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**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
22nd April 2018**

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

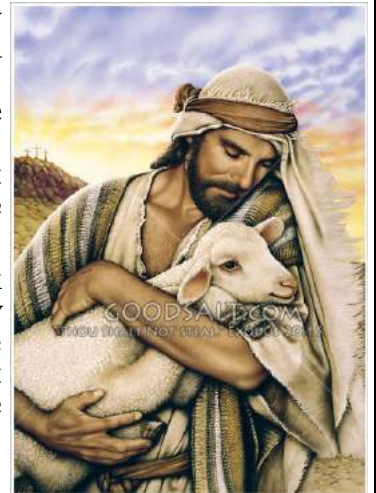
John 10:11-18

## **"The only certain happiness in life is to live for others"**

- Leo Tolstoy

The season of Easter is a time of new life. We are called to celebrate this life by sharing it with everyone. Christ invites each one of us to the vocation of being "good shepherds," by imitating His qualities of leading, feeding, nurturing, comforting, correcting, and protecting. On this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of us and the entire humanity. We are called not only to pray for the increase of priestly and religious vocations, but encourage our children and friends to seriously consider the option of embracing the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

One of the salient features of the Good Shepherd is his unceasing love for the flock and his readiness to sacrifice his own life for the well-being of the sheep. Leo Tolstoy said, "The only certain happiness in life is to live for others." It is when we see the world with a larger level than self. It is when we become concerned with others that we find the depth of God's love for our lives". It is in loving and living for others, we find our true lives.



*One day a man stopped in a convenience store to get a newspaper. He noticed that the owner of the store had tears in his eyes and kept looking out the window. He asked what was going on.*

*The store owner said, "Do you see that bus bench over there? There's a woman who comes there every day around this time. She sits there for about an hour, knitting and waiting. Buses come and go, but she never gets on one and no one ever gets off for her to meet. The other day, I carried her cup of coffee and sat with her for a while.*

*"Her only son lives a long way away. She last saw him two years ago, when he boarded one of the buses right there. He is married now, and she has never met her daughter-in-law nor seen their new child. She told me, 'It helps to come here and wait. I pray for them as I knit little things for the baby, and I imagine them in their tiny apartment, saving money to come home. I can't wait to see them.'"*

*The reason the owner was looking out the window at that particular moment was that the three of them -- the son, his wife and their small child -- were just getting off the bus. The look on the woman's face when this small family fell into her arms was one of pure joy. And this joy only increased when she looked into the face of her grandchild for the first time. The store owner commented, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live."*

*The next day the same man returned to the convenience store. The owner was again behind the counter. Before the store owner could say or do anything, the customer said, "You sent her son the money for the bus tickets, didn't you?"*

*The store owner looked back with eyes full of love and a smile and replied, "Yes, I sent the money." Then he repeated his statement from the day before, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live." This man had discovered a measure of the abundant life. (King Duncan, Collected Sermons, Sermons.com)*



**"To act as a Christian is to be aware of how we affect others, and are affected by others, for good or ill, and to act knowing that Christ acts as a good shepherd: he stands by us and brings us into a life of love such as that he shares with the Father. From the Father to the Son, from the Good Shepherd to us, and from us to others: a pattern of love and care where the basis of interaction cannot be a system of contracts alone, but must draw on a generosity that flows from being members of a family".**

**God's blessings! Fr. Vince**

*Let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving for Fr Vincent as he celebrates his 33rd anniversary of priesthood on 21st April.*



We will have a Mass to celebrate ANZAC Day on Wednesday, 25th April, at 9:15am. You are welcome to write down the names of servicing and ex-service personnel in our Remembrance Book in the foyer.

**OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS:**

> CATECHISTS for 30-minute sessions on Thursdays or Fridays at Glenhaven PS, Annangrove PS, Kenthurst PS, and Dural PS. Training and materials to be provided. Contact Maureen Jones—0419512252

> SENIOR SERVERS to become part of the roster to assist Father at different Masses. Contact Fr Vince if you're interested.

> MUSICIANS to help enliven our Masses. Please talk to any of the musicians to get more details.

