

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B**  
**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 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.

**(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

**Second Reading** *1 John 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** *John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel** *John 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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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
**The Voice**

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture. We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction. How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is ‘happy sounds’. I like the plural. Jesus’ gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony

sounding in different ways in different situations. As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ’s voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures. We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: ‘Today you will be with me in paradise.’  
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**ZOOM ROSARY**

You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary via Zoom.

**TO JOIN:**

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Every night @ 8.30pm



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**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**Of EASTER**  
**Year B**



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Mondays**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30**  
**am Fridays after**  
**Mass**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Wednesday 24th**  
**April 1pm CMR**

**Enjoy the Good**  
**News Wednesdays**  
**after 9am Mass**

**ANZAC DAY April**  
**25th Mass 9am**

**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION**  
**TUESDAYS @ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after**  
**Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans**  
**Cove**

***Laying down one’s life!***

This week many Australians will gather to commemorate ANZAC Day. We remember all people who sacrificed themselves in various wars so that we could be free. As a child the story of **John Simpson Kirkpatrick** inspired me. Simpson was a stretcher bearer at ANZAC Cove from April 25, 1914 – May 1915 when he was killed in action. Using donkeys he transported men day and night to safety before he himself was killed - laying down his life for others. Recently World War 11 hero, **Allan Godfrey**, died aged 100. He also laid down his life as a transport driver for the wounded in PNG and Malaya.

The author Victoria Bowen in her book ‘**War’s End**’ speaks of the simple act of a Matron in France caring for the soldiers. She reflects: ‘She writes to all the families of her patients. Said it worried her in France that there were all those boys damaged or dying and their families didn’t know what was happening to them. She wrote to as many as she could, she said, but there were so many, she couldn’t get through them all – even though she sat up each night till two or three in the morning.’ [pg. 31, 2008] This Matron is another example of **one person laying down their life through a simple act of generous love, in this case, for families longing for news of their sons.**

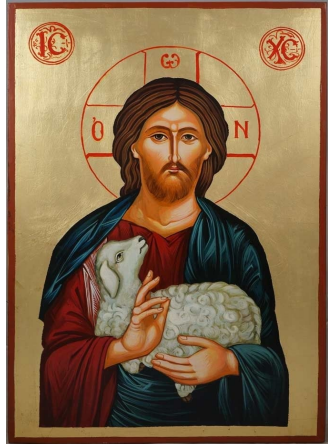
***Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lays down his life for his sheep.***

There is particular synergy between the readings for Good Shepherd Sunday and our commemoration of ANZAC Day. **Jesus is the Good Shepherd who says he will lay down his life for his sheep.** As we reflect on the Gospel John 10:11-18 we are invited to listen for God’s voice and to follow where God leads.

In **God’s Word 2012** we read: ‘The use of the word sheep, in this text, is not in any way demeaning or dehumanising. Rather it goes to the essence of our very human need to be loved, to feel secure in that love. No less that God in the person of Jesus Christ is waiting for us, keeping us in view, watching over us, protecting us from the ‘wolves’ of the world.’

**Our relationship with the Good Shepherd is a gift, waiting to be unwrapped, waiting for us to hear and answer his call, waiting to lead us to God. This love is the self sacrificing love of the cross.** What is Jesus asking of us? To be his followers? He is not going to push us. He is not going to force us. Instead Jesus just keeps calling us, in many and various ways, and inviting us over and over to follow him. He invites us to trust him. This week let us pray the following: ‘The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.’ [Psalm 23.]

*Marie Weatherall*







Mass  
Schedule

## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 22nd—Sunday 28th  
April**

**Monday 22nd:** No Mass

**Tuesday 23rd:** Mass 5pm  
Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 24th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 25th:** Mass 9am

**Friday 26th:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 27th:** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Sunday 28th:** Mass 9am

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am  
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The  
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha

## ROSTERS

**22/23 APRIL**  
**Cleaning**  
22-27 B Coffey/M Paine

**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer: B Oorder  
Commentator: M  
O'Neill  
Reader: P O'Kelly  
Eucharistic Ministers  
C Brownlie  
Computer Screen K  
Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer D May  
Commentator . N Beatty  
Reader: B Basevi  
Eucharistic Ministers L  
Stevens  
Computer Screen T  
Priest....

