

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR B

25 April 2021

Laying down our lives for others

One of the most loved images of Jesus in the early Church was of him as the Good Shepherd who so loves his sheep that he lays down his life for them. In the Roman catacombs, the ancient cemeteries outside the city of Rome where the early Christian martyrs were buried, we find very early images of the Good Shepherd.

A young man, he is shown carrying a lamb on his shoulders. His sheep gaze trustingly at him and graze peacefully in his care. They know him, they recognise his voice, and they know that he will protect them from danger. He knows each of them by name and will never desert them.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd must have been a great source of consolation for Christians especially in the face of persecution. A common prayer in the early Church for those who had died was that they should be taken to heaven "borne on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd".

Two thousand years later, Christians continue to find the image of the Good Shepherd deeply consoling and comforting, especially in times of trouble and distress. Psalm 23 is one of the most loved of all the psalms, often used at funerals. It speaks to us so powerfully of the steadfast love with which God cares for us, individually and as a community.

Today's reading from John's gospel stresses three characteristics of the Good Shepherd: he knows his sheep and they know him; he does not desert his sheep when they are endangered; and, even more than this, he lays down his life for his sheep. This last characteristic is stated not just once but *four* times in today's short gospel reading. Such is the Good Shepherd's bountiful and unfailing love, care and commitment that he lays down his own life for his sheep.

There is surely no greater love than this.

It is particularly touching that this year, when in our Sunday reading focuses on Jesus' teaching that he is the Good Shepherd, we in Australia and New Zealand mark Anzac Day. We remember, give thanks, and pay our heartfelt respects to those many men and women who have served in wars in our nation's name, and especially those among them who, in service to our country, laid down and lost their lives. We are the beneficiaries of their great sacrifice. Let us never forget!

Notice too that Jesus, in today's gospel, explains: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16). As we strive for unity, in whatever sphere of our lives, let us not confuse unity with uniformity. Let our aim be unity *in diversity*.

May the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd remind us to keep our eyes on him, to listen to him, and to place our trust in him.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 25 April **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B**
ANZAC DAY
 8:00 am - Mass
 10:00 am - Mass
 12 noon - Baptisms

Tuesday 27 April 5:30 pm - Mass

Wednesday 28 April 5:30 pm - Mass

Thursday 29 April 8:15 am - Mass
 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room

Friday 30 April 12:30 pm - Mass

Saturday 1 May 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 May **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B**
 8:00 am - Mass
 10:00 am - Mass



SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
 Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Raymond Dodds, Marlene Walters, Nora Biltoft, Ken Goodworth, Joe McDonald, Kevin Loughman.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Paschal O'Halloran, Fr Eugene Harley, Joy Armour, Stuart Charman.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Greg Culnane, Margaret Flannery, Marg Ellem (nee Carter), Miles Larkin, James Wallace, Donna Lee Pearson.

BAPTISMS:

This weekend we welcome

Dominic Jay McMahon,
Isabella Rose Buckley,
Sophie Louise Buckley,
Lucy Elizabeth Buckley,
& Molly Anne Buckley
 to our faith community.



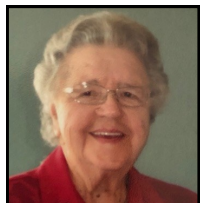
Readings for today and next Sunday:

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Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Yr B

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



A Memorial Service
for Sr Martha Casserley
will be held in St Joseph's Church,
Tweed Heads on Monday 26 April
commencing at 10:30am.
All Welcome!

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg will continue to online-stream Sunday Mass on the Diocesan YouTube channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV—Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 4 May at 6:30 pm
in Sacred Heart Church

Parents of children eligible to make their
First Holy Communion are expected to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 6 June 10:00am Mass

SAVE THE DATE:



PARISH
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SUNDAY
20 JUNE

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please collect your **PROJECT COMPASSION**
RECEIPTS from the church today.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart"
(Jer.3:15)



Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal is being held this weekend to assist in the education and formation of our future priests.

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion.

Envelopes are available for your contribution.



Enquire Now!

Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people.

Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission.

[Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a 2022 placement.

Join our online [InfoZoom](#) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](#), or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Cycle 4 registrations for Courses with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) are now open. (Close May 7) Visit the St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website, under "Our Faith", for a list of available courses and how to register. Contact Tony Worner - VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
 - ◆ sign in on arrival using our QR code or by giving your name and contact details to one of our hospitality team
 - ◆ please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided
 - ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
 - ◆ please observe social distancing when coming forward for communion, and communion BY HAND only
 - ◆ We are now able to have congregational singing
 - ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
 - ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place
- Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

Entrance Hymn:

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Charles Wesley

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly king,
who endured the cross and grave
sinners to redeem and save.
3. But the pains which he endured
our salvation have procured;
now exalted he is King,
where the angels ever sing.
4. Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all you heavenly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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Communion Hymn:

LIKE A SHEPHERD

Bob Dufford

*Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
And gathers the lambs in his arm,
Holding them carefully close to his heart,
Leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift you voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God.
I myself will shepherd them
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them giving them rest.

Come unto me
If you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

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Recessional Hymn:

THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Dan Schutte

*Refrain: Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shelter for all
who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.*

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (117)

R: 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!

ANZAC DAY



This day of commemoration goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Parishioners are encouraged to remember and pray for all who lost their lives in the various wars in which Australia has been involved, those who are currently serving in the Defence Forces overseas and to pray for world peace.

Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

Origins:

The *Ode of Remembrance* is the last stanza in Laurence Binyon's seven stanza poem *For the Fallen*, first published in September 1914.

The phrase, 'Lest we forget', comes from *Recessional*, a poem by Rudyard Kipling in 1897.

GOD, BE MY GUIDE

Be a bright flame before me,
Be a guiding star above me,
Be a smooth path below me,
Be a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today, tonight, and forever.

- St. Columba

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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