> FRIENDLY FACES to join us at our Masses at our neighbouring nursing homes on:

2nd May, Wed, 10:15

at Arcare, Glenhaven;

3rd May, Thurs, 10:15

at BUPA Dural



**You are invited to join the HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018**

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Two Jesuit novices both wanted a cigarette while they prayed. They decided to ask their superior for permission. The first asked but was told no. A little while later he spotted his friend smoking and praying. "Why did the superior allow you to smoke and not me?" he asked. His friend replied, "Because you asked if you could smoke while you prayed, and I asked if I could pray while I smoked!"



*Congratulations to Imogen Bishton as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!*

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **5th May** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the resource room behind the chapel.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation begin with an Information Session on 22nd May. This is offered to children in Year 3 and older. You will be required to present the child's baptismal certificate. Watch this space and check the parish website ([www.stmadeleine.org.au](http://www.stmadeleine.org.au)) for more details.

**COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!**

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, as well as lovely gift items for even anniversaries and birthdays!

The stall will reopen on 6th May at the Country Fair.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1149.15

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1680

**Loose** = \$ 875.15

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107

**TOTAL** = \$ 4662.15 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently **changed your credit card**, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the recently deceased**

Garry Perrin, Jennifer Johnson, and Guilio Baldacchio

**For the dearly departed**

Noleen Hennessy, Adelaide & Davide Baldi  
Paula & Ben Dieudonne, Giovanni Battista, Giovanna Maria Luca, Vince Finocchiaro, Martin Mileto, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, Paul Cascun, Paul Spina, Mary Spina, Setna & Jim Mulvihill, Helena & Joe Culligan, the deceased of the Mulvihill & Culligan families, Karen Draddy, Evelyn Swinnerton, Pietro Ceccato, Ted Manning, and deceased of the Ferraro family

**For healing of the sick**

Peter Balnaves, Ivan Ceccato, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.





2 more weeks!  
2 more weeks!  
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## The Kenthurst Country Fair Sunday 6th May, 2018

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### PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:**  
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

**Parish Secretary:**  
Lisa Echevarria

**Sacramental Coordinator**  
Sally Coppini

**St Madeleine's Primary School**  
Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

**Marian College**

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

### PARISH SERVICES

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

#### Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

#### Weekday Masses:

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

**Playgroup** - Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm

**Baptisms:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

**Weddings:** By appointment

### FATHER MICHAEL FALLON

Sister Margaret Jones who runs Marymount Mercy Centre, David Road, Castle Hill, has invited parishioners to attend a set of talks by Fr M. Fallon, a renowned scripture scholar. Those who attended his course last year were very impressed and gained a lot of insight. This year he will speak on the Psalms.

The dates are from Monday **21st May to the 25th.**

Time is 9:30am to 12:30pm with a break for morning tea.

It may not be possible to attend each session but I know if you only come to one, you will get a lot out of it, so I encourage you to come.

Please ring me on 96596331 or email [anna.conway@mercy.org.au](mailto:anna.conway@mercy.org.au) to register.

Sister Anna

### ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

is now accepting enrolments for Kindy 2019. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the office or on the website

<http://www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au/>

### MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Applications for year 7, 2019 close on Friday, 4th May 2018.

Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer at [marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

### POSITIONS VACANT

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Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

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Assistant Bookkeeper - St John 23rd Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens

More details at: [www.john23rd.com](http://www.john23rd.com)

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: 22 APRIL

Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday which is being celebrated in Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers. To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood and seminary life in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit [www.parracatholic.org/vocations](http://www.parracatholic.org/vocations)

### NSW PASTORAL CONFERENCE: 1 MAY

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: [www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018) or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo

**Music Coordinators:**

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

**Junior Ministers Coordinator:** Maree McNeil

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Deb Rankin

**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry

**Playgroup Coordinator:** Grainne Barker

**SRE Coordinator:** Maureen Jones

**Friendship Group:** Jenny Puleo

**Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:**

Peter Balnaves

**Property Maintenance Manager:** Angelo Roia

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<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Helen Ross
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo	Trish Maidens Jan Schroder
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>		Patrick McNeil	Christopher Kang	James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lisa & Craig	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(24 April) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer, arr'd by Maureen Meryment		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper
<b>28/29 APRIL</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Rosa Carlino	Teresa Capaldi Amira & John Campo	Michelle & John Romeo
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Eileen Sherlock Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Kathy White Eileen Sherlock	Sue Martin	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Henry Macdonald	James Whittle Finn Sebire	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(1 May) Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper