



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

4th Sunday of Easter | Year A Cycle II | 26 April 2026



The Good Shepherd

In the thirty-fourth chapter of the book of the prophet Ezekiel, we hear that God would one day come and shepherd Israel himself. Shepherds guarded, guided, protected and watched over their flocks - just as God guards, guides, protects, and watches over Israel.

This image comes to a climactic expression in the words of Jesus: "I am the good shepherd." What precisely makes him good? A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The good shepherd is so other-oriented, so devoted to his sheep, that he is willing to surrender his life that they might live.

Sure, a good shepherd should do all that he can to protect and guide his flock, but who among us would really expect him to give his life for them? But this is precisely what Jesus does.

Imagine the difference between human beings and sheep; and now multiply that difference infinitely. That would give you some idea of the difference between God and humanity. And yet God is willing to lay down his life for the likes of us.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Our Good Shepherds

Priests are ordained to act as "good shepherds" in imitation of Jesus Christ, serving, leading, and protecting the faithful. They are called to know their people, provide spiritual care, and offer their lives for the salvation of souls, acting "in the person of Christ". Priests are tasked with the pastoral care of the flock, teaching, sanctifying, and governing the parish community, bringing members closer to God. They act as ministers of the Sacraments, particularly in Baptism, Eucharist, and Penance, offering God's forgiveness and grace. And modelled on the Good Shepherd, they are to serve the congregation with love and devotion, rather than acting as mere administrators. They defend the faith, guide the faithful, and show special care for the spiritual needs of parishioners, including those who are troubled or estranged. Not an easy calling, we are very grateful for our wonderful Priests who guide us all.

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The Sheep Hear His Voice

How wonderful and strange that Christianity is not a set of ideas. It's not a philosophy or an ideology. It's a relationship with someone who has a voice. The first disciples were privileged to hear the voice of the historical Jesus, with its very particular tonality and texture.

But we can hear his voice too, in our own way, when we hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. At Mass, Catholics don't just read the Bible; we hear the Bible.

We hear the voice of Jesus too when the bishops and the popes speak. We can also hear the voice of Jesus in our conscience, which Newman called "the aboriginal vicar of Christ in the soul."

We can hear the voice of Jesus in good spiritual friends as well, in those people who comfort us and challenge us, and keep calling us to higher ideals and encourage us when we fall. And we listen to Jesus because he is leading us to a renewed and transformed life on high with God.

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Jesus Truly Knows Us

Jesus uses two examples to reveal something extraordinary about himself. He is both the shepherd and the gate. As shepherd, he knows his sheep intimately. He calls them by name, leading them not into danger, but into pasture, into freedom, into life. As the gate, he is the way in and the way out. Through him, the sheep find safety, nourishment and belonging.

Today's Gospel is about us, rather than sheep and shepherds. We are the sheep. And Jesus truly knows us: our names, stories, wounds and hopes, the paths we've walked, the burdens we carry, the fears that keep us awake at night. He calls us not as a crowd, but personally, lovingly, by name. In a world where we are often reduced to numbers, usernames or roles, Jesus reminds us that we are not anonymous. We are not lost in the crowd. We are his.

But Jesus also warns us. Some voices do not lead to life. There are thieves and bandits – those who climb in by another way. These are the voices that promise fulfilment but leave us empty, that say our worth depends on our productivity, that whisper we are not enough, that tempt us to despair, to cynicism and to self-reliance at the expense of grace.

To know the Shepherd's voice, we must spend time with Jesus in prayer, scripture, silence and community. The more we listen, the more we learn to recognise the tone of his love, the quality of his mercy, the rhythm of his peace. And then comes the promise: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Not just survival. Not just getting by. Abundant life. Life that overflows with grace, with purpose, with joy. Life rooted in the security of being loved and led by the Good Shepherd. This abundance is not measured by wealth or success. It is not the absence of suffering. It is the presence of Christ in all things. It is the peace that comes from knowing we are held, even in the valley of the shadow of death. It is the freedom to love without fear, to serve without seeking reward, to live with open hands and open hearts.

