



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YEAR B**

**21 April 2024**

**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 10:11-18

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.'



## **REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow.

Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noisemaking. Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did yesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves.

Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all.

Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Reader: For all in the Church who shepherd and guide communities of faith.

*(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

Reader: For unity among the nations of the world. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

Reader: For the defenceless ones of our society. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

Reader: For this community, the flock of Christ. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

Reader: For the sick, including the injured victims of the Bondi and Wakeley stabbings, Patrick Thomas, Kerry Prothero, Dennis Dempsey, Penny Crawford, Patrick Hynes, Tony Riley, Jenny Bodman, Violet Davis, Ross Lawless, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Val Biggers, Ross Lawless and all who need our prayers. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

We pray for the recently deceased, the victims of the Bondi stabbings, Florrie Coffey and Archbishop Carroll . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will be led by their Good Shepherd to the banquet of eternal life. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Father, eternal shepherd,*

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

*Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm until end April**

**Mass: Saturdays at 5.00pm.**

**Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am**

**Social Justice Group: 7 May at 3pm in the Presbytery**

**Scripture: Tuesdays at 4pm in the Presbytery.**

**Anzac Day Ecumenical Service** 9.30am in St. Bede's Church, followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits before the march. Please bring a small plate of biscuits to share.

**The St Bede's parish 'Call to Connect' women's Ministry warmly welcomes all women to a Mother's Day Breakfast.** Let's come together to celebrate the gift of mothering, enjoy each other's company and pray for one another.

At: St Bede's school hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024. 8am-9.30am



Cost: \$12. Sorry no refunds due to costs incurred. RSVP by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April with exact cash to James' coffee window.

**CONCERT** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, from 2pm. Wilbur Whitta 'Wildfire' Jazz Quartet in St Andrews Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood. Tickets: \$40 adult, \$35 concession, under 18s FREE. Online: <https://events.humanitix.com/wilbur-whitta-wildfire-jazz-quartet> or pay at the door from 1.30pm. Cash welcome. Organised by Braidwood Concert Series

**Resignation:** following on from Michael's announcement on Saturday night, I would like to inform you all that I will be retiring from my position of Parish Secretary at the end of June. Before that I will be taking annual leave in May and June, so effectively I will vacate the position at the end of this month. I have enjoyed my time in this position (24 years) and always considered it as a vocation rather than a job and will find it difficult to leave it all behind. The position will be advertised in various media this week. Thank you to all who showed your appreciation of my time in the job last Saturday night. Helen Hart

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 4:8-12. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 John 3:1-2. Gospel: John 10:11-18.

**Next Sunday readings:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 9:26-31. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 John 3:18-24. Gospel: John 15:1-8.

**Radio Church:** Sundays at 6pm

Thank you to all who have contributed to Project Compassion. Please return your boxes now.

<b>Ministries for our Mass:</b>	<b>20 April</b>	<b>27 Apl</b>	<b>4 May</b>	<b>11 May</b>
Welcomer:	Geraldine	Helen P	Geraldine	Helen P
Acolyte:	Felix when available			
Reader 1:	Germaine	Anne T	Germaine	Tommy
Reader 2:	Wendy M-B	Wendy H	Wendy M-B	Bobbie
<b>Ministries of service:</b>	<b>19 Apl</b>	<b>26 Apl</b>	<b>3 May</b>	<b>10 May</b>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Margaret	Helen P	Cathy F
Cleaning:	Bronnie & Felix		Helen P & Sarah	
Counters: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sunday: Wendy H	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Brenda		4 <sup>th</sup> : Phil Owen	
	5 <sup>th</sup> Helen Bopping			
Special Ministers to the hospital:				
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Helen B.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Mary F	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Helen H	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday: Pauline
				5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday: Helen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster or get a substitute from the list on the reverse side of the roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Happy Easter season, Helen Hart

The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.