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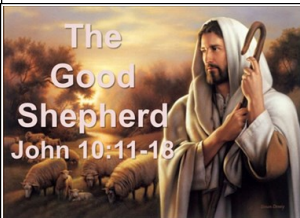
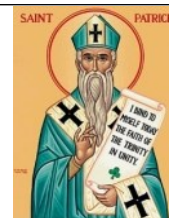
Diocese of Broken Bay

22nd April 2018

4th Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday~ Year B

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

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



This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd...

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good

shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires. (Loyola Press).



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Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and also Vocations Sunday

On this day we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel.

We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of such leaders, at least in the traditional sense – priests and religious. But, while we may earnestly pray that our Church be supplied with the leaders it needs, there can be a tendency among us to pray that OTHERS may answer that call. We do not see ourselves as included.

But the problem is a wider one. We have for too long given a much too narrow meaning to the word 'vocation'. We tend to limit it to a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious institute. But, in fact, every single one of us has a vocation. For most of us, probably, it is what we are now doing be it as spouses, parents, teachers, doctors, civil servants, running a business, salespersons... or whatever.

God is calling every single one of us to work for the Gospel. For a small number it may be as a priest or religious – and that call can come at any time in one's life. But there are hundreds of other ways of serving the Church and helping to build up the Christian community. Sacred Space - www.sacredspace.ie

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm St Bernard's
6pm St Patrick's
Sunday 8am St Patrick's
9am St Bernard's
10am St Patrick's
6pm St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am Wednesday
9am Friday
First Friday-St Bernard's 10.30am Adoration
11.00am Reconciliation
11.30am Healing Mass
St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's,
(except First Friday—see above)



1 of 2 ANZAC soldiers – Sydney's ANZAC Bridge. Sculptor: Alan Somerville Photo Giovanni Portelli

ANZAC Day—Wednesday 25 April 2018

There will be **ONE MASS ONLY** on this date
~ **9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights**
followed by a morning tea.

(NB: No morning Mass this Wednesday at St Patrick's)

As we gather each year to commemorate that first ANZAC Day in 1915 and all it has come to mean for our nation; as we pray for eternal life for those who have died in service of this country and in the hope of a better future; as we intercede, likewise, for the injured and the grieving and those presently in harm's way; so also we pray never to be tested as they were tested and never to romanticise what tested them.

We pray that if and when the hour comes that 'our soul is troubled' (Jn 12:27), as theirs was, that we shall prove worthy of them and of the country for which they fought.

When our time comes, may we be glorified as Christ was, and as were all His own: not by worldly triumphs but by the victory which is holding fast to what is true and good and beautiful, standing by your mates, your family, your country and your character. Extract from edited text of the homily of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at the ANZAC Day Vigil Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on 24/4/17.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

4th Week of Easter Year B

Monday 23/04

Monday of the 4th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Anzac Day
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter II-V or
II-III for the Dead
Wis 3:1-9 or Is 9:1-6;
1 Cor 1:18-25 or Eph 2:13-18;
Jn 12:23-28 or Jn 14:23-29

Thursday

St Mark, evangelist
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles II
1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Friday of the 4th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Easter I-V or saint
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
REMEMBERS and PRAYS**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter O'Halloran, Krystyna
Maciejewska, Brian Fernandez

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook,
Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg,
Frank McLenaghan, Edwina
Subramany, Aiko Concepcion,
John Messina, Brian Neary, Darcy
Green, Ellen Asistente, Alfredo
De Ramos, Marcelina De Ramos,
Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,
Matthew Conlon, Ivy Daria, John
Buckley, Kath Lock, Narelle
Cartwright, Arlene Josen, Dn Jim
Caulfield, Mary Fernandes, John
Macy, Maciej Maciejewski,
Matthew Sutton, Barbara Jones,
Patricia Sanders, Cadia Maestri,
Monique Leyden, Robert Conlon,
Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo De
Ramos Sr, Barbara & Frederick
Novak, Tom & Moya.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next October, the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet to discuss the theme of young people and in particular the relationship between young people, faith and vocation. There we will have a chance to consider more deeply how, at the centre of our life, is the call to joy that God addresses to us and how this is "God's plan for men and women in every age" (SYNOD OF BISHOPS, XV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment, Introduction*).

