


Weekend of :	20/21 Apr 2024	Week 3		
Ministry	Sat 5 pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation
Heralds	Callan	Bianca	Valentina	Mckenzie
Readers	Cris /Immanuel	Mabel/ Christopher	Vera / Raphael	Maria / Mica
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter/Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M/ Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Cameron	-	Bryan/Philip/ Caitlin/Patrick/ Gabby	Teresa/Hannah/ Taylor

Weekend of :	27/28 Apr 2024	Week 4		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Children's Choir	Sacred Heart	STJ Multicultural	Sts Joachim & Anne
Heralds	Stella	Jasmine/ Madeline	Rachel	Ryan
Readers	Irene/Hannah	Rhonda/Kaitlyn	Trish/Blake	Thresia/ Mckenzie
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter	Yuve/Vincent	Mick M/Surya
Altar Servers	Cameron / Immanuel/Abed	Bianca/ Christopher	Patrick/Gabby/ Bryan/Caitlin/ Philip	Hannah/Taylor/ Kiomi/Naomi

EASTER TRIDUUM CHORUS FEEDBACK


SCAN ME



Dear Parishioners
Fr Epeli would like your feedback regarding our choirs and Sacred Music.
Please scan the QR Code and provide your feedback.

SUNDAY 10AM MASS CHORUS FEEDBACK

SCAN ME



Thank you

Camino of St Joseph 2024 - Overnight Pilgrimage for Men 18+
An overnight pilgrimage for men (18+ event) in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Camino begins with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday April 26 at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7.00pm. The Camino will conclude with 6.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday April 27 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.
DATE: Friday, 26 April 2024 7:30 PM - Saturday 27 April 2024 7:30 AM
COST: \$20 per adult / Bus Ticket: \$12 one-way 7 pm sharp on 26/04 from Moorebank.
For more info and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441>

LET US PRAY FOR:
Recently Returned to the Father: Desmond Hendricks, Maria Juliana, Denise Egan, Engelberto Leal, Paulette Misola
Death Anniversary: Vlaho Demovic, Susan McCormick, Grazia Pollifrone, Gerundia Lardizabal
In Loving Memory of: deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Mgr Colm Conlon, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Caterina & Giovanni Luci, Joseph Azzi & deceased members of Azzi & Boustany families, all souls in purgatory
NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change
Sick & Infirm: Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriqueta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Michelle Nairn, Mai Huynh, Salim Chu, Cecilia Shirley Quinto, Natasha, Sr Nory Ordiz
Wedding Anniversary:
Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Jess Quines, Sally Clark

A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.
You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Weekend Collection Report
Weekend 13/14 April 2024
1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$2132.00 &
2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1516.00 &
Envelopes - \$1051.00
Project Compassion - \$3479.00 (cash) &
\$650.00 (credit card)
Thank you for your generosity
- Fr Epeli -

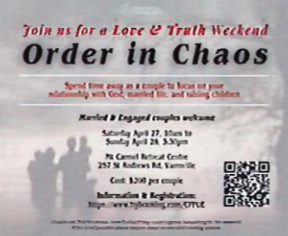
Called & Gifted Discernment Process 2024
The path to discovering your charisms! Once again, the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is being offered exclusively for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. The process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives, and to motivate and equip them to participate in the mission of the Church more fully. Don't miss this opportunity to discover how you have been blessed by the Holy Spirit to build the Kingdom of God!

DATES: 29 April – 15 July 2024 (8 sessions)
MODE: Online via Zoom
COST: \$140 plus booking fees
For more information, and to register, go to: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process/

Prophecy School +
Prophecy School is designed to stretch you in your understanding and use of the prophetic gifts. Damian Stayne, a lay Catholic evangelist with a ministry of prophecy, physical healing and miracles, shares from his own experience and demonstrates prophecy in action. While this conference is primarily for anyone who already moves in the gift of prophecy, it will also inspire those who aspire to have the gift.


DATE AND TIME: Friday 26th April (7 pm - 9:30 pm) then Saturday 27th April 9am - 9pm
VENUE: The Servants of Jesus Community Centre
ADDRESS: 15 Park Road, SEVEN HILLS.
COST: \$120.00
RSVP: Open until all sold out
For more information and to book, visit: <https://servantsofjesus.org/events/>

Order in Chaos - Retreat for Married and Engaged Couples
The joys of marriage and parenthood can sometimes be eclipsed by the challenges of raising children, especially in a secular environment.
The Emmanuel Community invites married and engaged couples to a weekend retreat, to focus on your relationship with the Lord, life as a couple, and raising children today.
DATE AND TIME: Saturday 27 April 10:00am - Sunday 28 April 3:30pm
VENUE: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre
ADDRESS: 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW 2566
COST: \$200 per couple. For more information and to register: www.trybooking.com/CPUE



Next Newman Group Meeting:
27th April (Sat) – Bushwalk – Please RSVP to newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org
12th May – Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel
26th May – The Liturgy and the Trinity
Fr. Bijoy Joseph

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WE COME TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD, WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER JOYFULLY IN ACTIVE SERVICE
OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ...
Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.
Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am
If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

Parish Values - Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work & In the way of Mary


4th Sunday of Easter - Yr B (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) 21 April 2024

