

PARISH MASS TIMES

No Week Day Masses

Sat : 5.00pm Mass

Sunday: 9.00am Mass

**Croatian Mass: Saturday 2nd May
11am**

Reconciliation

Sat: 3.30 - 4.30pm

MASSES IN AGED CARE

The Glen Every Second Wednesday
10.30am

The Manor Every Third
Wednesday 2pm

Maranatha Every Fourth
Wednesday 2pm

PARISH ROSTERS

25/26 APRIL

Cleaning
27 Apr- 1 May R & K
Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer K Conway
Commentator: M
O'Neill
Reader: P O'Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers
N Buick
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den
Broek
Commentator L Page
Reader: B
Basevi ..
Eucharistic
Ministers
K Corbin, J Whiteford
Computer Screen T
Jackson

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel

COUNTERS:

Jackson/Evenden

2/3 MAY

Cleaning
4-8 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: B
Maynard
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
L Mylott
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator N Beatty
Reader: J Whiteford
Eucharistic Ministers
M & C Lowe
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

Indian Community

COUNTERS

M & C Lowe

Dear Parishioners,

I will be away on holidays from 21 April to 8 May, returning to India to spend some precious time with my parents. During this period, there will be no weekday Masses.

I am very grateful to Fr Rex Curry for kindly celebrating the weekend Masses while I am away.

I also wish to share that my Ordination Anniversary falls on 20 April. I would truly value your prayers on this special day in my life and ministry.

Please keep me in your prayers, as you will be in mine. Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

With every blessing,

Fr Joshy

St Bernard's Church is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families, carers and vulnerable people to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and action.

The Parish Safeguarding Volunteers are Mick Lowe and Karen Hadley.

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Claim the Date:
Two Retreat Mornings open to all.

Theme: ‘The Cup of my Life’
on Tuesday May 19, & Tues June 16,
9-15am for 9-30am start - 12 noon in Church Meeting Room.

Free. BYO shared morning tea.

Facilitated by Marie W and Carolyn Evenden.

Booking Essential by Mon May 11 for May date.

Each Retreat day will have
different sessions
Text or phone Marie W re booking
(m) 0405 028 057

Vinnie’s & Club Grants Free Gathering
R U OK? Physically Emotionally Financially Socially

Let's Talk & take Action!

Date: Monday May 4, 2026.

Venue: St Bernard’s Church Meeting Room 2 David Ave, Batehaven.

Time: 9-30am for 10am start – 1 pm

Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Booking Essential by Monday April 30, 2026.

Lisa Albert [m] 0475 267 711

You may know someone who would benefit from this gathering—invite them to attend.



Prayers for the Sick

Jesus, Divine Healer, we entrust all the sick into your loving hands

James Kershaw, Frankie Pepper, Declan Holmes, Joy & John Dillon, Jan Simpson, Nan Reidy, Natalie Matthews, Jordan Ambler, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Jeanette Clarke, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill.

Recently Deceased

We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death. May they live forever in God's love.

Deborah Eddington, Nick Hum, Fiona Wearne, Bettye Ison, Fr Frank Fuchs, Chris Bowditch, Shirley Carroll, Pavla Pinkawa, William Gallagher, Teresa Lewis, Bob & Suzanne Hughes, Bishop Pat Power, Diana Ebbelaar, Sr Maria Goretti, Maria Mendes, Gregy Elchico, Bob & Judy Spruce, Rod & Letitia Baz, Wido Melis, Zora Domitrovic, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Margaret Silversides, Joseph Quigley, Patricia Totterdell, Joanne Rogers, Josephine Beckhaus.

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

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions
APRIL**

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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Liturgy of the Word
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right
path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff;

with these you give me comfort.
(R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for
me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with
oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I
dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord
R Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A



Community Corner

Choir Practice
Choir in recess

Cenacle Prayer
9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

**"Enjoy the Good
News"**
Wednesdays after
Mass
Church Meeting Room

Croatian Mass
Saturday May 2nd 11am

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 29th April
1-3pm CMR
Tuesday 12th May
BB Library 10am

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after 9am
Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

Craft Group
Thursdays 10-12
Thursdays
10am CMR

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD ...

I always loved hearing the story of The Good Shepherd. It was, to me, a story of warmth, love, safety and protection. Whilst the story is still the same, the context is somewhat different, wider and we may now understand that there are more aspects of the story and perhaps deeper meanings. Are we aware of what it is saying to us in OUR world?

We need to remember that in the time of Jesus the "flock" was small and totally cared for by the shepherd. The shepherd knew his sheep who recognised his voice, and depended on him for their food and safety. In essence, the shepherd was also the gatekeeper, opening the gate to provide access to their sustenance and closed it for their protection. He also looked for them when they strayed away from the flock.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM tells us that "the Gospel is multilayered. Jesus in the statement 'I have come that they may have life to the full'

has a particular resonance at a time when so many lives are threatened by war, climate change and other events happening in our wider world: life has dramatically changed for the whole Earth community. WE must search to discover what that means in unchartered territory-vigilance on one hand and hope on the other." Jesus also said "I am the gate of the sheepfold" What is that saying to us?

Like a lot of things that have changed, the size of the "flock" has changed but the gatekeeper hasn't. WE are the sheep, a bigger, larger flock! Jesus is still the gatekeeper as well as our shepherd. He knows us - the good, the bad and the ugly in each of us. He cares for us. We belong to Him. What is our relationship with Jesus the Shepherd? Do we know, recognise His voice? In this day and age there are lots of strange voices out there - TV, social media. Do we spend time getting to know/ recognise the voice of the Shepherd?

Like the sheep who strayed in the Gospel, we too stray. Sadly unlike those sheep we have the ability, capacity and means to stray further afield. We need to remember that the gate is always open. Because Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us, He will wait for us, gather us in and protect us.

There is another factor that we sometimes forget. Not only is the Good Shepherd with us, we are part of a community who are called to support and care for one another. Sr Joan Chittester says "we live out the kind of God we believe in. If we believe in a Good Shepherd God we are... We look to the Good Shepherd God to show us the way, we look to one another, each of us, sheep to follow, to care". We have the capacity then, to talk to, lead by example and walk with each other and those in our community needing support, care and sustenance.

The recent Season of Easter highlighted for us the sacrifices made by Jesus our Good Shepherd for us. Let us remember He waits for us, leaves the gate open and walks with us(even when we are unaware).

How do we experience Jesus as the Good Shepherd in our life?
What can I do to help others hear and follow the Good Shepherd?

Carolyn Evenden