



# OUR PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm  
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am  
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mondays 9:10am Communion service  
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any  
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an  
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

**BAPTISMS** By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on  
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

**MARRIAGES** By appointment at least 6 months notice.

## Thought of the Week

**"Do not become a disciple of one who praises  
himself, in case you learn pride instead of  
humility."**

~ Saint Mark the Evangelist (Feast Day-26 April)

## 4th Sunday of Easter/B 21ST APRIL 2024

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticising the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.



In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

We thank Angie Elbayeh & Michelle Nicholas for donating the flowers this weekend.

Fr Danai  
Pastor

## Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

### 4TH Sunday of Easter

<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Acts 4:8-12</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>1John 3:1-2</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 10:11-18</b>
<b>Next Weekend: 5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 9:26-31 1John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8</b>

**We pray for...**

**Our sick:** Alan Biag, Deny Biordi, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Suzy Maissin, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Depratrotro, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Rocco Badolato, Teresa Dinan

**Other deceased including:** Stephen Liem & Agatha Qui, Emmanuel Attard, Joseph Fenech, Marija Bakic, Goran Bakic, Rade Hrkac, Pasqualino Verduci, Maria Marando, Teresa Catanzariti, Rodolfo Hernandez, Peter Leonello, Michelle Lavorato, Guido Pontello, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Joyce Alphonso, Bruno Manea, Joseph & Vincenza Debono, MariaTeresa Badolato, Anita Wilson, Rhonda Fleming, Maria & Giuseppina, Angelina Piredda, Maria Rosaria Saliba, Giuseppe Gasparre, Vincenzo & Giovannina Vaccaro, Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Joseph & Joanna Nontanovan, Thosas & Theresa Dithavong, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Goran Bakic, John Sergi, Leticia Dedase, Nestor Belen, Guido Soligo, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busuttill, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Anelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Margaret Bastic, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

**Other Intentions :** Maria Bugge



## Parish Diary



<b>Monday 22nd April</b>	9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian)
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	9:10am Mass 11.00am Junior Legion of Mary 4:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	9:10am Mass-Fr Nards 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Choir
<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> 9:10am Communion Service Followed by adoration for an hour.
<b>Friday 26th April</b>	9:10am Mass-Fr Nards 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Praise & Worship—JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary—Disciples
<b>Saturday 27th April</b>	5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Carmelite Priest 7:30pm Vigil Adoration
<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest 10:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest 6:00pm Mass —Carmelite Priest



**WELCOME TO THE  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH**  
Elias Amorosi who will be  
baptised this weekend.

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Sessions will commence on the 6th May until the 8th June. Please check the candidates list with their allocated session day & time in the foyer.

Catechist's formation meeting will be on Thursday, 2nd May at 3:30pm.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email [admin@mibp.org.au](mailto:admin@mibp.org.au).

# Striving to be a "Loving, Caring, Christian Community"

From the Liturgy Office...

## 4th Sunday of Easter Year B - Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations

We continue our journey through Eastertide, experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord. This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and is also kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



The readings for this weekend demonstrate that Jesus Christ cares for us as a shepherd cares for his flock. Jesus explains that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep and will do anything to save them.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024

Initiated by Saint Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council in 1964, the purpose of this day is to help all of us respond to God's call and to support in prayer all those who are discerning how to best respond to the needs of today in the vocation God calls them to be.

In his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Pope's message focuses on the theme: **"Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace."**

The Holy Father noted that all Christians are called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or even as a single person. He also urges Christians to welcome our shared vocation to sow the seeds of hope and peace in our world. He says, *"Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves."*

Therefore, on this day, let us pray that everyone should be willing and able to fulfil their own vocation. Let us also continue to pray for war-torn countries, that they will find a Good Shepherd to guide them out of conflict. Copies of the Holy Father's Message are available from the Church foyer.

God bless,  
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

### Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

#### APRIL: For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Thursday 25 April, 2024 at 9:10am

Helpers are needed for the ANZAC Day Communion Service. If you can help, please write your name and contact number on the clipboard in the foyer. Thank you.



## 5th Sunday of Easter 27/28 April 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
<b>Commentator</b>	J Haddad	C Aranda	S Andrijic	J Baulman
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	E Sadsad	R Williams	N Redoblado	E Gaspi
<b>EMHC</b>	F Di Marco Volunteers	A Froio R Wright G Kruk	P Redoblado V Pante	T Corpus L Bykowski S Seychell
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<b>Welcomers</b>	F Guerrero B Dawes L Romano	Volunteer	M & T Mico	G Mileto J Jakovcevic A Tomic
<b>Piety Stall</b>	Volunteer	C Maaka	K Vadala	R Rossi
<b>Counter:</b> Group 5 B&M Cruz A Grima T Abaquita	<b>Altar Linen :</b> C Maaka	<b>Flowers :</b> C & E Aranda	<b>Cleaners :</b> M Liska S Skondro T Seraglio	

## Jesus is the Good Shepherd

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Identity	Life	Hope	Abundant
Guidance	Flock	Right Paths	Fold
Love	Witness	Shepherd	Good
Restore	Beloved	Sheep	Call

**Blessed Sacrament** is in the church tabernacle. Catholics are asked to show reverence and adoration whenever passing in front of the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved. This is typically done by genuflecting, although if unable, a profound bow from the waist is acceptable.



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