

Thought for the day – Tuesday 27th April 2021

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What have we got in common with the sheep? - Psalm 23:

My grandfather was a farmer, and he had many animals, sheep, goat, chicken, and few cows. I learnt how to look after animals at an early age. It is hard work, feeding, herding, and watering livestock is hard work, and often dirty and smelling. I grew up able to look after animals and we had our own farm where we grew our own crops and vegetables, to the extent that we did not go to the market often, except to sell some of our produce.

Last Sunday we dealt a lot about the sheep.

Jesus is the good shepherd; we are the sheep. Sheep are notorious, for ignoring dangers, straying away, graze all day, and can be easy targets for wolves. We human beings have a lot in common with sheep, sometimes we do stray away from the path of righteousness and commit some acts of sin. The book of (1ST Peter 5: 8) reminds us that we need to be careful of the wicked one who is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. We need time to be still so that we can hear the voice of the Good- Shepherd urging and encouraging us to turn to God and live the life of the spirit. The Good- Shepard leads us out of our cold indifference into the warmth of God's merciful and compassionate love, especially the poor, needy, weak and vulnerable. The Good – Shepard also guides us to live according to the Spirit and to produce good fruit of the spirit, love, goodness, self- control, faithfulness, and forbearance. Are we prepared to listen to the voice of God?

Bible Readings:

[Psalm 23](#) and [John 10:11-18](#)

Prayer:

God our father, you are the creator and the giver of all good things, we thank you for your love, kindness, and mercy on all your creation. Create in us an open, receptive, willing, and generous heart eager to obey and follow you always. Help us to hear your voice always so that we can change and transform our lives and others for your glory.

Amen.