



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: [Acts 13:14, 43-52](#)

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Second Reading: [Rev 7:9, 14-17](#)

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel: [John 10:27-30](#)

I give my sheep eternal life.

This week's Gospel Reflection:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD ALWAYS LISTENS

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd tenderly carrying a sheep on his shoulders was one of the earliest images of Jesus in Christian art. It was found in the Roman catacombs, the ancient cemeteries outside the city of Rome where the early Christian martyrs were buried. It has remained a much-loved image of Jesus throughout the centuries.

Jesus teaches "***I am the Good Shepherd***" in this week's reading from the Gospel of John. Hence, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as ***Good Shepherd Sunday***.



In the reading Jesus speaks evocatively of the relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep of his flock. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." The good shepherd knows his sheep so well that he knows them by name! They know him. They listen to his voice. He cares for them. They trust him. He leads them. They follow him. Indeed, the good shepherd, unlike a hired hand, lays down his life for his sheep. It is a relationship of trust, faithfulness, steadfast care and unwavering love.

Jesus goes on to speak just as evocatively of the relationship between himself and the Father: "My Father who has given them [the sheep] to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Father and I are one: this is an astonishing claim! Indeed, it will heighten the animosity in those religious authorities who oppose Jesus and escalate the already growing tension that will ultimately lead to his death.

In declaring that "the Father and I are one," Jesus is identifying himself with the God of Israel, the Shepherd whose praises resound in today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 99): "God, he made us, we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his flock."

That "the Father and I are one" means that Jesus, the good shepherd, is the very image of the Father, as Good Shepherd.

This much-loved image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and our reading from John's Gospel remind us to keep our eyes on him, to listen to him, to follow him, and to hold firm to our faith and our trust in him. He is truly the Good Shepherd. He has laid down his life for us. His resurrection is the promise of ours. He calls us to live lives of faith, hope and charity, caring for our neighbour and for all creation.

As we prayed in the Responsorial Psalm, let us rejoice and be glad, for "how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age." We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

And on this Mothers' Day, let us also give thanks for our mothers, and for all those people in our lives who have cared for us and shepherded us on life's journey.

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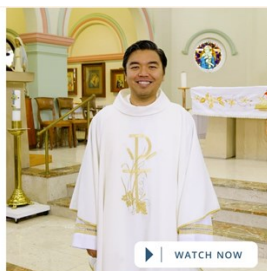
Readings and Commentaries

PRAYING WITH CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fr Francis Belcina OSA



WATCH NOW

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Fr Francis reminds us that being sought, loved, and known by God is the joy that sustains us in our vocations. [Watch now](#)

Deceased

Barbara Rahman, Tony Clinton, Alan Whidburn

Anniversary

Margaret Shape, Tony Ley, Michael Dunne, Jill Beaton, Brian Collins, Ged Cosgrove

Sick

Yvonne Harrison, Suzanne Black, Beth Kloza, Heiko Ertel, Jim Johnson, Mike McAuliffe, Kathleen Cosgrove, Robert Minns, Tim chen chen zuo Zu, Mary Thomas, Antonio Ferrante, Lorraine Stevens, Carol Black, Moira De Silva, Juliana Ryman, Lorna McConnachie, Margaret Sullivan, Bernie Knapp, Val Bonney, Ryan Ferguson, Linda & Andrea Pisano, Estelle Freney, Toni Bennett, Deiana Martin, Les Grimson

WCCM (Christian Meditation)

Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mater Dei: Monday & Friday 6 - 7pm

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW POPE LEO XIV

May Pope Leo XIV be a shepherd for your Church who will please you in his holiness and guide his flock with love and watchful care, especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable.

We pray that your Holy Spirit may be with Pope Leo XIV to strengthen him to be a messenger of love, peace, and unity in our world.

We offer our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 12/05/2025	4th Week of Easter	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 14/05/2025	4th Week of Easter	9am	SPC
Thursday 15/05/2025	4th Week of Easter	9am 11am Funeral (Alan Whidburn)	SPC
Friday 16/05/2025	4th Week of Easter	9am 11am Funeral (Tony Clinton)	Mater Dei SPC
Saturday 17/05/2025	4th Week of Easter	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 18/05/2025	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am 10am 5pm	SPC MD SPC



Children's Liturgy Leaders - Help Needed

Children's Liturgy is presently offered at the 10am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. To keep this program sustainable, we are urgently seeking more volunteers to be part of a roster, either as a session leader, or assistant. Your help could be on a monthly, once a term, or standby basis - all help is welcome. All volunteers need to complete the parish safeguarding requirements prior to commencing. Support is available to learn how it all works, including shadowing an existing session leader. Easy to follow materials are provided through the Archdiocese for each Sunday. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the parish office, or Donna Lynn. donna.lynn@live.com.au

FUNERAL MASS

There will be a funeral Mass for **Alan Whidburn** held on **Thursday 15th May** at **St Peter Chanel** commencing at 11am. On **Friday 16th May** a service for **Tony Clinton** will be held at **St Peter Chanel** commencing at 11am. Please keep both families in your prayers.