**MORNING TEA:**  
M & C Lowe

**COUNTERS**  
B Basevi

**29/30 APRIL**  
**Cleaning**  
29 Apr-3 May R & K  
Ison

**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer K Conway  
Commentator S Ebejer  
Reader: M Weatherall  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M Bridges  
Computer Screen J  
O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator L Page  
Reader: D Herring  
Eucharistic Ministers  
L Rodwell  
Computer Screen D  
May.

**MORNING TEA:**  
M & S Beashel

**COUNTERS**  
D & L May

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES ARE  
NOW DUE TO BE RETURNED. PLEASE  
HAVE YOUR BOXES TO THE CHURCH AT  
THE LATEST BY SUNDAY 28TH APRIL.**

### Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will be at the home of Mary O'Neill on Tuesday May 7,  
10am - 11 am. **Enquiries:** Mary O'Neill  
(m) 0403 147 242

## YOU ARE INVITED

To attend all three **Retreat Mornings at St Bernard's  
Church** in the Meeting Room on Tuesdays May 14th,  
May 28th, 11th June from 9.30-12 noon.

Cost: Free  
BYO Shared Morning Tea. We will be exploring  
"Secret Place-Sacred Paths"

May 14th— **The Coastal Experience of Prayer**  
May 28th— **The Mountain Experience of Prayer**  
June 11th— **The Rural Experience of Prayer**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** one week prior to each  
retreat.

Ph: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

## BBECET SUPPORTERS LUNCH

BBECET is a ministry of the combined churches of Batemans Bay and  
provides Christian Education in our local schools.

YOU ARE INVITED

To a lunch  
Saturday May 4th, 12 noon  
@ Cross Central Church, 1 Kerang Street, Surfside.

**\$25 per person**  
2 Course Meal, Tea, Coffee and Refreshments available.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE  
FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OFFICE  
Or call John Hoggan (BBECET Chairman)  
on 0417 801 566  
RSVP Monday 29th April

### Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen . We visit and  
take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a  
month.

**Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057**

## Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – SUNDAY April 21st

Collection for Formation of our  
Seminarians:

This weekend we especially give thanks for  
the vocations that have sprung from our  
own communities – those young men  
whose families and lives are planted in our  
local parishes and who, God willing, will  
return as ordained priests to serve here.

Please give a generous **donation** today or  
begin a **monthly donation** to support the  
education of our seminarians. Donations  
can be made through your parish or on-line  
at [bit.ly/goodshepherd2024](http://bit.ly/goodshepherd2024)

We have three seminarians studying for the  
Priesthood in our Archdiocese. Our first-  
year seminarian, Nicholas Barry, joined  
early this year, Cinnil Thomas is in his  
second year, and Bran Grgic is in his third.

### Ordination of MARK HA to the Priesthood

We are delighted to inform you that  
Deacon Mark Ha's ordination to the  
Priesthood will be on Thursday October  
17th @ 5pm.

More details closer to the date.

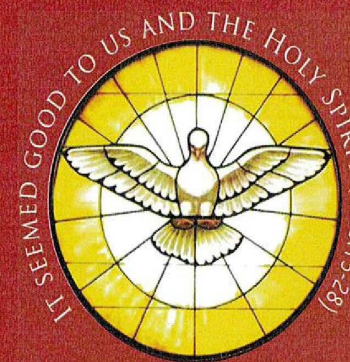
**FUNERALS IN THE PARISH—** *Robert John Mitchell* late of Jeremadra. Funeral to be  
held at St Bernard's Church on Friday 19th April at 11am.

### Remembering the Sick:

Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson,  
Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie  
McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel,  
Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill,  
Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben  
Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis  
Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan  
Simpson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts,  
Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing  
homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and  
names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Robert Mitchell, Joyce  
Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard,  
Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic,  
Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan,  
Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley  
House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele  
(Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits,  
Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan  
Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions APRIL

**For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and  
immense value of women be  
recognised in every culture,  
and for the end of  
discrimination that they  
experience in different parts  
of the world.

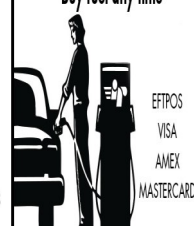


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