

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22:1-6

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd;
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Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

Response.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Response.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Response.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25
A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment
patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ
suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the
way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there
had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and
did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he

made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous
judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the
cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for
holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You
had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 10:1-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who
does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but
gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one
who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the
flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his
voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads
them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes
ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they
know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run
'away from him: they do not recognise the voice of
strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to
understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be
safe: he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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 6: 1-7;
1 Pet 2: 4-9;
Jn 14: 1-12.

Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to
you has been abused by someone working or ministering
within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the
appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial
Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish
Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest,
both of whom will be able to provide support and
guidance.**



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY: 9.15am Communion Service.
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 A)
29th / 30th April 2023

**World Day of Prayer for
Vocations.**



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS is also known as
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

The purpose of this day is to
publicly fulfill the Lord's
instruction to, "Pray the Lord
of the harvest to send
laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

It is also always on the Fourth Sunday of the Easter season
because **in each of the three lectionary cycles, the**

**Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good
Shepherd.** In each cycle the reading is from the tenth
chapter of John's Gospel.



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 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven
and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole
House of Israel can be certain that God has made this
Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to
Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?'

'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of
you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for
the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for
you and your children, and for all those who are far
away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to
himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many
arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from
this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his
arguments, and they accepted what he said and were
baptised. That very day about three thousand were
added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

29 / 30 APRIL 2023 – 4RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
READER	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		EL-AZZI FAMILY
PROJECTION	J MCLEOD		J SALAR
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		SEAN ZHANG
COUNTERS	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

6 / 7 MAY 2023 – 5ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	A SHEEKA		P TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: DEARING FAMILY
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Edna Stevenson. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Carmel Brereton and Debe Saba. Please pray for those who are sick and struggling with an illness especially Michael Hahn.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

- **Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass:** At All Masses this weekend.
- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 3rd June at 4pm in the Church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 4th June at 11.30am.



So please add all these important dates to your diaries.

Annual General Meeting.

Our AGM will be held on the 21st May 2023 in the school hall at 11.30am.

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. This meeting will enable Fr Roberto to report on his years here at Denistone, update you all on the parish finances, accept the resignation of all the current councillors and then re-form the council with new councillors from the nominations received over the coming weeks.

This is a perfect opportunity to prepare for the new parish priest and enable him to start with an energised team of councillors.

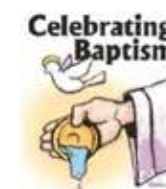


First Holy Communion Candidate & Parent Presentation Masses.

During each Mass this weekend the First Holy Communion candidates and their parents will be presented to the parish community. They will pledge their commitment to supporting their children in their preparation and journey of faith.

Baptism.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Hadi Bachyr. We congratulate his parents Moe & Jacinta and their families.



Parish Council Nominations.

Nomination forms are available from the front foyer this weekend. Please take the time to propose for the new Parish Council and put it in the nominations box. The commitment to be a Councillor is to support the parish priest in an advisory role, to help the priest implement the decisions and getting involved in the life of the parish.



10am Family Mass and Cuppa NEXT weekend.

Next weekend our 10am Mass will be a Family Mass, where St Therese School families from Stage 3 will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries.



Following Mass everyone is welcome to stay back for the parish "Cuppa".

Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 4th May** at 7pm in the presbytery.

Charitable Works Fund May Appeal.

NEXT weekend we will hold our May CWF Appeal at all Masses. Simply use the envelopes that will be on the pews to make your donation and add the envelope to any of the collection plates. The Charitable Works Fund is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish.

Volunteering at Denistone.

We invite everyone in the congregation to consider adding your gifts and energy to the life of our parish by being a part of one or more of the following ministries. No previous experience is necessary. You will always be part of a team and all resources are provided and, where necessary, training is available. Being a volunteer is a great way to serve God and the people of God. So don't be shy, we need you for:

Acolyte: Acolytes assist Father Roberto on the altar at Mass. Some training is required.

Altar Linen: For this ministry you wash the cloths used on the altar during Mass every week for a month four times a year.

Catechists: Teaching the children at our local public school about their Catholic faith. Half hour lessons are held on Tuesday mornings. Training and teaching materials are provided. Each class has a teacher and a helper.

Counters: You join a small group to count the money collected at the weekend Masses. You are rostered once every 3 months.



Flowers for the altar: Buy and arrange the flowers. All monies are reimbursed. Currently the ladies are rostered once a month, but that could all change with more volunteers.

Hospitality: This ministry involves assisting with setting up, serving of refreshments at our monthly Sunday Cuppas and making everyone feel welcome.

Music Ministry: If you play a musical instrument or can sing and would like to be part of the choir, then your parish needs you.

Offertory family: Bringing the gifts of wine and bread in procession to the altar during Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council: See the AGM notice.

Reader: Reading the 1st reading, Psalms, 2nd reading and prayers of the faithful at Mass. You will be required to practice the readings beforehand. Sometimes training will be required.

Saturday Gardening (NO LAWN MOWING): Join the team for light gardening, racking leaves, trimming and sweeping paths between 10am - 11am on any Saturday (weather permitting) in an effort to maintain our gardens surrounding the church. No roster or commitment, just show up ready to help.

Welcoming Group: This group creates a sense of welcome by greeting people and handing out our parish Bulletin.

Wardens: Wardens help collect the money during Mass. Usually working with one or more people.

If you want to join any of these ministries please speak with Fr Roberto after Mass, email or call the presbytery and speak with Gayle.

Project compassion.

Don't forget to bring back your Project Compassion envelopes or money boxes.

Prayer and Reflection Group.

Come and join our Tuesday evenings "Prayer and Reflection Group" held in the school hall at 7.30pm.