Volunteers Needed Sisters of Charity Centenary Exhibition 24 May – 6 July 2025

We're looking for volunteers with a connection to the Sisters of Charity and an interest in history to assist with the **Sisters of Charity Centenary Exhibition** at **St Vincent's Private Hospital, 411 Main Street, Kangaroo Point**. The exhibition will run from **25 May to 6 July**, between **10 AM and 3 PM** (3-4 hour shifts). If you can help please Email Lisa Eastment : lisa.eastment@svha.org.au

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DATE CLAIMER

Gentlemen, **Deacon Gary Stone OAM** will be our guest speaker at the next Gathering on **9th May**. The **theme** will be, "**Living in the fullness of life, John 10:10**". The Gathering commences at **6pm** in the Parish Hall, 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap. The cost is \$15.00. For catering purposes, would you please RSVP Mike before the 6th May by text on 0459 992 228, or email : menCONNECTsjwtg@gmail.com

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HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 12th May. Contact the parish office for further details.

Please check out our [Parish Webpage](#) and [Facebook Page](#) for regular updates.



SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and join in the fun!! A small group of parishioners will be gathering for trivia at the Blind Tiger (at the Gap Village) on Wednesday 4 June. There are two tables booked from 6pm, with trivia starting at 7pm.



Purchase food and drinks as you go on the night. Gold coin entry fee when trivia commences. RSVP is essential - 20 people maximum. Get in early! Please contact Donna Lynn for more details or if you would like to RSVP donna.lynn@live.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there.



MAHJONG SOCIAL GROUP

Don't forget to come and try playing Mahjong. Beginners are welcome and they meet on Thursday's from 12.30 – 2.30 in the Parish Hall. If you or someone you know would like to join the group please contact the Parish office.

Great to see the happy faces.

HONOURING MOTHERS

"There is no greater good in all the world than motherhood.

The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."

~ James E Faust ~



Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible mums.

Today we honour you – the love you give, the patience you show and the quiet strength you carry day after day.

Whether you're a mum, stepmum, grandmother or someone who loves like a mum, thank you.

You bring comfort, guidance and warmth in ways that last a lifetime. Even when it's not spoken, what you do matters deeply. We also pause to remember the mums who are no longer with us.

Their love still surrounds us, their wisdom still shapes us and their memory lives on in our hearts.

To all mothers, present or remembered, thank you for the love that continues to guide us.

God, thank You for mothers, their love, strength and care.

*Bless those with us and those we remember today.
Give them rest when they are weary, peace when they worry and joy in knowing they are loved.*

May we honour them with thankful hearts. Amen.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

11 MAY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a time for reflection and prayer as we come together to encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and marriage, all lived in service of God's mission. On 11 May 2025, we join the global Church in celebrating this special day, which this year coincides with Mother's Day—a fitting reminder of the vital role of mothers in nurturing faith and vocation. **Please join us in praying for an increase in vocations in our Archdiocese.**

Archbishop's VOCATIONS DINNER 2025

for MEN 22 MAY

A night of discussion and discernment with the Archbishop.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"He who follows me walks not in darkness" - John 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

Cathedral of St Stephen, BRISBANE CITY



Starting and ending at the
Cathedral of St Stephen
and featuring prayers, rosary,
hymns and Benediction
with proceedings led by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



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SOMETHING FOR A LAUGH

Little Johnny was asked by his Mum what he had learned in Children's Liturgy.



"Well Mum, the teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked safely across. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio HQ for reinforcements and they sent bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"Is that really what the teacher taught you?" asked his Mum. "Well, no Mum, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!!!"



Enjoy your week ahead.....

31 MAY 2025

SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

9AM - 3PM

Join Archbishop Mark for

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Scan to register
before 24/5/25



**LEARN AND
PRACTICE THE
ART OF PRAYER**



SAFEGUARDING CORNER

SAFEGUARDING SURVEYS

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards emphasise the importance of engaging with families, carers, and communities on safeguarding and using the insights of children and adults in safeguarding approaches. This knowledge can inform organisations about practices and environments that are safe for children and adults at risk.

Each of the surveys have 10 questions or less and should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete.

The surveys can be accessed via the links below and are completely anonymous. A poster and the QR codes for each survey are also attached.

[Child Safeguarding Survey](#) (5-12 yrs)

[Youth Safeguarding Survey](#) (13-17yrs)

[Parish Safeguarding Survey](#) (Adults)

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

If you would like to borrow something from the kitchen or the hall please phone or talk to the Parish office. We need to make sure everything is available for people who hire our hall. We are happy to help you where we can.

A vocation View Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church. (John 10:27-30)

Please pray for vocations.



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