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Fourth Sunday of Easter

25th & 26th April 2026

"The Good Shepherd Who Gives Us Life in Abundance"

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks one of the most tender and powerful images in all of Scripture: *"I am the Good Shepherd."* For the people of Israel, this image was not poetic—it was daily life. Their land was rocky, dry, and often without wide green fields. Shepherds had to travel constantly, searching for water and safe pastures. They knew every valley, every hidden spring, every dangerous cliff. The sheep depended completely on the shepherd for their survival. Jesus uses this image because it reveals the heart of God.

A good shepherd leads. He walks ahead of the flock, not behind. He knows the safe paths and the dangerous ones. In the same way, Jesus goes before us. He knows our past, our present, and our future. He knows the paths that will bring us life, and He gently guides us toward them. Even when we do not understand where He is leading, we can trust that He sees what we cannot.

A good shepherd protects. In the hills of Israel, there were wolves, thieves, and wild animals. At night, the shepherd stayed awake, keeping watch. He placed his own body between danger and the flock. Jesus does the same for us. He protects our hearts from the voices that try to steal our peace—voices of fear, discouragement, temptation, and despair. He stands guard over our souls, even when we are unaware of the dangers around us.

A good shepherd knows his sheep personally. He calls each one by name. He knows their wounds, their weaknesses, their habits, and their needs. Jesus knows us with that same intimacy. He knows the burdens we carry, the dreams we hold, the fears we hide, and the sins we struggle with. And still, He loves us completely.

At the end of the passage, Jesus contrasts Himself with the thief. The thief comes "to steal, kill, and destroy." But Jesus says, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance."* This is not just survival. This is flourishing. We eat food, but it is Jesus who turns it into strength. We work hard, but it is Jesus who blesses our efforts with fruit. We build families, but it is Jesus who fills them with love. We plan, but it is Jesus who makes that future bright. Just as the life of the flock flourishes in the presence of a good shepherd, our lives flourish in the presence of Jesus. Without Him, we wander. With Him, we thrive.

So today, let us listen for His voice. Let us follow where He leads. Let us trust His protection. And above all, let us open our hearts to the abundant life He desires to give us—a life filled with peace, purpose, and the deep joy of being loved by the Good Shepherd.

Readings for this week (25th & 26th April)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to
the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 Reading: John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Readings for next week (2nd & 3rd May)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wis-
dom.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.



We pray for all those who lost their lives, and
thank them for their selfless service.

Lest we forget.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, Carol
Stainkey, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie
McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae
Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, D
Wilde, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster,
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Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John
McCormack, Damian McCormack, Jenette Escrit, David
Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Anne, Nathan Craze, Heather
Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin
Wendt, Lynette Wallace, Caroline Gee & Janine
Monteath.

*We remember and pray for those who have recently died,
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

Kevin Cahill (26/04/2024)

Patrick Frances Moran Daly (18th April)

Josie Dunne (23rd April)

Frank Young (25th April)

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Holy Spirit Seminary

This year we ask you to pray for the nineteen seminari-
ans at Holy Spirit Seminary, on their journey to priest-
ly ministry.

Through their slow journey they are sustained by the
knowledge that God's people are praying for them by
name. This knowledge is not a small thing, it can be
steadying, providing that small push to strengthen
these seminarian's resolves and
persevere.

We invite you to pray for each of these men by name,
using the Holy Spirit Seminary prayer
calendars. Every intercession matters.

Parish Newsletter Sick List

We are looking to make sure our parish sick list is current
and contains accurate information.

If you would like a name removed or added please contact
our parish office via email or phone so that we can ensure
this happens.



CONFIRMATION

Children in Yr 3 or above who have been Baptised

1. Parent meeting: Tuesday April 28th 5:30pm Place: St Mary's Church

2. Compulsory Weekend Mass Attendance

Mass must be attended over all three weekends.

Weekend 1: Saturday May 2nd 6.30pm Mass

or Sunday May 3rd at 9.30am Enrolment Masses

Weekend 2 Saturday May 9th at 6:30pm or Sunday May 10th at 9:30 am Mass or 5:30 pm Mass

Weekend 3. Saturday May 16th at 6:30pm Mass or Sunday May 17th at 9:30 am Mass **Receive The Creed**

Lessons: Tuesdays 1. May 5th 2. May 12th 3. May 19th, -4:pm at Prep Classroom St Mary's School

Workshop: Friday May 22nd at 4:00pm at St Mary's Church.

Confirmation: Receive Sacrament Sunday May 24th at 9:30 am mass.

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Lily Darney who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this week. Please keep Lily and her family in your prayers.

Guitar Donation

If anybody has a guitar that they are willing to donate could you please come and drop off the guitar at the Parish Office. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support with this.

Meeting after Sunday (26th April) Mass

This Sunday after mass as per the direction of the archdiocese we are supposed to meet and discuss our approach to domestic and family violence prevention month.

If you are involved with the following groups, could you please try to attend.

1. Leadership team
2. Members of the St Vincent de Paul chapter
3. Care and Concern
4. Parish School Leadership team
5. Women's and Men's groups
6. Members of community with lived experience
7. Liturgy Committee
8. St Joseph's Group
9. SYNOD24 team/committee

We would be very grateful if you were able to attend this brief but important meeting.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

26 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Together we can prevent domestic and family violence



Every year at Centacare's DFV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.

Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.



Money Counters — April

5th—Trish, 12th—Colleen, 19th—Peter, 27th—Colleen

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 email:

stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au



Mass Times: 27th April - 3rd May

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

Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068

| <u>Monday 27th</u> | <u>Tuesday 28th</u> | <u>Wednesday 29th</u> | <u>Thursday 30th</u> | <u>Friday 1st</u> | <u>Saturday 2nd</u> | <u>Sunday 3rd</u> |
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| No mass | Beaudesert | Tamborine Mt | Beaudesert | Beaudesert | Christmas Creek | Tambourine Mt |
| | 5:30pm | 9:00am | 7:00am | Sacred Heart | 4:30pm | 7:30am |
| | | Beaudesert | | Devotion | | Beaudesert |
| | | Adoration | | 8:15 am | Beaudesert | Mass |
| | | 4:30pm | | Mass | 6:30pm | 9:30am |
| | | Mass | | 8:50 am | | |
| | | 5:30pm | | | | |

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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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