

GOSPEL

Jn 10: 11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his
life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

21 APRIL 2024

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

One of the recurring themes in Acts is that of the apostles and disciples being 'filled with the Holy Spirit' which, in turn, finds expression in the boldness of their speech. As Peter addresses the rulers and elders, we observe his boldness in answering their query concerning the healing of a disabled person. Peter qualifies that he does this 'in the name of Jesus Christ the crucified one whom God raised.' He acknowledges that his power and authority come from God through Jesus Christ. He acts in the name of Jesus Christ; he heals as he did. His actions, and not just his words, are testament and witness to the one whom God raised.

The Gospel of John speaks of Jesus as the good shepherd, 'the one who lays his life down for his sheep.' This image of Jesus contrasts with that of the shepherds mentioned in the Old Testament who were bad leaders who led the people of Israel astray. It also interacts with New Testament writings that warn of false shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, can be trusted. He is the Son of God and not a hired hand. The focus of the passage is on Jesus as the one who laid down his life freely. In John's account, we hear that Jesus has the power to take up his life again. This is possible, Jesus says, as it is 'the command I have been given by my Father' and it offers strong assurance of God's power in Jesus, of his complete trust in the love of God and his own love for his sheep.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PS Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (or Alleluia!)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / It is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in men: / it is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in princes. **R.**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord / is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; / for his love has no end. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet
been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; / I know my sheep, and
mine know me. / Alleluia!

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CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

:Rosary
after weekday Masses
:Cenacle Prayers
Fridays 5:00pm – 6:00pm

MASS TIMINGS:

Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00 am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm
First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

Archdiocese of Sydney's Child Safeguarding Office: 9290 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

Year B: Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd) 21-04-2024

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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

Prayer for ANZAC Day: *God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security that we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in times of war and peacekeeping. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life for the sake of the world. Amen. (modified from Prayer One of ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee)*

We offer special prayers for:

The sick: Dea Maria Tjahjana, Helen Yu, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Marieta De Venecia, Speranza Dorigo, Lynette Drew, Sue Domanchich, Vivian Felice, Jim Lisbona, Doris Magri, Celin Malkun, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Nayade Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Yvonne Parry, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trewhella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

The deceased: Recently: *all who died recently, Jack McCoy, Felicidad Yabut Delos Reyes*
Anniversary: *Shirley Bell (2nd on 22/4), William Malkun (2nd on 26/4), Antonio Castillo (28/4), Susan Lee (4th on 30/4), Wilfred Tsen, Bemabe Moulic (18/4)*

Others: *Maria Vucetic, Miko Vucetic, Des Ebejer, Andrew Spiteri, Jenny Chen, Vincenzo & Elena Sellaro; Gerace, Cosentino, Rizzo, Artese & Sellaro Families, Giovanni Family, John Wilkinson Patrick Cheong, Veronica Luo, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.*

Prayer to the Good Shepherd : *Lord of the 23rd Psalm, I have known death and you have refreshed my soul. I have known fear, and you have comforted me. I have known hunger, and you have set a feast before me. In the darkest valley no calamity of humankind or nature has separated us. Teach me to walk as you walk. Beside those in mourning so that they will know joy, Beside those in fear that they will know comfort, Beside those in hunger that they will feast until their cup overflows. As your goodness and love follow me, May mine follow my neighbour. That the threat of the worst terrors, may turn to the knowledge of the comforts of the house of the Lord, Where you have invited us to dwell forever. And so let me strive to help build on earth. What you have promised us in heaven. In the face of all calamity, present and yet to come, Let me lead my neighbour beside quiet waters, The quiet waters of the Good Shepherd. Amen. (from www.crs.org/resource-center/prayer-good-shepherd)*

Roster Apr 27/28	5.30pm	8am	10am
Lectors:	Brennan Sharpley Beatriz Visperas	Meri Hardi Joyce Francis	Anthony Grima Bernadette Heywood

Church Cleaning & Preparation: Roster 27 April (fourth Saturday of the month)

Flowers Arranging: Linda Potres **Dusting & Tidying Pews:** Linda Potres

Vacuuming Church Floor: Mary Galea

Feast and Memorial Days of the Week: 25 April – ANZAC Day
26 April – Saint Mark

Welcome to Deacon Nonie Tiburan: who has been appointed to OLA Pagewood Parish from 12 April 2024; the date of his ordination to the Diaconate. He will assist Fr Daney at Pagewood Parish from Thursday to Sunday. We pray for him for God's blessings and guidance in his ministry.

Volunteer(s) are needed to vacuum on the Saturday morning of 4th May, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August. If you are able to help, please contact the parish.

Project Compassion: A Total of \$2245 was collected (\$445 in cards). Thank you very much for your generous donations. The funds have been forwarded to Caritas Australia. Tax receipts for cash/cheque donations will be issued by the parish in June 2024. Tax receipts for card donations will be issued by Caritas Australia.

The First Collection taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection which will be taken immediately after The First Collection** supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance.

Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.

NO FOREIGN COINS Please: Please do not place any foreign coins and currency in any collections as they cause problems with our counting machine and the bank's.

Books, pamphlets, Items left in Church Foyer without approval: Please DO NOT leave books, pamphlets or items in the church foyer without permission from Fr Daney. Unwanted and unauthorised dumping of items clutter the foyer; and weekly effort & expense has to be taken to throw them out.

The Catholic Weekly for only \$2 each in the foyer.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org