

First Reading [Acts of the Apostles 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.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22](#)

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

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 corner stone.

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 John 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.

Gospel Acclamation : [John 10:14](#) Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 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.'

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 21st April, 2024

REFLECTION: by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow.

Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noisemaking.

Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did yesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves.

Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all. Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone.

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WEEKDAY MASS
Week 22nd - 28th April

Tuesday
St Francis de Sales No Mass

Wednesday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

Thursday
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 8.00am

Friday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 9.00am

NEXT WEEKEND:
5th Sunday of Easter Year B
Saturday

Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.30pm

Sunday
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 7.00am
Reconciliation: - Before Weekend Mass
Regular Mass times :-

Holy Rosary Marian
Every Wednesday 6pm
(Healing Mass 2nd Wednesday of the month)
Every Friday 9am
Every Saturday 6pm

Immaculate Conception, Mirani
Every Thursday 8am
(Healing Mass 1st Thursday of the month)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 7am

St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton
2nd Tuesday of the month 8am (Healing Mass)
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month 7am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mt Charlton
2nd Sunday of the month, 4pm.

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“The Catholic Men’s Dinner Club will meet on Mon. 29th April at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start at the Boomerang Hotel, Nebo Rd. The guest speaker is **Doug Petersen**, local historian, subject ‘**Father Pierre Marie Bucas a Life and a Possible Saint**’? Visitors/ New members and **all Ladies** are welcome. **RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile at 0418 186 691**”.

CWL Farleigh is hosting a Mother’s Day Mass at St Brigid’s Catholic Church, on Wednesday 8th May at 9.30am. All are very welcome to attend. Raffle to be drawn after Mass.

Please Pray For:

The Sick: Jim Scriha, Earl Neilsen, Eric O’Neill, Kacey Sanfilippo, Charlie Axiak, Joseph Agius, Nancy Curran, John Fordyce, Matt O’Neill,

The Recently Deceased: (April 2024)

Anniversaries that occur at this time: (Dates are in front of names)

10/3 Mary Wright, Annie Scriha, 5/2 Charlie Caruana, 25/2 William (Bill) Rutland, 2/3 Josie Perna, 17/4 Linus Vickers,

Remembrance Mass that have been requested: Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Angie Caruana, Annie Scriha, Dale Axiak, Sarino Ferlazzo, John Breen, George Lando, Monica & Tony Baldwin, Monty & Bess Martin.

Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list.

Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. There is no correlation between 3rd.

Envelopes & Forms for Mass Stipends are in each Church or ask at the Office. Thank you.

Novena to St Joseph the Worker As we pray for vocations this weekend you are invited to pray our annual diocesan novena to St Joseph for vocations. The novena starts this Tuesday the 23rd of April and ends on the 1st of May, the feast day of St Joseph the Worker. You can find the novena online at <https://rok.catholic.net.au/catholic-faith/vocations/pray-for-vocations/novena/> or scan the QR code.



Diocesan Vocations Prayer: Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you. May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life. Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church. May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world. Amen.

Donation: An upgrade of microphone connection near Organ is required to allow multiple microphones to be used at the same time as well as the computer be connected to sound system. This will enhance the musical liturgy during Masses. The computer also needs to be upgraded. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the upgrades, please add your donation to the weekly collection or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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