



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

4th Sunday of Easter

Year B Cycle II

21 April 2024



Under One Fold

Love manifests itself and we can experience it in its various expressions. Comparisons, stories, parables and allegories are the best means by which we can express love in human language. Jesus has aptly expressed the nuances of love in the parable of the good shepherd. The good shepherd loves the sheep to the extent of laying down his life for them. By offering his life, he has shown that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for loved ones. Under the guidance of this shepherd the sheep are gathered together and their number is increased. As a lover of the sheep, the good shepherd ensures the security of the sheep. For him, the security of the sheep is more important than his own. He does not abandon them, come what may! The good shepherd knows each of his sheep. His knowledge about the sheep is not superficial; nor is it a result of his being with them and observing them, but his knowledge of the sheep is of a different order: "Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father" (Jn 10:15). Hence, the good shepherd knows all our needs even before we ask him. His aim is to bring all the sheep under one fold where they can experience love, joy and freedom. God has been so good to entrust the sheep to the care of Jesus, the good shepherd.

God's Word Fr Devasia Joseph SSP

Thanks to our Good Shepherds

One of the oldest Christian representations of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. Pictures of Jesus carrying a sheep on his shoulders were found in the catacombs of Rome, painted by Christians who were being hunted down by the Roman soldiers because of their faith in Christ. In this most trying time, they got their courage in their belief that their Master was watching over them. They could not deny Jesus who had offered his life for them.

The Christian communities know that their growth in faith depends on their shepherds. Today what is sought for are not highly intelligent bishops/priests/religious, nor highly qualified administrators/shrewd fundraisers, but rather "pastoral minded" leaders in the Church who have a heart for the people, and are concerned about them, those who mirror Jesus the Good Shepherd.

God's Word Fr George C Mathew SSP

We acknowledge our own Good Shepherds, not to say they are not highly intelligent, but they are definitely pastoral-minded: Fr Brian, Fr Joshi, Fr Hill, Deacon Paul and Rosan. Thank you all for your great guidance of this flock at The Entrance.



**Feast Days
this Week**

ANZAC Day
Public Holiday
25 April

**St Mark
Evangelist**
26 April



**Low Gluten
Hosts**

Please see one of
the Priests before
Mass if you are
a coeliac.



**Central Coast
Atrium**

Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd
for 3-6 year olds
Saturdays
9-10:30am. Call
0466 255 033 or
centralcoastatrium
@gmail.com



**Nursing Home
Mass**

Mass and
Anointing of the
Sick will be
celebrated at
Bupa Bateau Bay
on Tuesday
at 10am.

To Be A Good Shepherd

Priesthood is about leadership and service, following the example of Jesus. This leadership takes the shape of caring for people, speaking God's Word to them, celebrating Mass and other Sacraments, being with people in the best and worst times of their lives, and seeking to be the presence of Jesus to them throughout the parishes of our Diocese. A few priests have specialised ministries as Chaplains to schools, hospitals or the armed forces, as university lecturers, or working in a remote outback town. A priest uses his own talents and interests as part of his ministry – be they sporting, musical, cultural or academic. Priesthood is not just a one-size-fits-all job, but a way of seeking to be the best person you can be, growing closer to Jesus, bringing others to Jesus, and making a real difference. It's a life of significance and purpose.

A priest's life is essentially one of prayer and loving service. A priest always draws on Christ as his source of grace and life. With St Paul he says, "for me to live is Christ.

For more on vocations go to: www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/vocations

Follow Jesus' Lead

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is an opportunity for us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus as our Good Shepherd and his care for us. The readings for this Sunday remind us of the importance of love in our relationship with God and our fellow humans. We learn from Peter's sermon in the Book of Acts that Jesus is the only way to salvation, and we are encouraged by the First Letter of John to prioritise love in all that we do. The Gospel Reading from John 10:11-18 paints a beautiful picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock and is willing to sacrifice everything for them. It's a reminder of the unity between Jesus and his followers, and the significance of following his example of love and care for others. Let's take a moment to reflect on these readings and strive to follow Jesus' lead in all that we do.

Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate

OLR School Staff Spirituality Day

On the last day of Term 1, which was Friday 12 April, we hosted the staff from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish School, Shelly Beach. The staff had organised their spirituality day here, where Fr. Brian spoke about our history and took them on a guided tour of the church and facilities. Those present at Friday Mass witnessed Fr Brian bless the staff, who found the day enjoyable and beneficial, as they got to spend time in the parish and work with Fr. Brian to prepare school Masses for the children.



Please continue to pray for our teachers and staff as they educate our children and guide them to know the love of Jesus.

Anzac Day

ANZAC can be broadly described as sacred, even though it is a human event, as all human events are sacred. Why? Because God walks in and is present to us through every human event within our imperfect world. The birth of Christ, his taking flesh and living amongst us is enduring and transformational. Christ lives with us and is immersed within our human condition, both good and evil.

ANZAC Day is sacred because human life is sacred. Each human being is precious in God's sight. The life and fate of each soldier who died at Gallipoli (and all wars) matters to God. The nobility, the courage, heroism, the selfless acts and mateship of each matters to God and indeed are graced by him. The immense grief of loved ones for the dead matters, God grieves with them as does the communal mourning of a nation stripped of so many young lives, matters to God. This Anzac Day citizens will march with both pride and honour. This will be seen on their faces, both young and old, gathered in unity. This matters and is sacred to God. The sacredness of each human life compelled God to send his Son so that through his Death all may have life. In Christ's Death and Resurrection we have a source of hope that not only supports us in those catastrophic events but can aide us greatly in the challenges of every day human existence.

<https://military.catholic.org.au/anzac-day/>

Time for a Friday Cuppa!

All parishioners are invited to a cuppa and a chat on the 1st Friday of the month after the Anointing Mass. We will supply cuppa and bikkies, feel free to bring a sandwich if you would like something more substantial, and relax in good company instead of rushing off home! Friday 3 May in the Parish Centre after the 11:45am Mass. See you then! Enquiries: 4332 2216.

The Voice of the Vulnerable

Domestic Family Violence often occurs behind the closed doors of the family home, a place which should be reflective of communion in God's self-sacrificing love. Recent statistics show that 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 8 men have experienced some form of violence since the age of 15. The outcome is that relationships become disfigured to the detriment of the entire family. We cannot remain silent in the face of this difficult reality. Our faith acknowledges the dignity of every human person and teaches us that being open to self-sacrificing love brings about a renewal of relationships. We must be intentional in teaching and mirroring to our children and young people safe, respectful, and life-giving relationships. To assist, our Diocesan resource, 'A Catholic response to Domestic Violence' is available at www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/a-catholic-response-to-domestic-violence

Roster Help!

Commentator for 8am Mass

We would love a new Commentator to provide some relief for Richard, who has been manning the fort single-handedly for years. If you could assist please call the office on 4332 2216 or approach Richard at the Mass.



It is good to have you with us. For any enquiries speak to Fr Brian or Fr Joshi or call the parish office during business hours on 4332 2216.



Welcome to the Brown, Pearson, Symons, Turner & Chapman Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Save the Date
Join us for fun, friendship and learning about Jesus, with games and activities Saturday 4 May 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Enq: 4332 2216.

Ministry Roster							
Ministry	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Altar							
Communion							
Readings							
Prayers							
Music							
Stations							
Other							

New Ministry Rosters

New rosters are now available from the Sacristy. Thank you for your assistance at the Masses.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

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 stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my 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.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Ron Batger, John Guider, Aristhea Whelpdale, Margaret Gold, Ken Smith, Donna McLaughlan, John Swaysland, Giuseppa Bosco, Robert Bower, John Russell, Bernadette Sweeney.

Funerals: The funerals of John Guider and Aristhea Whelpdle were held during the week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Anniversaries: Kay Taylor, Domenico Antonio, Filippo Barbara, Pasquale Puchiele.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Marli & Jarvis O'Connell, Darcy & Matilda Collits, Bodhi & Jayla Duncan, Willow Bondfield.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enquiries 4332 2216