

Financial Report

Next weekend, April 27th and 28th, at both Masses a financial report to the Parish will be available for your information.

Prayer to Follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, help me to follow You faithfully.

Strengthen me daily with Your love, and guide me along life's paths.

Nourish and refresh my soul with Your divine presence.

Keep me free from every evil, protect me from sickness and danger, and lead me to serve You with all my mind and heart and soul. Hear my needs and grant my petitions, especially these intentions important to me at this time (*mention your petitions here*).

Bless me each day with peace of mind and heart. May I experience Your saving power in my daily life, as I await the fullness of life and joy with You forever. Amen.



A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

No figure is more often employed in the Exodus to describe God leading His people from slavery to freedom than that of a shepherd. The prophets also often spoke of the shepherds who preserved a flock in good pastures as distinct from false shepherds. God is depicted by Isaiah as carrying His sheep in His arms, and by Ezekiel as a shepherd looking for His lost sheep. Zachariah gave the saddest picture of all in prophesying that the Messiah-shepherd would be struck, and the sheep dispersed. Best known is Psalm 23 where the Lord is pictured as leading His sheep into green pastures.

The Lord revealed at what cost these green pastures are purchased. He was not the Good Shepherd because He provided economic plenty, but because He would lay down His life for His sheep. Once again the Cross appears under the symbol of the shepherd. The shepherd-patriarch Jacob and the shepherd-king David now pass into the Shepherd-Saviour, as the staff becomes a crook, the crook a sceptre, and the sceptre a Cross.

'This My Father loves in Me, that I am laying down My Life, to take It up again afterwards. Nobody can rob Me of It; I lay It down of My Own accord. I am free to lay It down, free to take It up again.' (John 10:11, 17, 18)

His death is neither accidental nor unforeseen; nor does He speak of His death apart from His glory; nor of the laying-down of His life without taking it up again. No mere man could have said this. The invisible aid of heaven was at His call. Here Our Lord established that His Father's love had sent Him on the mission that He was to accomplish on earth. It did not mean the beginning of the Father's love, as it might be the beginning of a love of a parent for one who rescued his child from drowning. He was already the Eternal Object of an Eternal Love. But now in His human nature, He gives an additional reason for that love, namely, the proving of His love by dying. Since He was sinless, death had no power over Him. The taking-up of His life was just as much a part of the Divine plan as was the laying-down of it. The sacrificial lambs offered through the centuries were sin-bearers by imputation, but they were also dumb sufferers led in ignorance to an altar. The priest of the Old Law would lay his hand over the sheep in order to indicate that he was imputing sins to the one to be sacrificed. But He willingly took on sin for the sake of the new life He would bestow after the Resurrection. When He said that He laid down His life for His sheep He meant not only in behalf of them, but also in the stead of them. After the Resurrection, when He gave Peter the triple injunction to feed His lambs and sheep, He prophesied that Peter would have to die for His flock, as He had done.

The Father loved Him, He said, not merely because He laid down His life, for men can become victims of superior forces. If He died without resuming His life, His function would have ceased after His sacrifice; He would have been only a beautiful memory. But the Father's love contemplated more than this. He also was to take up His life and to continue to exercise the royal rights. In retaking life, He would be able to continue sovereignty on different terms.

This double action was the mandate of His Father. 'That is the charge which My Father has given Me' (John 10:18). Thus, while the surrender of His life and the taking-up of His life was spontaneous, it was also a consequence of an appointment and an ordinance which He received from the Heavenly Father when He became man. The Father did not will that His Son should perish, but rather that He should triumph in the greatest possible act of love.

(Life of Christ)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - YEAR B - 21 APRIL 2024



"Is not our Lord as meek and humble in the Blessed Sacrament as He was during His life on earth? Is He not always the Good Shepherd, the Divine Consoler, the Changeless Friend? Happy the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and in the Eucharist all things!"
- St Peter Julian Eymard

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

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.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. 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.
R.

2. 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.
R.

