



St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

*4th Sunday of Easter (Year B)
20th & 21st April 2024*

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ through *Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

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. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

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.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

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Liturgies

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 12noon / Wednesday 7am*

Thursday 8am / Friday 9am

**Anointing Mass 4th Tuesday monthly*

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Anakie Community Hall:

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly



We acknowledge the Kairi, the Wangan, and the Western Gangaloo Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of which St Patrick's Parish is situated. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Sick: Beatrice, Mick Burrige, Fr Peter Tonti, Dawn Meek, Marjorie Millard, Peter Mahony, Shelley Herwin, Nancy Mooney, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Mary Hornery, Lawrence McNamee.

Deceased: Br Peter Clinch cfc, Gerard Pearce, Mike Burns, John Murray.

Anniversaries: Br Peter Codd, Donna Chapman, Austin Burns, Les Dalglish, Fr Dan Moore, June Ufer, Jenjen Aquino, Roley McAtee.

Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support. The Parish Priests are available for special blessings (home, vehicle, occasions). Contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Church April Roster

Ground Maintenance: Bill Mahony, Glen McKinlay, Bernie Frawley

Church Linen: Deborah Titmarsh

Church Cleaning:

April:

26th: Jessica & Christian

THIS WEEKEND 20/21 April

Sacristan:

6pm: John Millard | **8am:** Peter Agius

Commentators:

6pm: Michael Heinemann | **8am:** Loyola McKinlay

Readers:

6pm: T.B.A | Lauren Krause

8am: Yvonne Farrell | Monica Burns

Communion Ministers:

6pm: Kevin Bickhoff, Volunteer, Janice Moriarty

8am: Yvonne Farrell, Grainne Cullivan, Peter Agius

Childrens Liturgy:

6pm: Mollie Heinemann, Meaghan Tucker

8am: Carolyn Pearce, Stephanie Kahl

Altar Servers:

6pm: Milla & Pippa Duncombe

8am: Isabelle & Natalie Case

Powerpoint Operators:

6pm: Morag Hyslop

8am: Marsha Krawczyk

Holy Goods:

6pm: Margaret Boland

8am: Sue Peters

Musicians:

6pm: Noel, Troy, Stefanie

8am: Roslyn, Mark, Monica

Sacramental Program 2024

Confirmation - Children Y4 and older, cluster gatherings commence 27 May. Parent Information & Enrolment Session - Tuesday, 14 May at 3.30pm or 5pm

More information to follow or contact the Parish Office, 4982 1066.



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Morning Tea

Sunday 21st March

Parish gathering for morning tea after Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.

All are very welcome.

Parish Staff will be away from the Office 22nd - 24th April attending the Diocesan Secretary Administration Inservice at The Haven.

Fr Truc will be available on 0431 218 818 for urgent Matters.

Congratulations to couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month.

Thursday morning Mass at Marist College Emerald will resume on **Thursday 9th of May at 8am.**

Contributions can be made direct to the Parish Account
BSB: 034 210
Account: 002296
Name: St Patrick's Church Emerald
Ref: Initial|Surname



PLANNED GIVING

	January	February	March
Envelope	\$3760	\$3135	\$4353
Loose	\$6326	\$3772	\$5096
Average	\$2521	\$1726	\$1889

Project Compassion Collection \$3143.35

Please contact the parish office to join planned giving.

Upcoming Second Collections

Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal - 20 & 21 April

Peter Pence (Holy Father) Collection - 4&5 May



Support the Parish Fundraiser
St Patrick's Account No: C11067581

Dear Visitor,
Welcome to Emerald.
Please take a St Patrick's prayer card wishing you every blessing for an enjoyable and safe journey.

Emergency Relief Roster April
Presbyterian Church
0400 387 522

St Patrick's Parish Mother's Group

For Mothers at any stage in life.

Sharing Faith, Life, Prayer, Motherhood, Womanhood

Mothers Unfolding with Mary

Every Wednesday during school term
9am at the Church. Come & see.

All welcome.

Any queries contact Loyola McKinlay 0422326841

"A woman's soul is fashioned as a shelter in which other souls may unfold." - St Edith Stein