"The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep listen to his voice, one by one he calls his own and leads them out".



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30th April, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Dear friends,

This coming Sunday, 30th April, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd' Sunday. The readings of the Mass, especially the gospel of John (10:1-10) focus upon Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The photo of Pope Francis, carrying a baby lamb on his shoulders highlights for us that he is the Good Shepherd leading us through these difficult times, as Jesus led his people through their suffering to the glory of the Resurrection from the dead into eternal life.



In Jesus' time, sheep from various flocks would be kept in a fenced area to protect them from thieves and wolves. In the morning, the shepherd would call his flock and the sheep would recognise the voice of the shepherd and follow him out. There was a direct intimate relationship between the Shepherd and his sheep.

Pope Francis has reinforced this relationship between pastor and people when writing in his letter to the Church entitled "The Joy of the Gospel". He said that "pastors should know the smell of their sheep". This line was much quoted by bishops and priests from pulpits throughout the world, which often brought a smile to people's faces. Of course, Pope Francis is right in suggesting this strong relationship because it still remains the foundation of our communities. We appreciate that all is not as clearly defined as it was in the past. Parishes, families, neighbourhoods, a sense of belonging and purpose were much more valued and treasured than they are today. But the challenge remains for us, to keep those connections going and persevere to try and maintain that sense of belonging and community.

If the Coronavirus has taught us one thing: it is that we now realise how difficult physical separation is for us who are created in love by God; to love for one another.

God created us for relationships. Jesus gives us the example of the Good Shepherd as one who leads us through the darkest moments, 'near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit'. (Psalm 22).

May our journey allow the Good Shepherd to lead us through the trials of this life, into the eternal life to come.

May the Lord bless all.

Fr Kelvin



New Parish Office Hours:

Please note the Parish Office will be open on **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS from 9:00am—5:30pm.**All bulletin/mailout items must be received by Wednesday, 5:00pm.

Parish Masses This Week

| Monday | 1 May | No Mass | | | Monday of the 4th week of Easter |
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| Tuesday | 2 May | Mass | 9.15am | | St Athanasius, bishop, doctor |
| Wednesday | 3 May | Mass | 9.15am | | Sts Philip and James, apostles |
| Thursday | 4 May | Mass | 9.15am | | Thursday of the 4th week of Easter |
| Friday | 5 May | Mass | 9.15am | | Friday of the 4th week of Easter |
| Saturday | 6 May | Mass | 5.00pm | | Saturday of the 4th week of Easter |
| Sunday | 7 May | Mass | 8.00am | 9.30am 5.30pm | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Donald Dunning (brother of Leila McCreton, died in UK 27 March), Corrie Goringhuis (cousin of Robert Ramsden), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England, died 20 March), Maggie Hendriks (mother of Yvonne van den Berg, died 24 February), Julia Martin (friend of Joanne Dummer, died 19 February), Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha, died 28 January), Marie Gibbons (sister-in-law of Reg Gibbons, died 28 January), Kathleen Le Gras (sister of Brian McGarry, died 24 January), Daniel Joyce (husband of Sue, father of Joanna, Geoffrey and Nicholas, died 24 January), Monica Vince (cousin of Cecilia Kean, died 20 January), Patricia McGrath (wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David, died 17 January).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Pearce (Passionist Father, friend of Margaret and Patrick MacMillan 4th anniversary, 5 May), Fred Burke (husband of Betty and father of Virginia, 7th anniversary on 6 May), Joan Northcott (wife of Bill and mother of Tina, 13th anniversary on 27 April), Donna Carbone (sister of Frances Carbone and daughter of Rosina Palamara, 3rd anniversary on 24 April), Sr. Teresita (Joan Sexton - friend of Pam Gallagher 4th anniversary, 26 April), Monica Gibbons (wife of Reg, 7th anniversary on 21 April), Keith Walmsley (Rachel Mitchell's Dad, 4th anniversary 17 April), Giovanni (Jack) Cincotta (father of Trish Maiolo, 48th anniversary on 16 April), Andy Watson (son of Maurice and Jane) 4th anniversary on 13 April, Agnes Tiong (friend of Caroline Ho and family, 4th anniversary on 16 April, Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 5th anniversary on 1 April), Helen Nader (sister of John Kassis, 13th anniversary on 1 April), Dora Ballarin (Antonella Foti's mother, 3rd anniversary 5 April), Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 4th anniversary 30 March), Terry Blanchard (former Principal of St Leo's Catholic College), 4th anniversary on 10 April, Kristine Illingworth (Fr David's sister, 7th anniversary on 11 April), Caetano Maria Lopez (father of Quinnie Machado, 19th anniversary on 12 April), Edward James Lynch (father of Jennifer Gregory, 22nd anniversary on 23 March), Bus Algrem (4th anniversary on 23 March), Noreen McGarry (wife of Brian, 19th anniversary on 18 March), Roger Thrum (12th anniversary, 13 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 14 year anniversary on 14th March).

