

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25TH APRIL 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

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.**

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.**

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.

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for his love has no end. **R.**

Second Reading: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: 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.

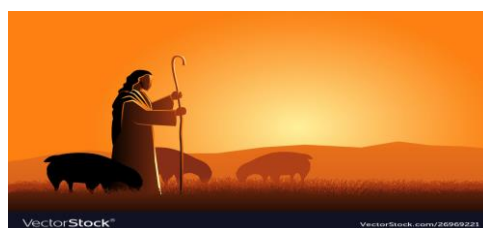
They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

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.'



Welcome

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: 25 April @ 5pm Mass

Commentator: M Finn

Reader: C Finlay

Communion: M Allan

Leaders:

ST JOSEPH'S: 25 April @ 10:30

Family: Convery/Oberne

Communion: A Convery

Lay-leaders: T&D Ryan

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 25Apr-2 May: B Newcombe/ J Robb

St. Joseph's: J Melville

Counters: 25 April ; A McCarthy

RECENT DEATHS: Sr Monica Butler RSM

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill & Una O'Brien,
Owen Williamson, Frank Foster,
Francis Lenaghan, Olive Gannon, Gwen
Winchcomb, Dorothy Donovan, Stephen &
Rebecca Worthy, Jill Halloran & Joy Evans

*Those seeking our prayers for
healing and wellbeing:*

*Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,
Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum*

A prayer request: We remember to pray for all our young people in our Diocese and their future. They are the present, future and hope of the Church. God has a plan and hope for all of them to live out their vocational call whatever that may be - marriage, the single life and also amongst them are some who would make a good priest or religious.

Aid to the Church in need

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*. In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph:

“The Dream of Vocation ‘God looks on the heart’ (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: To beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: Hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of ‘the saints next door.’ At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.”

St Brendan's Bell Tower

Works are due to start on the refurbishment of the tower in the next two weeks. It has been taped off and we ask that people park away from the site.



For Pope Francis, Bishop Paul and our Diocesan priests: may they reflect a Father's love and care for all whom they serve. Lord hear us.

For our Church: that we will work in a spirit of collaboration, allowing the gifts of all the baptized to be recognized, encouraged and flourish. Lord hear us.

For our three seminarians for the Ballarat Diocese at Corpus Christi College seminary, and those who are discerning vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated life for our Diocese: that they will find encouragement and support through our prayers and encouragement. Lord hear us.

For all families: that they will find in the love and goodness they share, a recognition of the important role they play in nurturing the young and their future. Lord hear us.

For our world: that we as a Church will follow the example Christ the Good Shepherd bringing peace, care and harmony to all those we encounter. Lord hear us.

For the sick, the frail and the lonely: that we will all know our role to be Good Shepherds to them in their need. Lord hear us.

For all who serve in our military services: that their generosity and sacrifices may contribute to lasting peace and a better world. Lord hear us.

For those who have died: especially those who gave their lives in service in war, and those priests and religious who have served our parish and diocese. Lord hear us.

Conclusion: Loving Father, your Son came to lead us to you. Hear the prayers we make in his name, confident of your care for us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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