

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
PARISH BULLETIN, 8TH MAY 2022**

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

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**World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations**

**8 MAY  
2022**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."*

*John 10:27-30*

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 10: 27-30 8th May 2022**

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Imagine Paul and Barnabas standing tall, shaking the dust from their feet and moving out of the region filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. What a feat, considering they'd not been farewelled with good wishes and gifts. Rather, they were driven out by a group of jealous people, persecuting and protesting against the words they had been sharing. Paul and Barnabas demonstrate that they know the voice of God in their hearts. And knowing this voice, and accepting the invitation to live in God's grace, they have a clear goal to 'bring salvation to the ends of the earth'. This is their mandate, and it is ours. We too are invited to hone in to the voice of God in our hearts, to listen and act, to live in the grace of God and to be a light to all we encounter. Armed with this knowledge, in any hardship, we too can shake the dust from our feet, and move on with joy and praise, filled with the Holy Spirit. God is with us, always.





Thank you for your ongoing support of Pastoral Works Broken Bay, helping to renew and rebuild families and parish communities! The next **Pastoral Works** appeal will be on **Sunday 8th May 2022**.

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**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *Reproduced from Liturgia*

**FIRST READING ACTS 13:14, 43-52**

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 99:1-3, 5**

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**SECOND READING REVELATION 7:9, 14-17**

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 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 10:27-30**

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.'

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## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention May - Faith-Filled Young People**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

**Friday 6th May**

**Friday of the Month**

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am

Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

**The next WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP will be held on Monday 9th May. (every second Monday of the Month)**

All Welcome to join us @ **10.30am** in our Parish Hall.

- ◆ Cake Coffee, Companionship, Chit Chat, Craft

### **PASTORAL DISCERNMENT CENTRAL COAST**

This is a special invitation to all parishioners to participate in the Conversation Forums for the Pastoral Discernment Project. Your participation is **vital** as we

i) hear the themes and data beginning to emerge following the recent consultation sessions and

ii) listen to one another and journey together guided by the Holy Spirit.

**WHEN: Sunday 15 May, 12 Noon – 2:30 pm**

**WHERE: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, The Entrance Rd., The Entrance.**

Please register your attendance at:

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc) by **12 Noon**

**Monday 9 May.** This will help with catering for the light refreshments which will be available on arrival.

## **CONDOLENCES**

*The Parish extends our deepest condolences to Fr Alex Barnedo and family on the recent passing of his beloved brother Antonio Barnedo Jr.*

*We know and pray that Antonio Jr is in God's loving hands.*

*May he rest in peace. Amen*

### **Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations.**

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

## **Blessings on Mother's Day**

Today we offer all our mothers and those who love us like a mother, our deepest respect for the gift of love you bring to your family, this community and the world. The quality of who you are as a mother has profound consequences for the quality of life in the world, and we extend to you our support and love. We honour your commitment, we rejoice with you in all your achievements and we walk with you in your pain and loss.

**We pray for you: May God's Holy Spirit fill you with a love that gives you strength to fulfil all that is asked of you.**



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Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon-Sat: 8.00am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday morning after the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

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### Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

St Barnabas, Yarramalong

1st Sun of month 11.15am

### Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.15 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am Mass)

### Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit Berkley Vale Nursing home 3rd Wednesday of the Month

### Children's Liturgy

St Cecilia's 5pm Mass Saturday

St John Fisher 5pm Mass Sunday

### Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group Tues after 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 9am Wed

### Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 5pm to 6pm

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden ph 4388 2938

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

### KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.*

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Antonio Barnedo Jr

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## ***Reflection for Vocations Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022***

Prepared by Fr Paul Durkin for Vocations Team, Diocese of Broken Bay

We gather today as the sheep who know the voice of the Good Shepherd.

I wonder, how does each of us know his voice?

Do we know his voice?

Do we take time to listen for his voice?

How do we listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd?

We live in a world where there are many voices.

Referring to his flock, Jesus says of himself: “no one can snatch them out of my hand”, and of the Father “no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

Someone (or something) is constantly trying to snatch or grab US from the care of the shepherd. Jesus’ victory has been won, but the struggle continues.

The identity of the enemy or thief in this passage is not clear.... Ideally, such is the bond between the shepherd and the sheep (who hear his voice and who know his voice) that no thief, however powerful or clever, can break that bond and steal the flock.

With St Paul, can we boldly say that nothing – sickness or temptation or the sword or persecution – will separate from the love of Christ?

We know the possibility of being stolen away from our relationship with Christ is a real one.

