

LITURGY OF THE WORD Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

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.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) 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.

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.

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

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Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

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.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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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.

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Marian Procession will be held at Cobargo on Sunday 2nd May at 2.00pm
All are welcome

If you can provide transport or you require transport please put your name on the list in the foyer.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter -YEAR B

There was a pilgrim bus that went through a big farm where you could see many cattle and flocks of sheep. The commentator saw this, and he started talking about the story of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He mentioned the good shepherd was like Jesus who embraced his flock, called each one by name and protected them from dangers. While he was speaking about the good shepherd, there were a group of people who were chasing the sheep, some of them were tying the feet of the sheep with ropes.

The visitors on the bus saw that with great confusion, because the shepherd who the commentator has mentioned, was doing just the opposite with what they were seeing. Seeing this, the commentator felt so embarrassed and stopped the bus. He came down and said to those men on the farm: "I don't think you guys are like the good shepherd because he doesn't chase and torture the sheep the way you are doing". "Oh Sir," they replied, "we are not shepherds. We are butchers."

I did not intend to say that the butcher is bad or immoral in this story. But the point I am trying to make is the distinction between the Shepherd and the hired man which has also been mentioned in the Good Shepherd story of Jesus. In this story, Jesus gave the example of Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Conversely, Jesus also mentioned about the hired man, who works only for reward, thinks chiefly of money. He could be a good worker, who is earning a lot of money, but the good he earns is just the moral quality (*agathos* in Greek). But the word "good" that Jesus mentioned in the original text is *Kalos* which means that in goodness, there is a quality of winsomeness that makes it lovely. Therefore, there is more than efficiency and more than fidelity; there is loveliness. During Holy Week in Rome in 2013, Pope Francis mentioned the figure of the good shepherd as the one who lives with the smell of the sheep. In other words, he invited all ministers of the Church to learn from Jesus to be among the flock and listen to each of the individual's problems.

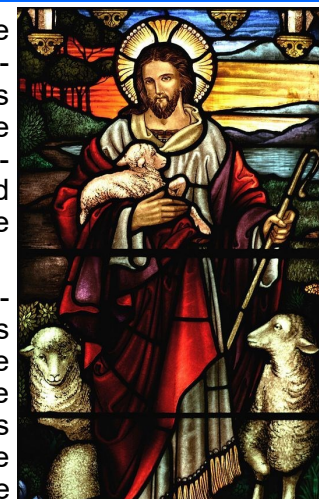
Therefore, it is a call for us to open our heart to love and embrace others in our community. It is also a call to respond to be a good shepherd to bring the Good News to our neighbour. On this day, the Church invites us to pray and give our support for the vocation of priesthood and religious orders. We pray that with God's help, they may learn to become the Good Shepherd who does not let suffering, persecution or rejection stop them from their responsibility of caring for the flock.

As we also celebrate Anzac Day this weekend. We offer our tribute to those who lay down their lives in military operations to save the lives of many. We give thanks for their good (*Kalos*) service. They have left their loved ones behind and faithfully served the country with much bravery, being ready to die for their country. Moreover, they have sacrificed their own safety for the peace of others like the good shepherd who cares for his flock. Lastly, may their souls and the souls of all departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. *Amen.*

**Blessings,
Mark Ha**

2021 Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

On Good Shepherd Sunday every year, we offer our support for the training of the future Shepherds. Envelops are available on the pews. Your generous contributions in support of this annual project would be appreciated.



*The Good Shepherd
Sunday*

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

April

Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 27th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 28th: 9am Mass
Thurs 29th: 9am
Fri 30th: 9.15 am Mass
Saturday 1st: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sunday 2nd: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

24/25 April 2021
Church Cleaning M deSmet/J Ma-
her/N Spaven (26-30)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie
9am Volunteer
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm P O'Kelly
9am C Lowe
5pm M Devine

Readers:

6pm B Maynard
9am J Brown
5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm J Wain
9am M Lowe
5pm L Favetta

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway
9am D May
5pm J O'Sullivan

REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall
9am G Norris/ B Basevi
5pm M de Smet

MORNING TEA

N & L Page

1 / 2 MAY 2021

Church Cleaning
b Coffey/M Paine (3-7)

Welcomers

6pm D Robinson
9am L Page
5pm L Miller
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am A Brown
5pm A Horsfall

Readers:

6pm J Quigley
9am D Herring
5pm J O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Y Oerder
9am L Stevens
5pm M Devine

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm M O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm M Vidovic/Zdenka
9am M & S Beashel
5pm N Beatty
MORNING TEA
R & D Aquilina

2021 ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

Observed on 25 April each year, Anzac Day was originally devised to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who served in the Gallipoli Campaign, their first engagement in the First World War, but now encompasses all those who have served and are still serving.

The word Anzac is part of the culture of Australia and New Zealand. People talk about the 'spirit of Anzac'; there are Anzac biscuits, and usually the two countries' rugby league teams play an Anzac Day test. The word conjures up the shared heritage of two nations, but it also has a specific meaning.

