

Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C - 8th May 2022

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

The fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the most basic, enduring and endearing images of our Lord. It is also one of the most popular Psalms, "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I will want" (Psalm 23).

Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, fulfilling God's promise to his people. His mission is to the lost. He will lay down his life so his sheep will have eternal life.

The Shepherd cares for his sheep, calls them by name, leads them to pasture and water, finds shelter for them in inclement weather, defends them against bandits and wolves, and willingly lay down his life for them.

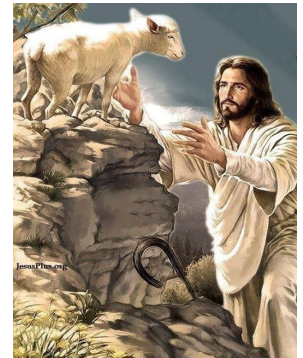
The sheep have great confidence in the shepherd. They recognize his voice, obey his commands, and they follow wherever he leads them. The people of Israel and the early Christian community understood the relation between the shepherd and his sheep.

Sheep and shepherds are not very common in our high tech, computerized world. And we do not like to think of ourselves as submissive sheep. We are sophisticated human beings. We have an intellect and a free will; we can go where we will and do what we want.

To be a good 'sheep' and a good 'shepherd' are two sides of the same coin. We can be good 'sheep' in the fold of Jesus, rejoicing in the spiritual food given through the sacraments. We can also cooperate in the various ministries and activities in the local parish.

On the other hand, we have to be good 'shepherds': Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a 'shepherd'. Pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all 'shepherds.' Since shepherding is very demanding, dedication and self-sacrifice are needed every day on the part of the 'shepherds.'

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. We thank every Mother who through her sacrificial love support the life in the world. They are really Good Shepherds following the heart of Jesus. Thank you, dear wonderful Mothers. Wish you a very happy Mother's Day!



Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Psalm Response: We are God's people, the flock of the Lord.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Apoc 7:9, 14-17

The lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.



MASS TIMES MAY 2022

MONDAY

9.00 am St Luke's, CAPALABA

WEDNESDAY

5.00 pm St Anthony's, ALEXANDRA HILLS

THURSDAY

9.00 am St Anthony, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

FRIDAY

9.00 am St Luke's, CAPALABA

9.30 am St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

SATURDAY

4.30 pm St Anthony's, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm St Luke's, CAPALABA

6.15 pm St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

SUNDAY

7.00 am St Luke's, CAPALABA

8.00 am St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

9.00 am St Anthony's, ALEXANDRA HILLS

Next week's Readings

First: Acts 14:21-27

Second: Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Roster 14 th & 15 th May	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Suzy P (2nd) Tom M (Welcome & POF) Lorraine K	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Anne Maree C	8:00am (1st) Matthew K (2nd) Lorraine K (Welcome & POF) Louise W	8:00am Elaine H	Counting Group 3
					Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3
					PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Clinton T

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:

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Rosita Ganac, Patricia Smith, Lynne Gage, John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, 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, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Lucia Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Glenn Harrop, Janice McAnalen, Martin Devine, Patricia Briscoe, Ian MacLellan.

Anniversaries & Remembrances May: Josephine Romero, Babs Gilhooley, Amber Rose (birthday) daughter of Celina and David McGovern, Michael Czapkowski (birthday), Anastacia Wieland, Bill Cluck, Matha Cluck, Flo Conway, Aristeo Avenia, Denis Glanville, Edward Bartlett, Barbara McGhee, Denise Hodgson, Alma Maclean, Jessie Maclean, Kerry Powell, Norma Cowsell, Simon Bromley, Peter Harman, Giovanni Ragagnin, Betty Avenia, Sr Anne Pulling RSH, Dr Salolatore Vitali, Lauren Smith, Maureen McNab, Nell Elliott, Bede Ryan, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King.

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

Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving** (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Sacramental Journey will recommence on **Sunday 15th May** with a Parent Information session for Eucharist following the 8:00am Mass. Parents or guardians wishing their children to continue on the Sacramental Journey must have attended this meeting and collect workbooks. For children to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist they must have previously received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation. *Please pray for the children and their families as they continue to journey to encounter Christ more deeply.*

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **15th May** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Small Coins for East Timor The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$18,473.15**.

Columbarium We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

STOpline is an external service provided by the Archdiocese of Brisbane to receive confidential information about 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy. Reportable conduct includes suspected abuse, misconduct, mismanagement and policy breaches. The Whistleblower policy applies to the Archdiocese, Brisbane Catholic Education and Centacare Brisbane. Information can be shared anonymously.

Parish Diary:

Monday 9th May

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 10th May

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 11th May

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group

Thursday 12th May

10:30am **Mass** at Sylvan Wood

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 13th May

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass followed by Devine Mercy prayers

Saturday 14th May

St Matthias

10:00pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 15th May

8:00am Mass followed by Sacramental Parent session

10:00am Golf at Howeston

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C

First Reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'