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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass,
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; followed by Rosary
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary
	9.30 AM	Mass
	5.30 PM	Mass
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanks Giving Offering	\$3,651.00
Presbytery Offering	\$1,973.90
Thank you for your commitment and support	

Next Week's Reading

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading Acts 4:8 -12

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1 - 2

Gospel John 10:11 - 18

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BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in **April**

Church Cleaning —
(coming week)

Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Clyde Pereira	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Kate Robinson	Hannah Chua	Yvonne Kumar
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Reader	Sarah P	Amber S Taab	Peter Liptai
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Veronica Pedrola	Volunteer

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James, Elizabeth Yambao, Anslam Diaz, Marlon Pereira, Therese Back

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Albino Gomes Duarte



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

14 April 2024

First Reading Acts 3:13-15 .17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. V.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have

our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. '

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written

that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting— sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of that sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son. In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm

- Holy God, we praise thy name No 129;
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PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Eye has not seen No 146;
Page 146

COMMUNION SONG

- Communion song No 187;
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FINAL SONG

- Let heaven rejoice No 124;
Page 123

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am

- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus No 191;
Page 189

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- I am the bread of life No 49; Page 50

COMMUNION SONG

- As I kneel before you Text attached

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet music

FINAL SONG

- Lord, the Light of your love No 59; Page 253

AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU

(Maria Parkinson)

1. As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours,
And fill me with your love.

Refrain:

Ave Maria, Gratia plena,

Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.

2. All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, Present
them to my Lord.

3. As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word,
Is lost in your embrace.

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm

- Alleluia No. 1 No 15;
Page 18

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Eat this bread No 125;
Page 124

COMMUNION SONG

- From Heaven You came No 77;
Page 266

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

FINAL SONG

- Christ be our light No 3;
Page 205

'RESURRECTION—GOD'S MERCIFUL ACT OF CREATION'

„Do not be afraid to place your own hands into Christ's side, and to touch his resurrected wounds. For when we do so, we are binding ourselves to God's life in us".

'The resurrection is God's most merciful act of creation: in his Son's arising, God re-created the world, and us,' he said. 'To trust in this mercy—present from the beginning of creation—is to have faith in Christ's victory over death, including our death.'

St Thomas the Apostle - doubter, unbeliever, sceptic in Christ's resurrection became a powerful testifier, encourager and believer. in the resurrection of Christ.

„While we do not have Christ's physical body with us today, we do have Christ's 'invisible Body'—'in the Church, sacramentally, and in the poor, who are present among us'

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Divine Mercy Sunday, Bayswater 2024

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

JESUS BOTH SHEPHERD AND SHEEP



Sybil C. Parker. "The Door of the Fold." 1895

PLEDGE TO PRAY

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday".

Jesus as Good Shepherd, the guardian of the sheepfold, is also an ecclesiological text: this is a theology of the Church. The Church is Christ's sheepfold. There are no lone sheep: the sheep who wanders from the flock, from the sheepfold, is in danger. He's not free, out to "define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe and of the mystery of human life." He's lost, exposed and in danger. He needs to be rescued. He needs to be saved.

There is an order to the sheepfold, and it's the Good Shepherd who maintains it. He's the gatekeeper. He opens ... and closes. His voice is normative: the sheep "hear his voice" and follow him. The sheep know to listen for the voice they know, not the stranger's siren call.

Jesus is also, paradoxically, both Shepherd and Sheep. He is the "Lamb of God," the spotless Lamb offered on the cross who takes away the sins of the world.

This theme is captured in Sybil Parker's painting, by the late 19th-century British artist Sybil Parker. Her "Door of the Fold," an oil painting from 1895, presents Jesus in his gatekeeper function, the one who opens the door of the fold. Under his right hand — the hand of authority — five sheep venture out, taking in the environment but in trust toward their Shepherd. At his left foot, a sheep lies down in peace (see Psalm 4:8). A little lamb — a recovered lost sheep? — reclines on Jesus' left arm. Jesus looks with care at his charges.

A priest has noted the correlation between the Good Shepherd and his role as the sacrificial Lamb of God. Note that, over Christ's shoulder, the wood of the sheep shed forms a cross. To his left are elements of his Passion: the rock hill (of Calvary), the scarlet robe, the inscription. The purity of the scene — Christ in white, the sheep washed white as wool, contrasts to strong color of the crimson robe: "Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as wool; though they be red as crimson, they may become white as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

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