



FOURTH SUNDAY EASTER YEAR B 25 April 2021 Liturgy and Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty and ever-living God,
give us new strength from the courage of Christ our shepherd,
and lead us to join the saints in heaven.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)

2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



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This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may continue to guide the church as a shepherd cares for his sheep. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christians all over the world will be united in Christ as one true flock.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may always remember the love God has for us.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wandered from the flock will be returned with a strengthened spirit.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through God's merciful love, especially John Shiels, Kate Glendenning, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermert, Val Biggers and Celia Roach. (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be granted eternal life, especially Helen Goddard, Barbara Camiller, James Clarke, and our own deceased relatives and friends (pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

*Father, eternal shepherd,
watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ
and lead us to the promised land.
Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

We had another good attendance last Saturday for the Vigil. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: has been suspended until Father Mick is in the parish and times can be discussed.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 2 May in the church at 10.30am.

Anzac Day Ecumenical Service: Sunday 25 April at 9.30am in our church, followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits. Please bring a small plate of Anzac biscuits to share.

Baptism this Saturday 24 April

PPC meeting: 27th April, following the 10am Mass in the Church.

James Clarke graveside funeral: Thursday 22 at 1.00pm

Good Shepherd Sunday this Sunday: please support our two seminarians. Envelopes are available or Phone (02) 6239 9801 or online at www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep

Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11th May

St Bede's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. *The Marriage Course*, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks.

Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27th at bit.ly/TMCinonight

Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>

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money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. [Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022.

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Cleaners: Pauline still needs an offsider. Can you help?

30 April: Margaret and Barbara. **14 May:** Helen P and Judith. **28 May:** _____ and Pauline

Please note the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week: Fifth Sunday Easter: 1st: Acts 9:26-31. 2nd: 1 Jn 3:18-24. Gospel: John 15:1-8.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
24 April	Geoff	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
1 May	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
8 May	James	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
15 May	Geoff	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe, Helen Hart