

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

RESPONSE: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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.

Response.

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.

Response.

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.

Response

SECOND READING: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;
Jn 15:1-8.**



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a
crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have
been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively,
you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity
Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or
by calling (02) 9390 5810.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B) 24th / 25th April 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

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.

Thanks be to God.

Good Shepherd Sunday

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ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am	
APR 24 / 25	Acolytes R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	A STANTON	Flowers J KEYSER
	Readers J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER	
MAY 1 / 2	Acolytes T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J KWONG	Flowers K PERERA / T CHAMISA
	Readers V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING	
MAY 8 / 9	Acolytes M MORELLI	J KWONG	G MOODLEY	Flowers N HAHN
	Readers B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN	
MAY 15 / 16	Acolytes R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	A STANTON	Flowers A NAGANATHAN
	Readers N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ	
MAY 22 / 23	Acolytes R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI	Flowers J KEYSER
	Readers J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER	
MAY 29 / 30	Acolytes T DABBAH	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY	Flowers N HAHN
	Readers N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Salvador Ray and Ted Cotter. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time

Fr Roberto away this weekend.

Fr Roberto is attending a prayerful convivencia this weekend. In his absence Fr Nicola Falzun will be presiding at all our 3 Masses this weekend. Let us welcome him, so make sure you say hello to Fr Nic after Mass.

First Holy Communion at St Therese.

Pray for the children preparing for their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

- **Application forms** will be available at the FIRST session this coming week.
- We welcome the children and their parents who are going to begin the preparation programme for First Holy Communion. Please pray for them.
- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Sessions begin THIS WEDNESDAY on 28th April, in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 6th June at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.



Catechist Helpers needed!

Our catechists at Denistone East Public School need your support. Can you help in the classroom by giving them 30 mins of your time each Tuesday? Please consider this! Please speak with Fr Roberto after any Mass this weekend.



Flowers on the Altar.

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry, please speak with Fr Roberto or Gayle in the Parish if you want more information.



Mass Attendance Count for 2021.

This will take place over 4 weekends in May. This will be a very useful tool in helping us to more accurately gauge the impact of COVID on parish attendance.



One Voice - The Voice

Continues in April every Thursday and Sunday @ 7.30pm in the School Hall. Also, as Disciples please invite others to reconnect to Christian Life through these Catechesis.



Jesus Christ provides answers to the questions in our daily life.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday, World Day of Prayer for Vocations Today, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church focuses our attention on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because he lays down his life for his sheep; Jesus is the Good Shepherd because he knows each of his sheep by name. And those who belong to his flock hear his voice and follow him.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday the Church summons us to pray that the Good Shepherd will send others to pastor and watch over his flock. And so today is a day of prayer for vocations: vocations to the priesthood and vocations to religious life.

On this day, the Church invites us to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will call young men and women to dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel as priests and religious. I have been a priest now for more than 20 years, and the path has not always been smooth and easy, but I am still very happy to be a priest of the Church, a gift that I don't deserve, but I believe the Lord called me to do it, and I strive to do my best. I have been privileged to be closely involved in your lives, the sheep of Christ, and I am grateful to the Lord for such an honour. I know I am never going to be perfect, only Jesus is the perfect Shepherd, but I have felt his help throughout the years, sending many graces and blessings upon you through this ministry. I have walked with many of you through your joys and sorrows, and I hope that you all have felt the hand of God protecting you and helping you through faith and hope.

I am very hopeful for the Church in Sydney as we see the numbers of vocations increasing, but it is not going to be easier in the near future, as a growing number of people are deserting the Church, and rejecting the Good News of Salvation. I always wonder: why many cannot see the beauty of Christ's message? or the mystery of life and death? Happiness or curse? why many cannot see the evil that exists and that causes so much damage in our world?

In spite of this, I am still optimistic about the future, as I pray that God's will be done. He knows better every situation and He is the one who will save his people, will look for the sheep and bring back the fat and the weak, the strong and the skinny ones.

Let us pray for the young Catholics who are still faithful to the Lord, and for those who perhaps are thinking at the moment and considering the life in the religious or priestly life.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, pray for your priests, present and past, and religious who have served you throughout your life. Encourage your children, grandchildren and other young people to consider if God is calling them to a life of priestly or religious service. Pray that God will give the Church faithful priests and religious who will give of themselves generously and tirelessly for the sake of the Gospel.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal.

This appeal will be held on the weekend of the 8th / 9th May. Your support of this appeal is important in raising the vital funds necessary to keep the programs of the 6 agencies which benefit from the appeal running. The CWF has been helping our Sydney community for over 60 years, helping thousands of lives every year. Due to Covid19 we could not have this appeal last year, so your generosity would be appreciated now.