The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations once again proclaims this good news to us, and in a decisive manner. We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern* and *live* this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

These three aspects – *listening, discerning and living* – were also present at the beginning of Jesus' own mission, when, after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it "today" (Lk 4:16-21). *Full text can be read online*



We currently have five seminarians in our seminary and I think only 2 young women aspiring to enter into consecrated life. This may not be enough to meet the demands from the 26 parishes across the diocese and beyond.

I believe God has not stopped calling young people to various vocations and more especially to priestly and religious lives. I know the 21st century comes with its challenges but I believe that God will see us through.

Fr Stephen Wayoyi



**Introducing
Barbara McMullen**

Barbara is the unknown face from our March 18 bulletin which had all other faces of our 'new look' Parish Pastoral Council.

Thank you to all PPC members for your photos allowing parishioners to readily put a face to a name.

BE AWARE AND TAKE EXTRA CARE:

While our students are on school holidays, plumbing works will be carried out at St Patrick's Asquith, to resolve recurring blockage problems with our toilets.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and ask that you take care in the areas affected.

This is a large expense for the Parish but one which, we know you agree, must be undertaken.



Children's Choir is in recess over the school holidays, so there will be no practice until Friday 4 May, at the usual time of 4-5pm in St Patrick's church. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month during school terms. Our next Mass will be on Sunday 13 May.

The choir is always open to new members, from Year 3 and above from any school in the area. To join, come to our next practice, or check out the parish website for details.

Young Musicians: You are invited to apply for a parish Music scholarship which provides funds towards your music education expenses, plus a free mentorship in parish music ministry. Successful applicants are required to participate in music ministry in our parish at two weekend Masses per month. Scholarships are currently available in Keyboard, Choral Directing and other instruments. Contact parish office for Application Forms and further information. Enq: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.



Safeguarding Message: April:

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April ~

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters:

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

The 2nd Collection: Is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY** and goes to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars, petrol etc etc.

The 1st Collection: goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.



Important

3 Very Important Notices

we ask that all parishioners read this notice carefully

Important

*From our elderly to our youngsters
and to the many of us who make up the 'in-between' years,
we have certain legal responsibilities to meet and to ensure we look out for and keep you all safe.*

**Listed here are 3 legalities which we need to make you aware of
and what (if anything) you need to do:**

NPHC: Volunteers in our parish who visit our housebound in their homes or at Ku-ring-gai Gardens or Mt Wilga, will soon receive a letter or email from the office regarding a new requirement - a **National Police History Check**. This check is required as you are visiting folk who are deemed, by law, to be vulnerable. It is quiet a simple process. From a parish perspective we believe this to be a good thing from both sides - the housebound being visited and the volunteers doing the visiting.

Please contact Parish Office on 9456 2450 if you have any questions.

WWCC: Are you a volunteer in our parish in a ministry where you are required to hold a **Working With Children Clearance**? *Catechist, Children's Liturgy Leader, Senior Server etc?* If so, you may be nearing the time for renewal as your WWC Clearance is valid for 5 years only.

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian will notify you via email 3 months prior to your expiry date with instructions on how to renew, **HOWEVER**, in order to receive this reminder email, **you must ensure that your current email address is on record with the OCG**.

To do this you need to logon to their website [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au], enter your current WWC number and re-enter your details, updating any necessary fields.

If you need more information please contact the OCG on 9286 7219 who will guide you through the process.

WHS: Last week an annual **Work Health and Safety** (re)inspection was carried out by the Diocese across our parish. Broadly speaking we did okay, with issues identified last year having been addressed and just a couple of new smallish items having been identified going forward.

There are however, a couple of things we ask all parishioners to be aware of:

Please familiarise yourself with:

- ◆ The Emergency Evacuation maps which are on prominent display in each of our churches and show the locations of all exits and fire extinguishers.
- ◆ The Emergency Assembly Points at each Church (St Patrick's is located near the railway access road / St Bernard's is located in carpark next to the church)
- ◆ First Aid Kits (2 per church, one in each Sacristy and one in a cupboard at the back of each church)

NB: if you see anything which may pose a risk to others, please alert the Parish Office asap.



Ode of Remembrance

*They shall not grow 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.



