

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

River Street, South Murwillumbah

St. Brigid's Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A | 30 April 2023

Our shepherd protector

I was once driven by a farmer named John to his farm in country Victoria. It was winter and rather cold. He drove an old farm truck and I was seated on the front passenger side. Our journey took us through green, undulating countryside and through many pastures.

As I was the front seat passenger it was my duty to hop in and out of the truck and open and close every gate we encountered. I had to get out of our cosy and warm truck to open and close between 13 and 15 swing gates in a freezing wind. It was not much fun.

On the way back from John's farm, it was the same ritual. I was puzzled why there were so many gates on the one property. With a broad smile John explained, "I think it deters criminals, knowing they have to stop and get out to open the gates."

Jesus uses two 'shepherding' images in today's gospel. He describes himself as a shepherd of his flock of sheep and as a gate to protect the sheep. He teaches, "I am the gate of the sheepfold. Anyone who enters rightly through this gate will be safe. Anyone who does not enter through the gate but gets in some other way is a criminal."

The image of God as a shepherd also features in the Old Testament, where God's relationship with the people of Israel is compared to a shepherd and his sheep. The prophet Isaiah says that God is like "a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms." God says to the prophet Ezekiel, "I myself will pasture my sheep ... I shall be a true shepherd to them."

In biblical lands of old, sheep were an important part of the economy. The shepherd stayed very close to his sheep, by day and by night. So close and so caring that, as Pope Francis says, the good shepherd "smells the sheep."

A shepherd would risk his life for his flock. He slept with the sheep and looked after them, knowing them individually and calling them using a unique whistle or call. The sheep heard the familiar call and followed the sound. They knew their welfare depended on staying close to the shepherd and responding to his call.

The concept of God as shepherd is fulfilled in Jesus, our true shepherd, our gate and our protector. He is the good shepherd, who calls his sheep individually by name. The sheep follow him because they know his voice and trust in his care. He is also the "gate of the sheepfold," as it is through him the sheep are sure of finding pasture and safety. So it is through Christ that the people of God, called by name and responding to his voice, enter into the pasture of eternal life.

Anthony Tran CSSR @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass
	10:15 am	- Baptisms
MAY		
Monday 1	9:00 am	- Rosary & Prayers
Tuesday 2	5:30 pm	- Mass
Wednesday 3	5:30 pm	- Mass
Thursday 4	8:15 am	- Mass
Friday 5	11:00 am	- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	- Mass
Saturday 6	8:30 am	- Rosary
	5:30 pm	- Rosary
	6:00 pm	- Vigil Mass
Sunday 7	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	8:30 am	- Rosary
	9:00 am	- Mass
	10:00 am	- Cuppa Morning Tea

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 pm
before Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 pm Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month

11 am - 11:50 am

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Pasfield (sister of Lorraine Green), Jenny Gilbert, Michael McCarthy, Stephanie Lemon, Fr Bob McGuire, Fr Bill Ryder SM, Elsie Graham

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Pascal O'Halloran, Giuseppina Zambelli, Joy Armour, Margaret Harris

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Leo Kelly, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS | READINGS

READING ROSTER

6/7 May | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Yr A

6pm - Grace Molloy

9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome

**Nate Malcolm Jarman,
Reggie Vincent Twohill
& Harrison Graeme Partridge**
to our faith community.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for God's Precious Infants and the Unborn Child - Monday 1 May - 9am - Sacred Heart Church.

Pregnancy Help Line: 1300 139 313



PARISH CUPPA

Please join us for a Cuppa | Morning tea after 9am Mass next Sunday 7 May.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:
Tuesday 9 May 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

ROSARY STATUE

Jenny Wallace



VIEW MASS AT HOME -

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

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am - [youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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



Occurring on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season, Good Shepherd Sunday derives its name from the gospel reading (John 10:1-10) where Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God."
~Pope Francis

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

Save The Date...

PETER KEARNEY
Concert-Reflection
SIGNS OF HOPE
PEOPLE OF FAITH
- Songs & Stories
Sunday 30 July at 3pm
Sacred Heart Church

Donations welcome | Cuppa at interval.

THE MONTH OF MAY

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son.

The month of May includes several Marian Feasts and is a special time of honour and devotion to Mary.



Pope's Mission Intention for May...

For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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

Gospel Reflection ...

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

- Dianne Bergant CSA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 22)

R: 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 sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Alstonville|Wardell Parish

presents

Fr Ray Sanchez

speaking on

GRIEF AND LOSS

Two sessions available

- ♦ **Friday 12 May at 6:30 pm** - followed by wine and cheese (*BYO*)
- ♦ **Saturday 13 May at 9:30 am** - followed by morning tea (*please bring a plate to share*)

in McCarthy Hall

(next to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Alstonville)

Everyone is most welcome

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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Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
3rd of May, 2023	5th of May, 2023	6th of May, 2023
7:30 pm	7:30 pm	7:30 pm

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