

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

21 April 2024

## First Reading

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**

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. v.22**

**(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 corner stone.  
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

### A reading from the first letter of St John 1 John 3:1-2

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

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**John 10:11-18**

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.

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# ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## CHURCH RENOVATION FUND-RAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church foyer.



As at 31/03/2024	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	31	46,500.00	40,761.60
Stations of the	9	36,000.00	28,600.00
Bricks	54	13,750.00	14,152.40
Gold Sponsors	7	70,000.00	60,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		115,964.12	115,964.12
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		<b>297,528.12</b>	<b>274,792.12</b>

## Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	9.30 am (Mass followed by Reconciliation and Exposition) and 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 & 5.00 pm

## OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection): \$1210.00 and cash: \$1112.10 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism): \$860.45  
If you would like to donate online:

**St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations**

**Bank: National Australia Bank, BSB: 083-879**

**Account Number: 75 577 0740**

*Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

## Flower Arrangement Roster

**Dot Rowlands - 20th April**  
**Marlene Burhop—21st April**

**SAFEGUARDING:** Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

## SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

20th/21st Apr	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Greg W	Jane E Rishen P
9.00am	Rose D Volunteer Susira F	Derek D Janice D
10.30am	Chantal M Marceline P Ian M	Joean S Christine P
5.00pm	Matilda A	Liz S Kimberely I
27th/28th Apr	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00 pm	Menaka M	Niru F Jane P
9.00am	Chrismeen F Prymani F Jilsa G	Mary O Ivan O
10.30am	Christina P Wanguii G Chiara R	Anette T Maria Duque
5.00pm	Anne B	Lawrismin G Nisha G

**St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone:** 5941 7315

**Presbytery:** 5941 3874

# Parish News & Events

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Francisco Ramos Piga, Mikaylah Piston, Katherine Davies, Sunandha Fernandez, John Close, Joseph Lozada, Benjamine Stalder, Sylvianne Surette, Diane Ding, Joyce Fox, Ben Wiegerink, Angelina Lazaris & Evie Minnis

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**Recently Deceased:** Adrian Bakkum

**Death Anniversaries:** Richard Pereira, S John Solomon, Alexander Solomon, Peter Perera, Susila Fonseka & Lolita Coroza Piga  
*Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

## BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Elijah Jennings, Adriel Ellis Magno and Ariella Larieta Loraine along with parents Angelo Roland Acuna Magno & Sharon Khate Sorio Damaso and Ben Loraine & Lovern Larieta



**Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Wednesday 1 May 2024 in the church at 6.00 pm. Please enrol through the parish website/contact Andrea at 5941 7315 the parish office.**

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

**PADDY'S KITCHEN:** Serves dinner and dessert as take away every Sunday between 4-4.45pm. Contact Tresa Andrews on 0421 931 888 or email on stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com.

**MARTHA AND MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Rosary at 10.00 am on Tuesdays followed by cuppa in the Hall.

**LEGION OF MARY :** All are welcome to join every Friday at 10.15 am. Contact Jilsa at 0450 070 262 or Winnie at 0422 179 999.

**SERVANT COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Every Thursdays at 7.00 pm– Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursdays of the month. For details: Jean-Claude at 0410 126 415.

**D'VINE KIDS: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:** Year 3-6 kids from 7–8.30 pm **May 10, Jun 14th & July 12th**

**THE VINE YOUTH GROUP :** Years 7-12 from 7-8.45 pm — **May 3 & 17, Jun 7 & 21, Jul 5 & 19 and Aug 2 & 16th.**

**HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

**SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S MENS GROUP:** Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m., we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. Additionally, our choir performs on the **first and third Sunday** of every month during the 5:00 p.m. mass. For further details, contact Dominic Thomas at 0425 742 254

**ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** Meets for lunch every first Wednesday of the month. Contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

**ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP:** Open before and after weekend Masses or by appointment through the parish office.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 10.00am in the Parish—Help Line is 1300 305 330.

**SEWING GROUP:** Meets every Thursday at 10.00am Contact Cheryl through Parish office.

**MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY:** Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 10am interceding for families, our church, priests and the world. Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

## CONTACT DETAILS OF VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Call 1800 Respect / 1800 737 732,

**SAFE STEPS:** 1800 015 188

**NO TO VIOLENCE: MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE:** 1 800 766 491 Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

**MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE:** 1800 755 988

**WAYS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION:** 9703 0044, **Lifeline** 13 11 14, **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636

**KIDS HELPLINE:** 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au (Concerned adults can call for advice)

**CATHOLIC CARE:** Counselling services 1800 522 076, Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.



## Different View – The Australian Shepherd

by: Greg Sunter

Australian audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

### Questions for Adolescents

Q. What message does the image of Jesus, the good shepherd, hold for you?

Q. What contemporary image might convey the same message as the image of the good shepherd?

Q. What interpretation can be applied to the line, 'there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold'?

Q. Have you ever had an experience of being cared for by someone you could call 'a shepherd'?

Q. Who do you need to 'shepherd'?



# Parish News & Events



**HAVE YOU SEEN OUR SHINING NEW CROSS?** As our Church renovation moves forward, you will see the cross shining amidst the blue skies. The old cross is clad with copper plates now. We are looking forward to completing the project in a few months and moving into our new church. We kindly ask for your prayers that everything goes well.

**EDUCATION AND SEMINARIES BURSARY FUND (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY):** Our parishioners contributed a sum of \$929.30. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** We had a great lunch at Castello's and it was great to see some new faces. Next month we are going to the Deep Creek Reserve Bistro, At the Golf Club at the end of Cameron Way, on Wednesday the 1st of May at 12.00 noon. If you would like to come or need a lift contact Kathy 0418 679 616.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?:** If you're feeling drawn to a vocation in priestly or religious life, take heart in knowing it's a profoundly beautiful journey towards serving others and deepening your relationship with God. This path is one of courage, love, and self-giving. If so, we encourage you to spend time in prayer, seek guidance from trusted spiritual



mentors, and listen attentively to the stirrings of your heart. Remember, your vocation is a unique gift, not just to yourself, but to the whole Church. Embrace this calling with open arms and an open heart, trusting that God will lead you every step of the way. If this message fascinates you, please have a chat with Fr Janeesh after the Mass.

## Children's Liturgy—Roster

Christeen & Volunteer —21st Apr 9.00 am Sun  
Rebekah & Madison—21st Apr 10.30 am Sun  
Andrea & Chandima—27th Apr 6.00 pm Sat  
Trent & Volunteer—28th Apr 9.00 am Sun  
Sara & Rose—28th Apr 10.00 am Sun



## The Month of May is Devoted to Our Blessed Virgin Mary

Legion of Mary of St Patrick's Parish, Pakenham  
invites you to join us to pray the Rosary  
every Friday during the month of May at 7.00 pm  
& on Tuesdays after the 6.00 pm Mass

Commencing on Friday 3rd May 2024 at 7.00 pm  
Followed by fellowship  
(Please bring a plate to share)

Feast of The Visitation of Mary  
Walk with Mother Mary (Procession)  
followed by the Mass on  
Friday 31st May 2024 at 6.30 pm

Celebrants:

Father Janeesh, Father Ajin & Father Paul



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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