3. 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.
R.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of St John

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.**

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

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.**

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





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Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

April 21st, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of those in Purgatory. the Recently Deceased:

John McLean, Elizabeth Constable, Patricia Traves, Roma Fenwick, Fr Javier Sánchez, Brian Kneipp, June Saint, Carmel Hooper, Bill Blyth, Breeda Flannery.

the sick:

Princess Catherine, Danielle Irwin, Sue Barwick, King Charles III, Bob McGuire, Robert Sanders, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Jeanette Keightley, Phillip Matthews, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Paula Lennon, Danny Dickins, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, Clare Lockwood, Margaret Kahler, **and all the sick members of our parish.**

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

APRIL - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 22nd

Monday of the 4th week of Easter

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 23rd

Feast Day of St George, Martyr and St Adalbert, bishop, martyr

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 24th

Feast Day of Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

THURSDAY 25th

ANZAC Day

Rosary - 8.00am

Holy Mass - 8.30am

FRIDAY 26th

Feast Day of St Mark, evangelist

Rosary - 8.30am

Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Constable - 9.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 27th

Feast Day of St Louis de Montfort, priest

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Tingha

Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm

SUNDAY 28th

5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 5.15pm to 5.45pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 3pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick

A friendly reminder

Please maintain a respectful atmosphere of reverence before and after each Mass so those praying may do so without distraction. Any conversation should be conducted quietly. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile devices.

"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."

- St Leonard

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR APRIL

Margaret Robinson & volunteer

HOME ROSARY

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening." - Pope St John Paul II

Bernie & Colleen Graham

11 Diamond Street, Tingha

Wednesday 24 April at 4.30pm



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 20 April 2024, 8.30am

Finance Committee - Wed 1 May 2024, 5.00pm

Men's Breakfast - Sat 11 May 2024, 8.30am, Out the Back Café

Sunday Morning Tea - 12 May 2024, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 15 May 2024, 5.00pm



ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am on Thursday 25 April. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

ANZAC Day Prayer: Heavenly Father, Almighty God, in this season of Easter we rejoice in the New Life the Risen Jesus gives us, offering hope and peace. As we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country, help us to be instruments of your peace through the intercession of Christ our Lord. Amen.

menALIVE Weekend for Men

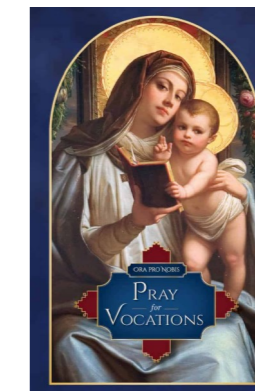
What are you doing on the 4th and 5th of May? Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003 thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, Armidale's 3rd menALIVE weekend is being hosted at Echidna Gully at Metz Gorge. Contact Chris on 0433 775 429 or visit www.trybooking.com/CPBWS to register or for more information. **Registration closes Monday 22 April 2024.**

MASS ROSTER	20April-Sat 6pm	21April-Sun 9am	27April-Sat 6pm	28April-Sun 9am
Projector	S Szumowski	H Rossel	N Turner	P Girle
Readers	P Armstrong & J Kelly	G Taveira & J Rainger	S Szumowski & R Moffitt	MJ Guest & B McGrath
Commentator	M Gaukroger	C Bruse	P Mather	M Robinson
Offertory	J Kelly & volunteer	M Wales & volunteer	Volunteers	S Kenny & C Bruse
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Michael	B McGrath	M Gaukroger	J Monie
Counters		L MacDonald & P Girle		B Baldwin & J Frater

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

Prayer in Honour of the Holy Eucharist

Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations 21 April 2024

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the ordained ministries (priesthood &

diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male & female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes, and to the missionary life.

Prayer for Vocations: Heavenly Father, We ask you to bless our diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church. Lord Jesus raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the priesthood, faithful people to Consecrated Life and holy men and women to the sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness, by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of Vocations, teach us to hear and follow your Son. Holy Mary, Queen of Priests, sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for our families and intercede for our children. Amen.

Josephite Mission in Peru: We are collecting used postage stamps for the Josephite Mission in Peru. Simply tear off the envelope corner containing the stamp and put it in a small sandwich bag. The stamps can be left at the back of the church near the paper table. A sum of \$42,500 was raised the past year from stamps donated. From 2001 till now the total raised is \$486,000. The Sisters of St Joseph thank you all for your generous support.