

# Catholic Parish of Walkerston ( including Eton)

## St John's + Holy Cross

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### YEAR B: 21ST APRIL 2024



#### Parish Team

##### Parish Priest

Fr James Ezeocha

##### Parish Secretary

Jean-May Wright

##### Finance Secretary

Ray Borg: - Walkerston/Eton

#### Contact Details

##### St John's Walkerston Parish Office

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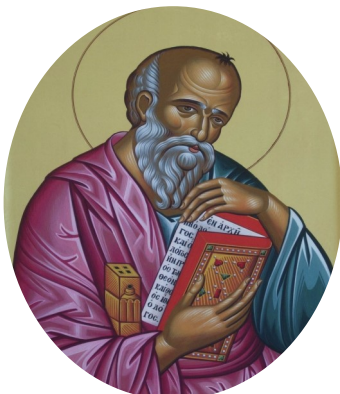
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##### Emergency Pager

Anointing in danger of death

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#### 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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**Nick Brodie** is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to further the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ by fostering the Spiritual growth of Parishioners and leading them to respond actively to their Baptismal call to Mission.



## Liturgies of the Week Week 22nd-28th April

### MONDAY

6.30am Mass -St John's

### TUESDAY

ST GEORGE, ST ADALBERT

6.30am Mass -St John's

### WEDNESDAY

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest

9.00am Mass- St John's

### THURSDAY

#### ANZAC DAY

8.00am Holy Hour-St John's

9.00am Mass -St John's

### FRIDAY

St Mark

9.00am Mass—St John's

### SATURDAY

St Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

4.30pm Reconciliation-St John's

5.15pm Mass- St John's

### SUNDAY

9.00am Mass - Holy Cross



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR JAMES**

**FOR SUNDAY 21ST APRIL**

**This weekend during Mass there will be a 2nd collection for the "Holy Spirit Seminary",  
Please keep the 2024 Seminarians and Priests in your Prayers.**

**Can you think of a better way to positively influence the future of the Church than to invest in seminarians?** Your financial support enables Holy Spirit Seminary to provide valued theological and pastoral formation as well as teaching seminarians to shepherd in a new way. Through your contribution, you can provide accommodation, functional classrooms and facilities that contribute to their education, and helps ensure our future priests are fully equipped for the task ahead.  
**2024 Prayer Calendar, Donation Card & Envelopes for Seminarians and Priests Brochures are in the Churches. Thank you.**



*You are invited to Mackay's Celebration Of Bishop Michael  
McCarthy's 10th Anniversary as Bishop of Rockhampton  
and welcome to His Excellency Archbishop Charles Balvo  
Apostolic Nuncio to Australia*

#### Where

St Patrick's Hall  
River St

#### RSVP

Friday 24 May 2024  
E: [stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:stjomky@rok.catholic.net.au)  
P: 4957 4855

#### When

Friday 31 May 2024  
5.30pm

## Parish News & Announcements

**Safeguarding Training** will be delivered in our Parishes on the date below. **All Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are required to attend this training every year.** The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training.  
**Walkerston: Tuesday 30th April, 5.30pm** in St John's School Hall  
**To register please contact the Parish Office. 49 592241**

A new presentation is available to watch for those who are not able to attend the session. The new presentation can be viewed at the Parish Office. Please phone or email to organise a time to view the presentation.

**CWL Farleigh** is hosting a **Mother's Day Mass** at **St Brigid's Catholic Church**, on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am**. All are very welcome to attend.

Raffle to be drawn after Mass.

"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**".



