brigade in four local schools.

Gloria is 11 and is a member of one of the eco-brigades. She says: "If I could change the world, I would collect water and grow plants. If there are no plants, there is no life. They give us life; they protect us so that we can breathe fresh air."

Gloria and the other members of the eco-brigades are using their talents to protect the Lomas and to make the world a better place for their community and for all of us. Go to [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

To find out more about the good work done by CAFOD.

## JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

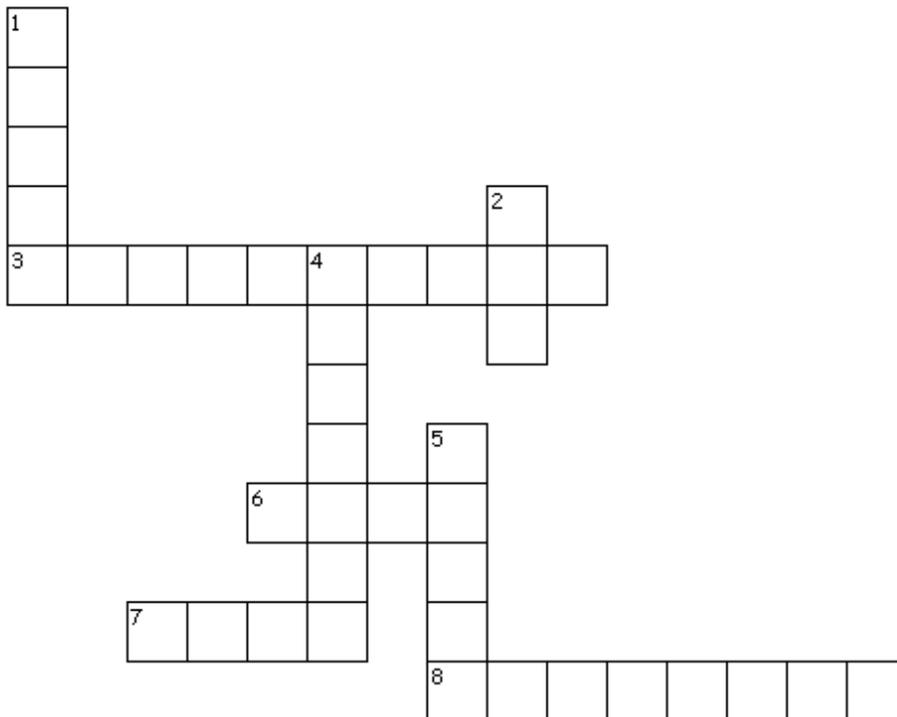
Try to complete this crossword which is based on today's readings:

### Across

3. According to Peter, in today's readings, what is given to us by God?
6. What Jesus gives us
7. What today's readings call Jesus
8. The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

1. What draws us closer to God
2. What separates us from God
4. God's word to us is his \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ loves us always and forever



Jesus is my  
Good Shepherd!