Prayer: Psalm 23 (22) Yahweh is my shepherd!

Yahweh is my shepherd, I lack nothing. In grassy meadows he lets me lie.
By tranquil streams he leads me to restore my spirit.
He guides me in paths of saving justice as befits his name.
Even were I to walk in a ravine as dark as death I should fear no danger, for you are at my side. Your staff and your crook are there to soothe me.
You prepare a table for me under the eyes of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup brims over. Kindness and faithful love pursue me every day of my life.
I make my home in the house of Yahweh for all time to come.

POSITIONS VACANT @ the Diocese of Broken Bay:

Please note the following links to Positions that are currently available within the Chancery Offices.

Digital Communications Officer. P/time, 25 hrs p/wk
Office for Communications - <https://www.seek.com.au/job/35911627>

Parish Formation and Resource Coordinator. F/ time Catholic Youth Broken Bay, Office for Evangelisation - <https://www.seek.com.au/type=standout&userqueryid=5a218f5e-fa65750beb92aaa9574a1b04-0765156>

Resource Co-ordinator. Catholic Life & Faith Formation, Office for Evangelisation - <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/resource-coordinator-catholic-life-faith-formation/>
For full job descriptions, go to the website www.dbb.org.au



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—8th Anniversary today.

The Atrium, in the grounds of St Bernard's Berowra, will today, 'Good Shepherd Sunday' celebrate its 8th Anniversary of opening. Offering sessions for children aged 3-12 years during school terms. **Session times are:** for 3-6 year olds: **Fridays 10.30am-12pm**

for 6-9 year olds: **Tuesdays 4.15-5.45pm** for 9-12 year olds: **Mondays 4.15-6pm**

For more information about what happens in the Atrium and this wonderful method of faith formation for children see the parish website, www.kccp.dbb.org.au under 'groups and ministries'. If interested for your child, please contact Natasha Steele on 0409 621 817 or kccp.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com

Why not come and see this hidden treasure for yourself—who knows whose life you could change?

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 28 / 29 April—5th Sunday of Easter

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

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



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CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

St Bernard's Church

St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)

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	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Michael O'Neill	Malcolm Cross	Bill Martin	Francis Wong	Sue Lum
Server	Alex Rogers Arabella Stewart Molly Summerhayes	Preston Nguyen Isaac Tonkin Jessica Wilson	Aidan Hon Ambrose Hon	Nicholas Ward Lachlan Onslow Abbey McAdam	Jack Nilson Lachlan McCredie John Cosgrove Holly Harmon Pedro Rodrigues	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	Alysha Berry John Ryan	Peter Collins Denise Harant	Brian Walsh Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber Russel Schreiber	Susie Gates Norma de Couter	Don Low Ethleen Low
Children's Liturgy	May 6, 2018, Jackie T		May 6, 2018 Karen P, Belinda A & Kathleen Q.			
Communion to Sick	Chris Enright, Kerrin Enright		Ellen Downey, Vincente Sanchez			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Paul Waite, Marlene Maloney(f), Sarah Jane Sibelja, Gwen Wood(s)		Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta			
Maintenance	Teams B: David, Phil, Denis, Justin, Chris, Ralph		April: Elroy Allen, HELPERS NEEDED - Please volunteer - mainly grounds maintenance			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Fabiola Rew		Bill Smitheram, Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus			

Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay: Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450
Urgent sick calls Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery)
 Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)
Nursing Home Visits By request
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday
 Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests
 Please phone the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.
HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.
Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.



250 Club: Wk 16: 09/04/18
Winning #: 360 ~ \$25 Unsubscribed

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

ANZAC Day ~ Wednesday 25 April 2018
ONE MASS ONLY ~ 9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights followed by M/tea (No Mass @ SPA)

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- * [Palms Information Sessions](#) Parramatta and Sydney in May.
- * Father Factor—practical things to do to build your relationship with your children. 3 opportunities during May.
- * Men's Breakfast—12 May 2018 Berowra Heights.
- * World Meeting of Families in Ireland – August 2018.
- * Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB.
- * Vocations Office DBB 2018—you're invited to attend opportunities for prayer, discernment and inquiry if considering a vocation to priesthood or diaconate.
Vocations.Ministry@dbb.org.au

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