



St. Mary's Catholic Parish Beaudesert

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Fourth Sunday of Easter: 20th/21st April, 2024 (Year B)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have any of you ever tried to move a mob of sheep from one paddock to another? I have. My uncle was a farmer, and once, many years ago while staying with my aunt and uncle, my uncle asked some of my cousins and me to help him move a mob of sheep out of one paddock, down the road a bit, around the corner of a T junction in the road, and then into another paddock. Well, for this little city kid it was quite an adventure. This little city kid was wrong. It all sounds simple doesn't it? Move some sheep from one paddock to the next, just up the road a bit. Well, these sheep did not want to go through the gate. And when they finally did go through the gate, they went everywhere – jumping through channels at the side of road, and bolting for freedom this way and that.

We got them together again, and then started to move them down the road. As we came to the corner at the T-junction, my uncle told me to run ahead and stop them from taking the wrong turn into the T-junction. At this point, this little city kid was beginning to wish that his uncle was not a farmer. I was standing there, madly waving my arms about, trying to stop a couple of hundred sheep from going straight ahead, trying to get them to turn a corner. Almost all of them went the right way, and we finally got them into the second paddock.

Sheep are hard work.

And that is why what Jesus says in today's Gospel is so astounding.

For the people of Israel sheep were important animals. They not only provided meat. They also provided wool, milk, oil and skins. Because sheep were so necessary to the life of Ancient Israel, shepherds were important people. The life of the community depended – in part – on them. If a shepherd was slack and did not look after his sheep; if the shepherd let the sheep run away; if the shepherd let the sheep be attacked, the people ultimately suffered.

Sheep are hard work, and the people who first heard these words of Jesus knew this, just as they knew the value of a good shepherd, and the dangers of a poor shepherd. But Jesus does not only extol the virtues of any good shepherd. He goes one step further.

Jesus proclaims himself to be the Good Shepherd: the One who knows his sheep, and the One who will lay down his life for his sheep. In the light of this Easter Candle, these words ring with an even deeper truth for us. Jesus is the One who has laid down his life for us, his sheep. Jesus is the same one who was risen on the third day to destroy death forever. But it is not enough that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

In Baptism, we are baptised into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Because of this Baptism, we are called to be Christ in the world today. And that baptismal vocation is strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through our washing in the waters of new life in the Sacrament of Baptism, and our anointing with Sacred Chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are called to be the good shepherds for our world today.

For this reason, the Church asks us, on this Good Shepherd Sunday during the Easter Season, to remember the vocation which arises from Baptism and Confirmation. All of us are called and indeed challenged to be Christ in the world.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also a day when the Church asks us to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. So, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, in a special way, we turn to God in prayer. And our prayer is that God will continue to provide priests for his Church, shepherds after his own heart. Priests who will faithfully proclaim the Word of God; priests who will minister the Sacraments and equip the People of God for ministry. And we pray, too, that God may give us warm and generous hearts with which to always support and encourage our priests.

Readings for Mass this Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm:
The stone rejected by the builders as become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-12
We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Readings for Next Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm:
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Feast Days

26th April - St Mark, the Evangelist

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters:

Michael Johns, Josie Buffalino, Lynne Hiley, Liz Murray, Michael Bown, Rylee Matheson, Brian Fechner, Jennifer Kerruish, Michael Gough, Joan Badman, Moya Mitchell, Andrew Gough, Carol Stainky, Greg Dennis, Tony Grace, Maria Malcotti, Tony Torre, Ann Nisbet, Gordon McGrath, Katrina Foster, Judith Van Kretschmar, Gizella Andrews, Jean Masen, Jay Cahill, Alexander Paterson, Brendan Ward, Lucas Johns, Peter Sorensen, Jason Bown, Debrah Sanft, Michelle & Neil Halpin, Sandra Doyle, Jim Morley, Colin McMahan, Jenny Kettle, Marie Holding, Susan Meyer, Hope Hartley, Benjamin Hartley, Lance Dodds, Christine Connolly, Gizella Laurence, and Lauraine Ward.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died

Lenore Girard
Yvonne Margaret Hourigan, 17th April 2024

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Patrick Francis Moran Daly - 18th April

Eternal rest grant on to them and let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord! May they rest in peace, Amen.



A Morning's Prayer – Retreat

The theme for this retreat is based on John 12: 1-4;
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower... remain in me as I remain in you."

When: Saturday 27th April, 2024

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Register: www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2

Meetings

Wednesday 24th April - Multi-cultural day committee meeting @ 6pm, Parish Centre.

Monday 20th May - Financial Council meeting @ 6.00pm

Sunday 30th June - Country Church Community meeting @ 10:30am, Mercy Hall

Social events

Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's

Sat 27th April - St Joseph's Men's Group, St Mary's Church @ 7am

Sunday 26th May - Multi-cultural Sunday, St Mary's

Money Counting

22nd April - Peter 29th April - Colleen
7th May - Peter 13th May - Colleen

St Mary's Parish Columbarium's

We are pleased to announce that the columbarium at St Mary's Church, in memory of the late Barry Dauth, is now ready! We also have a columbarium at St John the Baptist, Tamborine Mountain. The price of an individual niche is \$1500, including a plaque.

