

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.



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: 9.30am Communion Service.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.

RECONCILIATION: Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS: Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.

Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment.

Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

Good Shepherd Sunday

20th / 21st April 2024



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.

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20 / 21 APRIL 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	J RAPER	A STANTON
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ / HANNY WIDJAYA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	A PLEADIN	NIL	B WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		MARIFEL JACOBS & PAUL TREACY
COUNTERS	GROUP 2: DINAL JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH CONTERNO	ANTHONY STANTON
ALTAR FLOWERS	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

27 / 28 APRIL 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J RAPER
READER	JOY PERERA	YVONNE LEUNG	PAUL MCLACHLAN / SCOTT DIMICHIEL
OFFERTORY	WONG FAMILY		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ AND DOMINIC MCLACHLAN.
WELCOMERS	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	EVAN GRIFFITH		MARIFEL JACOBS & PAUL TREACY
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: PATRICIA HO	FRANCISCA HO	BERNADETTE TANG
ALTAR FLOWERS	JAN KEYSER	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

APOSTLES CREED.
 I believe God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

GLORIA.
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for our dearly departed:

Ellen Broderick, Colleen Arentz, Milad Maroun Saad, Julie Clarke, Dorothy Clarke and Nata Forte



Anzac Day.

Mass on this special day of remembrance will be at the usual time of 9am.



Morning tea for Daily Mass parishioners.

Our first morning tea for daily Mass attendees was held this week. What a great success this was! It was lovely to see the group of people sharing a coffee and a cake with each other.

There will be a couple more morning teas planned for the year ahead on: 11th of July and the 3rd of October.

Mass for the sick.

Fr Simon will hold a Mass for the Sick on Wednesday the 24th April at 9am.



Additionally, to help you plan ahead, we have put in the parish diary two additional Masses for the Sick later in the year. They will be held on the 17th July and the 9th October at 9am.

Finance Committee presentation

The Parish Pastoral Finance Committee will present an update on our parish finances on the weekend of the 11th / 12th May at all Masses. This update will give us all more information regarding our current financial position.

Project Compassion.

Thank you for your generous support for Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your project compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.



Hospital visits from your priest.

If you are in hospital and need a priest or want to receive Holy Communion, please call the presbytery and we will organise for Fr Simon to visit you.

We have been in discussion with the hospital authorities for many years and even though we are getting closer to be able to resume weekly visits, by Fr Simon and our Eucharistic Ministers, we are still not there yet. **So don't forget, if you are in hospital and don't let us know, then Fr Simon can't visit you.**

Parish of St Therese Pilgrimage.

A meeting for all pilgrims to attend is scheduled for Thursday the 2nd May in the St Therese School Hall presbytery meeting room at 7.30pm



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

Parent Information Evening on Wednesday the 1st May at 7.30pm in St Therese School learning Centre. **Application forms** will be available at the Parent Information Evening.

Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass: Candidate with parent(s) should attend Saturday 4th May at 6pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 5th May at 8am or 10am Masses.

Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction: Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL on Saturday 1st June at 3pm in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be on Sunday the 2nd June at 10am.

So please add all these dates to your diaries.

OTHER NOTICES.

THE SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE COMMITTEE, OF THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA INVITE YOU TO OUR MAY CELEBRATION in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 13th Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For more details please call 0403-578-994.

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