

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 99:1-3. 5

RESPONSE: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Response.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Response.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Response.

SECOND READING: Apoc 7:9. 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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 10:27-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.**

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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 14: 21- 27; Apoc 21: 1 - 5; Jn 13: 31 - 35.

World Meeting of Families.

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'.

Our parish will be involved in this event and more information will be available soon!

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.
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 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 C)
7th / 8th May 2022**

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 13:14. 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were

destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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7 / 8 MAY 2022 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	J KWONG	G MOODLEY
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	READINGS: C LAYOUN P OF F: CHILDREN & PARENTS
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	H & J NADER O & M LEE
Projection	T MORFUNI	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN & SOPHIA BERNLEITNER
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		STRYDOM FAMILY
Counters	GROUP 10: V MAMO	C MAMO	
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	MAY ATAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

14 / 15 MAY 2022 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J KWONG
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN	NIL	BUDY WIDJAYA
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 11: P. HO	B TANG	A. STANTON
Altar Flowers	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	MAY ATAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

Happy Mother's Day

We wish all the Mothers of our parish a great day with their families and many blessings upon them on this special day!



A Mothers' Day Prayer

Thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother
I thank you that she gave me life
and nurtured me all those years.
She gave me my faith,
helping me to know you
and to know Jesus and his ways.
She taught me how to love
and how to sacrifice for others.
She taught me that it was okay to cry
And that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs
and which you want to give her today.
Help her to feel precious in your eyes today
and to know that I love her.
Give her strength and courage,
compassion and peace.
Bless her this day with your love.

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Carmel Brereton and John Higgins. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Good Shepherd Sunday.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called **Good Shepherd Sunday**. We encourage you to pray for "the shepherds" that have been called by God to give themselves to care and serve the Christian community, especially the priests and deacons in our parish and diocese. May God provide them with the graces of strength, courage and perseverance to give their lives wholeheartedly to this service for their people.

Family Mass at 10am.

Family Mass this weekend which will be followed by a "CUPPA" in the school hall. A good opportunity to welcome the candidates who will make their First Holy Communion in June and also to thank the Mothers of the parish.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

- **Application forms** will be available at the FIRST session this coming week.
- THIS weekend at all our Masses 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:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 11th, 18th, 25th May and 1st and 8th June in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 19th June at 11.30am.



So please add all these important dates to your diaries.

Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held **THIS Thursday the 12th May** at 7 pm in the presbytery.



Parish Office hours have changed.

Our secretary, Gayle White, is not working on Wednesdays. So please note the new office hours: **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am - 4pm.**

Month of May - Month of Mary.

The month of May is dedicated to venerate our Lady and we are encouraged to pray the rosary, praying for your needs and peace in the world. So make the time for these prayers with your family.



MEMORARE

Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help,
or sought your intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother.
To you do I come,
before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy,
hear and answer me.
Amen.

Sign Petition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Dr Brendan Long has been working closely with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to sponsor the paper petition in order to overturn the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. Please sign the paper petition in the front foyer. We thank you for joining with us in our stand in rejecting the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021.