Jesus is the gate. Not a barrier, but an opening. Not a wall, but a welcome. Jesus doesn't trap us so that someone else must rescue us. Instead, through him we enter into the heart of God and are led out into the world to bear witness to love which is greater than we can possibly imagine. To follow Jesus means entrusting ourselves to his care, even when we cannot see the path ahead.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

ANZAC Day

On Saturday 25 April, across Australia and New Zealand, we remember in a particular way, men and women who lost their lives while serving their country. We also remember those who, having served in the theatre of war or as peacekeepers, returned home and continued to make an invaluable contribution to the fabric of our society.

ANZAC Day offers us an opportunity to recognise in our brothers and sisters, the high ideals of companionship, integrity, and the peace that they sought to uphold and protect, so that the world might be a better place.

We embrace those who have lost their loved ones in the communion of faith as we look to the light of Christ, who dispels the darkness of night. (cf. *Isaiah 9:1-6*)

Archbishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL

Seaside Youth Group

We are a Youth Group made by youth, for youth! A space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in School Years 5-12. We gather on the second Saturday of the month during school terms. Our next get together is on Saturday 9 May after the 5pm Mass, in the Upper Room, until 8pm. Newcomers welcome – bring a friend! See you then! Enquiries to 4332 2216.

Kids Club

Kids Club is on Saturday 9 May from 3:00pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks are provided. Siblings welcome. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay.

Happy 60th Anniversary!

Congratulations to Tony and Jill Duggan who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday. Tony and Jill were married in our Church on 21 April 1966. Long-time locals, you might remember Jill from JillyAnn's boutique of The Entrance. Many more happy returns to you both!



The Latest New Members

Last Saturday we welcomed the latest of our new Church Members: Sophia Shippam and Claire Lendich who were Received into the Church, receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist, with Sophia's child Edith being Baptised. Congratulations to you all!



4th Sunday of Easter **Acts 2:14, 36-41** | **1 Peter 2:20-25** | **John 10:1-10**

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we welcome the Dillon, Newhall and Harper Families for the Reception of their children who are being Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days/Holidays this Week

ANZAC Day public holiday 27 April, St Peter Chanel 28 April, St Catherine of Siena 29 April, St Joseph the Worker 1 May, St Athanasius 2 May.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday 1 May Anointing will be held during the 11:45am Mass.

1st Friday Cuppa

Our 1st Friday Cuppa is back on 1 May, following the 11:45am Anointing Mass. Join us in the parish centre for a cuppa and nibbles. Feel free to bring a plate to share, and relax in good company.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Saturday 2 May Adoration follows 9am Mass for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

Central Coast Secular Franciscan Meeting

Catholics interested in finding out about the Franciscan charism are warmly invited to join our next small group Franciscan Prayer meeting 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Friday 1 May in the Reynolds Room. Further information about who we are is on our national website ofsaustralia.org.au

Bus to Ordinations

Those booked to travel on the bus to the Ordinations of Tán, Shane and Huy need to meet in the Church carpark by 5pm on Wednesday 29 April, for the trip to Waitara. The bus is booked out.

Broken Bay Diocese Safeguarding Charter

A limited number of copies of the Safeguarding Charter for our diocese are available at the door of the Church.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Margaret Mahoney, Anthony Baillie, Feliciano Escarlan.

Funerals: The funeral of Margaret Mahoney was held this week. Please pray for Margaret and family.

Anniversaries: Donald O'Sullivan, Bernard McCudden.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Dino Gava, Peter O'Grady, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Katherine Mendiola, Burning Compra, Rosario Dimaguila and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Doug Thomas (operation), Michael & Julie Trussell, Lise Blache, Chris Benotic, Oscar Tanner, Liz Myers, Christine Bailey, Richard Drover, Sophie, Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahon, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr David Taylor, Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Walter Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

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Sacred Gifts

Welcome!

We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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