If we don’t remain in close communion with the Shepherd, it is easy to wander away from the life of the flock, where we may be lost and in danger.

This was the constant story of the chosen people: “We had all gone astray like sheep, each going their own way” (Isaiah 53.6) says the prophet Isaiah. Are we like this also? Would we rather go “our own way” rather than follow the voice and command of the Shepherd?

Perhaps like the Prodigal Son we have rejected the Father and wandered off into a world of our own choosing, living life on our terms.

Nevertheless, every Sunday, and hopefully every day, we who are followers of Christ affirm that we seek to hear the voice of the shepherd, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The protection of the Good Shepherd & the life of the Risen Lord, comes to us in Word and Sacrament every time we meet for the Mass.

Jesus is indeed a very different kind of shepherd. Not only does he look for pastures to feed US (his flock), but he feeds US (his flock) with himself – his body broken, and blood poured out.

And we live in the promise, that those who are nourished by him shall inherit eternal life, which is so beautifully depicted in our second reading today: those washed in the blood of the Lamb stand before the throne of God; there shall be no more hunger or thirst or plague of any sort; there shall be no more sorrow; the Eternal Shepherd will lead them to springs of living water.

On this Vocations Sunday (or Good Shepherd Sunday) let us make this our clear intention:

we pray that the Lord will raise up shepherds after his own heart – Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Religious who will witness by their lives and words to this Good News.

Is there someone you would encourage to consider this life? Someone you sense God may be calling?

The Vocations team for Broken Bay can offer you support in this.

Contact details: [Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au) Ph: 0418 522 449

## **Vox Episcopi - the Voice of the Bishop**

### **4 May 2022**

This Sunday, 8 May is World Day of Prayer for Vocations – marking its 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

The motivation for this day is found in both the Gospels of Matthew (9:38) and Luke (10:2) when Jesus says “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest.”

There are four vocations our Church uses to help discern God’s plan: marriage, single life, priesthood and religious life and God calls us to respond freely and generously to His call.

However, World Day of Prayer for vocations is an opportunity to celebrate and pray for vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms.

In the Diocese of Broken Bay we have 7 seminarians and 3 Diaconate Aspirants. As a community we need to wrap ourselves around their formation.

Everyone in the Church has ownership of their process which is multi-dimensional – the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral – and they interrelate, and interconnect with each other.

In my years as a priest and bishop I have served as a vocations director, seminary rector and episcopal vicar for formation with a particular focus on the formation of seminarians, young clergy, and the ongoing formation of priests.

I know those discerning a vocation today have seen the challenges the Church has faced and the shift in culture but still they come forward. I have also heard those considering a vocation say that prayers, their own as well as others, are critical to their discernment.

Even once a decision has been made to pursue the priesthood, diaconate, missionary or religious life, the continual prayers of the faithful for the grace to persevere in holiness are appreciated and welcomed.

Please pray, on this Vocations Sunday, for our seminarians and deacons as they continue on their journey, and pray that the Lord will bless the Diocese of Broken Bay with more vocations.

Sunday is also special for all the mothers in the Diocese. I pray you and your families have a very special Mother’s Day, and even if your mother cannot be with you I will pray in gratitude for all those who have given new life.

+Anthony



Domestic Church is a movement for married Catholic couples and families who want to grow in mutual love and pursue sanctity together. The Movement helps spouses to build true unity and create a truly Christian environment in which to bring up their children. It provides lifelong formation in personal, marital and family spirituality.

The first meeting of an initial six meetings of the Domestic Church is on **Sunday 22 May 2022 at 9.30am at St Patrick's parish, Gosford.**

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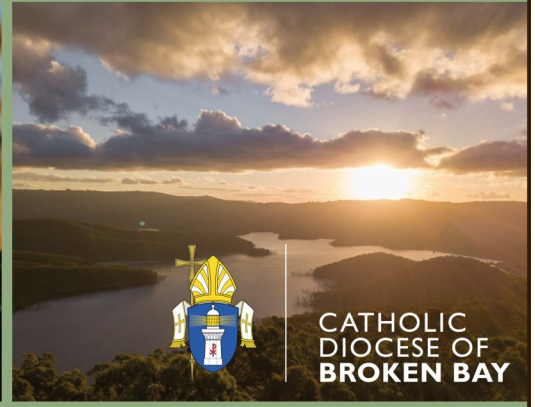
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Brussels/Amsterdam/Geneva/Frankfurt/Western Europe: 9.30 am;  
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