If you would like to reserve a niche, or organise to have a loved one's ashes interred, please contact the Parish Office -5541 1068.

Parish Office Closed - Thursday 25th April

The parish office will be closed on Anzac day, 25th April and will reopen on Friday 26th at 9am.



Holy Baptism

A very warm welcome is extended to Indianna and Layla Rudd, and Chelsea Gregory who will be baptised into the Catholic faith this weekend.

Council Stormwater Drain Project

Due to council's ongoing revitalisation program, stormwater drains throughout Beaudesert are being updated to protect the town from flooding. Some of this work can be seen in the paddock at St Mary's, where works are underway to direct stormwater more efficiently.

Multi-cultural Day 2024

Save the Date: Sunday 26th May 2024
Committee Meetings- April 24th & May 16th, 6pm @ Parish Office. All welcome!



Bible Reflection
4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice."- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice. <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Request for help – Mowing Cemetery

We are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the Gleneagle cemetery. At present, **two** volunteers are doing it by themselves, and require assistance. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you!



Baby Changing Table

Thank you to one of our parishioners who provided and installed a baby changing unit in our new toilet block at St Mary's, Beaudesert!



Anzac Day Mass

Thursday 25th April, 7am at St Mary's, Beaudesert. All welcome. Lest we Forget.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are currently enrolling Catholic children in Year 3 and above for the sacrament of Confirmation. **The celebration of this sacrament will be on Sunday May 19th, 9:30am, at St Mary's, Beaudesert.**

Enrolment masses, at St Mary's, will be on;

Saturday, April 27th, 6:30pm
Sunday, April 28th, 9:30am & 5:30pm
Saturday, May 4th, 6:30pm
Sunday, May 5th, 9:30am

Confirmation lessons (in a classroom at St Mary's Primary School);

Lesson 1, Tuesday, April 23rd, 4:00pm
Lesson 2, Thursday, May 2nd, 4:00pm
Lesson 3, Thursday, May 9th, 4:00pm
Lesson 4 Tuesday, May 14th, 4:00pm

All children preparing to receive Confirmation must attend these lessons. Any questions please contact the Parish Office on 5541 1068.



Country Church Community meeting

On Sunday, 17th March, we had our first Country Church Collaboration. We wish to thank everyone who attended this meeting, the turn out was very encouraging for the future of our Country Churches.

Going forward, we wish to invite the allocated representatives of each church to please contact the Parish Office to receive the information that was discussed in the meeting and to organise a sub-committee in collaboration with the Pastoral and Finance Councils.

It was decided that these meetings will be held on the 5th Sunday of any given month. The next meeting will be held on **Sunday 30th June, 2024 at 10:30am** in the Mercy Hall.

In memory of—Fr Marty Larsen

Let us remember in our prayers Fr. Marty Larson, and pray for his eternal rest. We also keep Marty's family in our prayers during this time.

Born in Brisbane as one of triplets, in 1975, Marty is one of eight children. Following Catholic education in both primary and high school, Marty entered the Holy Spirit Seminary where he studied a Bachelor of Theology, as well as formation for priestly ordination. Once graduating, he took time for further discernment, completing post graduate studies in education and becoming a teacher. This career led Marty throughout Queensland.

With the desire to enter the Priesthood still present, he returned to the seminary and completed a Masters of Theology. In January 2014 Marty was ordained Deacon, serving on the Sunshine Coast, and was ordained as a priest on the 27th of June 2014.

Along with his service in many parishes, Fr Marty was also an Associate Director for Vocations.

Fr Marty's funeral took place on the 19th of May at St Stephen's Cathedral.

He is remembered as a warm and likable priest, who had a wonderful sense of fun, and spirituality.

Fr. Martin Phillip Larsen
10 July 1975—8 April 2024



Archdiocese of Brisbane Events - Cathedral of St Stephen

This year marks two significant milestones for our Archdiocese. We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St Stephen on May 17, and the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Archbishop Mark Coleridge on May 18. We will have celebrations across that weekend for both events, as well as performances by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra on the weekend prior.



FRIDAY MAY 17

Return of the Message Stick & Commemoration of 150th Anniversary
12:30pm Mass

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving
6pm

SATURDAY MAY 18

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
11:30am Mass

Pentecost Vigil Mass
"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"
6pm Mass

SUNDAY MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday
Celebrating 150 Years
10:30am Mass

Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 22nd April - 28th April, 2024

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm—3.15pm—St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7.00am	No Mass	Tamborine Mtn 9.00am	Beaudesert 7.00am	School Mass 8.50am	Tamborine 4.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Beaudesert 9.30am & 5.30pm (Family mass)

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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