**The parishes of the Northern Region along with the Colleges and Schools have purchased a crozier in recognition of the Bishop's 10<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Anniversary.** This crozier will be used by the bishop when he visits the parishes and schools of this region. If you would like to contribute to this gift your donation would be very welcome. Simply place your donation in an envelope clearly marked: 'Bishop's Gift' and place it in the collection at Mass or drop it in to your local parish office. (*See Invitation*)

**CatholicCare Central Queensland is on an exciting journey of growth and transformation.** As part of our transition to become an incorporated governing body, we are seeking to recruit highly skilled individuals to **join our our soon to be established Board of Directors.** Your **strategic thinking, expertise, and leadership** will influence critical decisions and allow CatholicCare to reach new heights! **Find out more and submit your expression of interest at:**  
<https://www.seek.com.au/job/74453495>

**Engaged Encounter GOT YOUR WEDDING UNDER CONTROL?** But how prepared are you for marriage? **Catholic Engaged Encounter** provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. **Live-out weekend** at Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra from Saturday morning, 15 June to Sunday afternoon, 16 June. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information contact Lisha and Joseph 0481 307 821 [cee.brisbane@gmail.com](mailto:cee.brisbane@gmail.com) visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

# Please Pray For:

## The sick:

Lisa Hodges, Giselle Anderson

## The recently deceased:

Ryan Craig, Sally Borg, Mary Sant,

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

7/4 Allan McLauchlan, Nola Currey, (12/4) Doris Tweddle,

24/4 Mary Camilleri, Edna Smith, Jessie Bugeja, Emanuel Bugeja,

## Remembrance Mass:

Joe (Lizzy) Borg, Joe Axiak, Antonio & Guiseppa Axiak, George & Rose Bezzina, Andrew Zammit, Carmel Azzopardi, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Angie & Charlie Caruana, Veronica Vezzoli, Glen Ellwood, Sarino Ferlazzo, John Breen, George Lando, Doris Tweddle, Charlie Borg, Mary Vella, Monica & Tony Baldwin, Monty & Bess Martin, Anne (Vella) Fowke, Emmanuel & Tessie Falzon, Peter Camilleri, Anthony Scriha, Ben Agius, Pat & Doreen Young, David Deguara, Vincent & Carmela Colby, John Paul Borg (Snr), John Paul Borg (Jnr), Charles, Mary, Victor, Sam & Adrian Camilleri, Grace Zarb, Mary Deguara, Jean Sammut, Albert Sammut, Richard, Clare & Carolyn Batros, Percy Vella, Patrick Camilleri, Members of the Sammut Family,

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 offering Mass Stipends and names of the sick, Anniversaries or Recently deceased being added to the bulletin. Envelopes & Forms in each Church or ask at the Office.

## Next Week's Scripture

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32: R.

(R.) I will praise you, in the assembly of your people.

### Second Reading

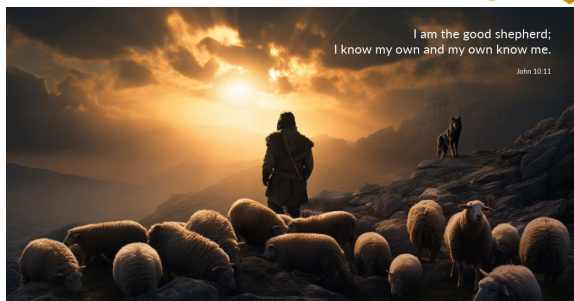
1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

### Gospel

John 15: 1- 8:

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.



The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and is committed to safeguarding,

with a specific focus on protecting Children and **Adults at Risk**.

For further information or support please contact the

**Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:**

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (Free call) Email: [pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au)

Diocesan Website [www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/Queensland](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/Queensland)

Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

commitment statement and Policy:

[www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

Queensland Professional Standards Office: [www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/](http://www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/)



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

**Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

**\*Please note: would there be anyone willing to clean the Presbytery at least once a fortnight? Please contact the Office or see Fr James. Thank you.**

## This Week's Scripture

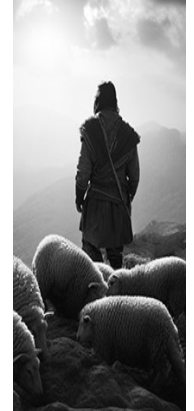
**First Reading:** [Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12](#) A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

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](#) (Not said if this is sung)

**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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**Holy Cross**

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