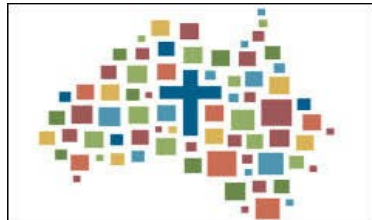
The Anzacs first saw action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The small cove where the Australian and New Zealand troops landed was quickly dubbed Anzac Cove. Soon the word was being used to describe all the Australian and New Zealand soldiers fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Later it came to mean any Australian or New Zealand soldier.

The term continued in use in later wars. An Anzac corps was briefly formed during the ill-fated 1941 campaign in Greece. During the Vietnam War, New Zealand and Australian infantry companies combined as the Anzac Battalion. No one knows who came up with the term Anzac. It is likely that Sergeant K.M. Little, a clerk in Birdwood's headquarters, thought of it for use on a rubber stamp: 'ANZAC' was convenient shorthand, and became the telegraph code word for the corps

With last year's gatherings largely scuttled by coronavirus lockdowns, this year, 2021, we will be able to march and pay tribute to our heroes who have served so selflessly and faithfully. To those who cannot attend, we are inviting you all to stand once again, at the end of your driveway and light a candle, shine a torch and show your support to our diggers.

We hold those who have served and given their lives for us and those currently serving in our hearts and prayers as we gather for Mass this weekend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McCDWYgVyps>



PLENARY COUNCIL ZOOM SESSION

TUESDAY 4TH MAY, 2021 10AM-12NOON

Please register to attend:

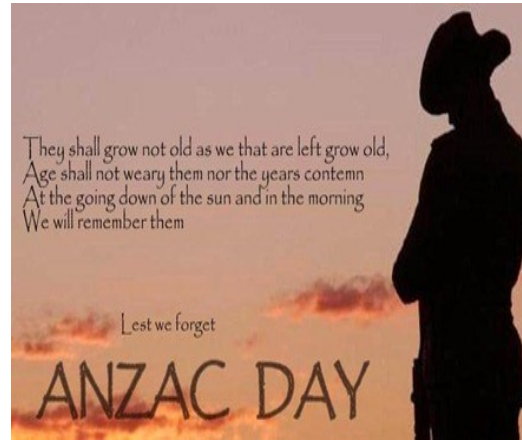
<https://cgccatholic.org.au/plenary/>

Please claim the date

PPC Meeting 23rd April 2021-Highlights

- The PPC wish to acknowledge and thank all Volunteers for the ongoing commitments to ministries across the Parish. Special thanks to the Pastoral Care Team, those who cleaned up the gardens and the Liturgy Team for the successful Easter ceremonies.
- Plenary Council, Continuing the Journey-a working document. Please, follow the links in preparation for the Eastern Deanery Zoom Session with the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Delegates on May 4th from 10am-12pm. Please, claim the date and register to participate.
- Year of St Joseph-there will be a parish gathering every 1st Friday of each month to reflect on St Joseph at 6pm followed by soup Dinner. All parishioners are warmly invited to participate.
- ALPHA – An evangelistic course which engages conversation about faith, life and God is being adopted by the Archdiocese as a project. We are examining ways to introduce the program in our parish.

Please, engage with any PPC member on parish matters important to you.



Invitation to Gathering

Focus: "How to stay in the moment when life gets too hard!" Facilitated by Bruce Chan (Bach Psy.) Tuesday April 27, 2021 at St Bernard's Church, 9am registration for 9.15am start -12.45pm. Cost is FREE. All Welcome.

Booking is necessary: Marie Weatherall

0405 028 057

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

HELP NEEDED:

As the demand increases in our Parish we need volunteers to visit and take Holy Communion to the sick in their homes, the hospital and/or one Aged Care facility. One on one guidance and resources available. Phone Marie Weatherall (m) 0405 028 057 if you can help.

Good Shepherd Appeal Sunday 25th April, Collection for Formation of our

Seminarians:

We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling.

The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today. Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

There will be a retiring collection after Mass

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

John Mylott, Claire Wakeling, Numeriano Sencio Sr, Anacrita Sencio, Pauline Cassar, Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Franciscus Timmer, Leon Pallamoutagne, Anica Hrstic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Val McGee, Greg McAleer, Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effeney, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordelman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey

All are invited to the first of three **Convocations of Catholics**, presented virtually by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) on Sunday May 2nd from 9.00-10.30am AEST.

Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister will address: **"The Future of Catholicism in Australia: Renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations"**. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be offering a greeting to all participants at the beginning of the event, which has the support of Australian Catholic University. Registration is free at www.acccr.com.au Further information: Kevin Liston auscathcoalition@gmail.com Ph. 0411 197 829

Invest In Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11th May

St Bernard'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/TMCCinfonight

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

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

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass. All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove



COFFEE N CHAT

Share your skills to help develop the capacity of organizations' and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through 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.

Join our online [InfoZoom](#) on 2 May, visit palms.org.au, or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

Catholic Theological College
Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 11th to 31st May

Booking, payment and further information: www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

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<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</p> <p>Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER</p> <p>248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4472 4446</p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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