



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 25th April 2021

Let us become good shepherds and good sheep...

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, faithfully taking care of His flock. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is that we should be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care. These are the characteristics of the Good Shepherd: total self-giving, unconditional love, intimate knowledge and union with His flock, sincere concern and at the service of unity among all people.

Dear friends, today let us pray for our priests and all those who have given themselves to God living in the world and in the religious life: monks, nuns, lay and religious missionaries and ministers...let us also ask with faith and constancy for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Receiving Holy Communion

It is a good thing for all of us to reflect on how to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. Regarding Holy Communion, the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments published a document called *REDEMPTIONIS SACRAMENTUM* says "special care should be taken to ensure that the host is consumed by the communicant in the presence of the priest or minister, so that no one goes away carrying the Eucharistic species in his or her hand.

Please remember that when you receive Holy Communion in the hand place the Host (the Body of Christ), into your mouth before you move away from the priest or Minister. Please come forward quietly and prepare yourself to receive Holy Communion. Please bow before receiving the Body or the Blood of Jesus as a sign of reverence. Receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen. Never reach and grab the Host. But be careful that no particles of the Holy Host fall, and make sure the small particles of the Holy Host are not stick on to your hands. Then say a prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion when you are back in your place. All of this will help us to remember that Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion are the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12 – This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Psalms Response: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;
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(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 – We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: John 10:11-18 – The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Life is like a FLUTE.
It may have many
HOLES and
EMPTINESS
But if you work on it
carefully,
it can play
MAGICAL
MELODIES.**

Next week's Readings

First: Acts 9:26-31

Second: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Roster	Readers	Counting	Music	PowerPoint
1 st & 2 nd May	6:15pm (1st) John E (2nd and POF) Therese E	8:00am (1st) Rob B (2 nd and POF) Megan B	Group 1 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3	6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people.

Please, pray for Vocations.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Roma Piper, Leontia Markey

Anniversaries & Remembrances April: Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleeauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Vivian and Rodello Cabigquez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers..

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 26th April in observance of ANZAC Day.

Garden Working Bee - The gardens and grounds are in need of a tidy up. We need helpers on **Friday 30th April from 4:00pm**. Please bring along tools, hats and sunscreen.

Refreshments and water will be provided. If anyone has a trailer available to take rubbish to the dump that would be appreciated. Remember many hands make light work. **If you are not available on Friday but would like to help out, you are welcome to come and weed and tidy the garden areas at any time that suits you!!**

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Our Parish is in need of volunteers at the weekend masses and other parish ministries. If you would like to help with the following duties please let the parish office know by registering at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Full training will be given to all interested people. SACRISTAN DUTIES, READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVING, CD and POWER POINT SCREEN OPERATORS, HOSPITALITY, CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM. *Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

Marriage Encounter Weekends - Virtual or live-in Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. **Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021**, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday. Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc: 0437 388 513 Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au **Live-in weekend** Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston. Contact Maria and David Murphy: (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Parish Diary:

Monday 26th April

Parish Office closed

St Mark

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 27th April

7:00pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 28th April

St Peter Chanel

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 29th April

St Catherine of Siena

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm **Mass**

Friday 30th April

9:30am **Mass**

4:00pm Church Garden Working Bee

Saturday 1st May

6:15pm **Mass**

Sunday 2nd May

8:00am **Mass**

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

4th Sunday of Easter

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.'

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: 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.'