FOR THE SICK:

Susie Dunning and Frankie Dunning (siblings of Leila McCreton), Mary Stanley, Mitchell Lawrence (friend of Phillip King), Pammie Lee (former parent St Lucy's & St Edmund's), Gerard de Silva, Mike Tighe, Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Sally Salehian, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Margaret Ryan (sister of Reg Gibbons and wife of Con), Cyril Littrich, Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Margaret Hayes, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

Come As You Are (CAYA) Discussion and Reflection Group



Recommences Thursday, 4th May following morning Mass.

The group meets in the Parish Sunroom and everyone is welcome.



Congratulations
to the Burke Family
Connor Gregory

will be baptised this Sunday.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter?

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41: God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:20-25: You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian

of your souls

Gospel: I am the gate of the sheepfold.

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

We are excited to announce that we are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to join the ranks of our altar serving ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity for both junior (ages 9-18) and senior (18+) volunteers to actively participate in the celebration of the Mass and develop a deeper understanding of the liturgy.

Serving as an altar server is not only an opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, but also a way to serve the parish community and give greater glory to God. As an altar server, you will have the privilege of assisting the priest during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other liturgical functions.



Training sessions will be provided for all volunteers to ensure that they are well-equipped to serve in this important ministry. No prior experience is required, and we welcome all who are interested in this unique and rewarding service.

Please scan the QR Code left, <u>or click here</u>, to register your interest, and we will be in contact with you regarding dates and times for training, as well as your availability on the monthly roster.

In Christ.

Fr Kelvin, Fr Sam, and the Altar Serving Team

Children's Liturgy - starts back this Sunday!

Children's Liturgy is held during the 9:30am Sunday Mass (Term time only). Fr Kelvin invites the children to come forward and the group leader for that week will run the group in the Parish Sunroom. Parents are welcome to join their children if they wish. Feel welcome to join in, even if after the group has started. The leader discusses the day's Gospel with the children and age appropriate worksheets, pens, pencils etc. are provided The children return to the Mass at the Offertory.

Senior Ladies Group is back!

Our Senior Ladies Group is a casual, friendly group who meet in the Parish Sunroom for a chat, cup of tea and delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting will be on *Thursday, 4th May from 2:00pm-4:00pm.*



Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Mrs Jo Waldron 0412 018 819

Appeal for Catechists -



We teach at Warrawee on Wednesday morning and the Bush School on Thursday morning and the lessons are 30 minutes. Resources are supplied and training is offered by the Diocese.

We have a wonderful group of catechists doing this but many are taking multiple classes or teaching a combined group as we need more volunteers.

Contact Hayley 0438 948 947



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CCD Coordinator : Mrs Hayley Edmunds

Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators: Mrs Judy Dalton (SAN – Tues): Mr Barry Clibborn (SAN – Fri)

(Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland

Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator: TBA

St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference): Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823, Mr Ken Laing

(Treasurer), Mrs Candy Cosgriff (Secretary)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm (and FIRST Saturday of the month Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am 8.30am - 9.00am Silent Prayer

9.00am—9.15am Morning Prayer of the Church

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent from 3 March 2023:

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Mass is also celebrated: :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara — Monday 7.00am St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 1:15pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - last Sunday of the month.

Baptisms - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Bookings essential through the Parish Office.

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0484 581 647 out of office hours.

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council: Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks), has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN**? If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at <u>AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube</u> in case of an emergency.