This Week at St Joachim

Sun 21/04	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Mon 22/04	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 23/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 24/04	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 25/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary (ANZAC DAY)
Fri 26/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Sat 27/04	4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church

REFLECTION - Fr Epeli -
Today's feast will bring mixed feelings and dare I say a timely challenge to the faithful who attend Good Shepherd Church in Wakeley where Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel was stabbed on Monday night while preaching. A multitude of emotions were triggered and riots have led police to dispatch extra personnel to maintain order and security in the wider community. The call to be calm and forgiving is even more real for all of us this week since the horrific event in Bondi last Saturday.
What is our response as a community equally affected by these horrific events? Forgiveness goes hand in hand with Justice. For us Christians, the words of St John in today's second reading provides us with the framework to respond responsibly during such circumstances. "We are children of God." This is the core of our identity. We Christians are expected to live and act accordingly because of the love that the Father has lavished on us. This love draws us to Jesus the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his friends.
The image of the Good Shepherd revealed in Psalm 23 is very close to our hearts. This Psalm is often sung or recited during funerals because the words are comforting and consoling. Shepherded by the Lord we too are expected to be agents of comfort, consolation and peace during times of fear and disturbance in the community.
We are a shepherded species being led by the Lord not just during our sojourn in the valley of death, or only restful waters, nor greener pastures. Jesus leads us to become like him. Being like him is 'seeing him as he really is.' As we look towards that delight, let us do our best to show the face of Jesus by loving one another. In the words of the author of Les Misérables, Victor Hugo, "For to love another is to see the face of God."



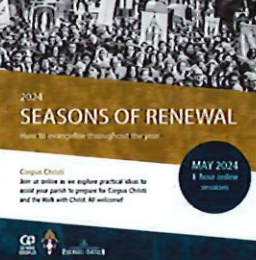
ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget
25 April




MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 20/4	Soul of Teresa Nguyen
Sun 21/4	Souls of Caterina & Giovanni Luci
Mon 22/4	Soul of Philip BT Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families
Tues 23/4	Deceased family members of Maureen Caddy
Wed 24/4	B'day Florisa M Anolin
Thurs 25/4	Safe travels for Murray & Sally Clark
Fri 26/4	Thanksgiving—Udantha Rana-weera

Seasons of Renewal: Corpus Christi
Join the Parish Renewal Team online as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish to prepare for the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ which will be celebrated on Sunday 2 June. All welcome!
DATES: Thursday 9 May, 3 – 4 pm
Tuesday 14 May, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Thursday 16 May, 10 – 11 am
For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events>



Sacrament of Confirmation - 2 June @10am Mass
Due to his schedule, Bishop Umbers will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here during the 10am Mass on the 2nd of June instead of the original time at 1pm.
To accommodate the Confirmation Candidates, their parents, families, and sponsors on their special day, Parishioners who normally attend the 10am Mass are encouraged and requested to attend Mass at other Mass times for that weekend only.
Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.
- Fr Epeli -



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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20:27

The Good Shepherd has risen, / who laid down his life for his sheep / and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the

Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

One of the recurring themes in Acts is that of the apostles and disciples being 'filled with the Holy Spirit' which, in turn, finds expression in the boldness of their speech. As Peter addresses the rulers and elders, we observe his boldness in answering their query concerning the healing of a disabled person. Peter qualifies that he does this 'in the name of Jesus Christ the crucified one whom God raised.' He acknowledges that his power and authority come from God through Jesus Christ. He acts in the name of Jesus Christ; he heals as he did. His actions, and not just his words, are testament and witness to the one whom God raised.

The Gospel of John speaks of Jesus as the good shepherd, 'the one who lays his life down for his sheep.' This image of Jesus contrasts with that of the shepherds mentioned in the Old Testament who were bad leaders who led the people of Israel astray. It also interacts with New Testament writings that warn of false shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, can be trusted. He is the Son of God and not a hired hand. The focus of the passage is on Jesus as the one who laid down his life freely. In John's account, we hear that Jesus has the power to take up his life again. This is possible, Jesus says, as it is 'the command I have been given by my Father' and it offers strong assurance of God's power in Jesus, of his complete trust in the love of God and his own love for his sheep.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

21 APRIL 2024

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Though few shepherds remain in our modern world, the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; / by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

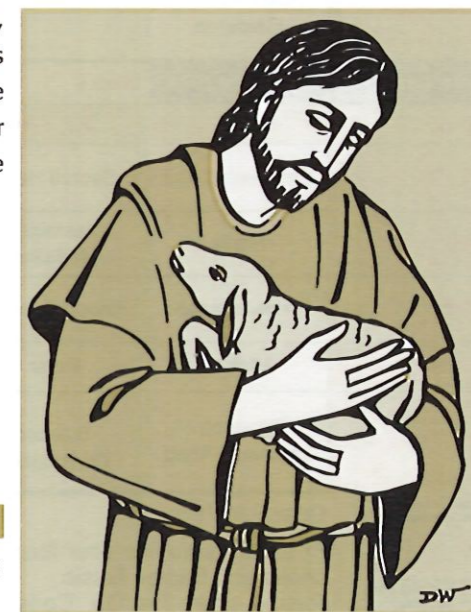
RESP PS Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

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.**



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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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