

25 April 2021  
4th Sunday Easter

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9 am and 5.30 pm

### CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

\*Or by appointment

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: \*No Mass  
Wed: 12pm St Peter Canele  
Fri: 9am

Tues: \*No Mass  
Thur: 9am St Catherine of Siena  
Sat: 9am

**ENTRANCE ANTIphon:** *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, Alleluia.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: John Parker, Rodney Oatley, Patrick Valentine McNicholas (Ireland).

Anniversaries: Visitacion Cabasag (5/4), Fr Bruce MacPherson (8/4), Patricia Holz (18/4), Harry Cunningham (30/4).

Deceased: Fay Sims, Steven Walton, Stephanie Cayley, Ronald Dietrich, Patricia Hawes, Norm Moran, Thomas Brown.

Sick: Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Brindley Cavallaro, Jack & Marge Attard.

### WEEK 6 ROSTER: 25/4/21

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford  
9am Sun: R S Brown A Sartori  
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
Counting Team J and O Whale; A Bowden  
Sat Cleaning 1/5 B & B Lane  
Altar Linen H Reid

### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 1/5/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman  
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout  
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
Counting Team R Paull; A Bowden  
Sat Cleaning 8/5 K O'Brien J Cunningham  
Altar Linen: J Hutt

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

1st Collection: BSB 082105 ACC 001023642 2nd Collection: BSB 082105 ACC 001041198

### PADDY'S CORNER

As this Sunday is ANZAC DAY let us remember all those who have served for their fellow country men and women with honor and bravery.  
May their lives be remembered and respected.



**LEST WE FORGET**



### SOCIAL DISTANCING - \*\*PLEASE \*\*

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*God gives me strength  
for what is necessary*



**COVID-19 RULES:** From Monday 29th March, singing is now allowed at Mass and there is no attendee limit for funerals and weddings. All cautions still apply with check in and 2m distancing.

**THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE** will be conducted throughout Australia over the first four consecutive Sundays in May 2021. Counting over 4 Sundays ensures that fortnightly and monthly Masses are not overlooked. It will be a simple head count; no other information about attendees will be collected. This is a count of attendance at ALL MASSES celebrated in the Diocese, including all parishes, non-parish centres, hospitals, chaplaincies. Volunteers for counting heads will be gratefully accepted.

**TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 6771 8705 or email [tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au)

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**GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD:** Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

**NO YOUR EYES ARE NOT FAILING** However many of our ceiling lights are. Unfortunately replacement of these lights is a significant job. We have seen the improved savings made with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and we would like to see the same in the Church. We hope to be able to address the issue prior to all lights failing and thank you for your patience.

**CRACKER'S TALES:** To assist with the lighting project, and in keeping with our new Paddy's Corner efforts, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony after Mass or at the office if you would like to buy a copy.

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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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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (ANZAC DAY)

25 APRIL 2021

## GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS

There are always different ways of seeing the same thing. For some of the Jews in Jerusalem, Jesus' death was the necessary outcome for someone who was leading the people astray. Peter on the other hand has come to see it as the foundation and cornerstone of a new building. He does not deny that Jesus was rejected by some of his own, but he has come to appreciate it from a new point of view. As John expresses it, it is the means by which God lavishes us with love ushering in a new dawn for those with eyes to see.

In a similar fashion Jesus speaks to his disciples in the Gospel today about how he understands his own death. The disciples could only see their hopes of being part of a new kingdom being dashed to pieces, and as a failure. Jesus did not see his death in this way. Rather, it is the gift of the loving shepherd, given freely for his flock that they might live. On this Anzac Day we remember with profound thanks the sacrifice of so many who have served and died so that we might live.

Despite how things might appear there is always a deeper reality that the person of faith is called to see and appreciate. There is an invitation to hope and trust in the hidden and unexpected ways that God works in our midst. Even failures and suffering can have a part to play in God's plan for us. Having the openness to look once again with the eyes of faith is part of the challenge of Easter.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

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.

**RESP PS** Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone. (or Alleluia!)

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.**



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## SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*We shall see God as he is.*

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

Jn 10: 14

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

## GOSPEL

Jn 10: 11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John.

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

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