

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

21 April 2024

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

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.'

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.

or:

(R.) 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 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 1 Jn 3:1-2

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.

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

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

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.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 32:5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life
for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday ---- 6pm SPP Goulburn
6pm Taralga
Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)
Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)
Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)
Tuena - Nil until further notice
Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 5.15pm
OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am
Taralga: 5.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays
Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
Wed, Thurs Fri - 12md (SPP)
Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or
central collection boxes.

ROSTER Coordinator-
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BAPTISMS: Book through the Parish Office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Apr 24: Ex Students Reunion: K&GZ **10 for 10.15**
Apr 24: Readers Workshop 5.pm Wednesday SPP
Apr 25: 9am ANZAC Day Mass
May 12: Mother's Day
June 1&2: First Holy Communion
June 30: Parish Luncheon (Sts Peter & Paul Feast)

Anzac Day Prayer

God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and
security we enjoy. It was won for us through the courage
and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.
We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,
but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations
to come. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Pope's Intention - April 2024

For the role of Women: Let us pray that the dignity and
worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for
an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of
the world.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who contributed to
the Holy Land Appeal. We collected \$2187.10 for the Holy
Land. Your generous support is very much appreciated.

Morning tea At K&Gz

Ex Students and friends of the SRs of
St Joseph will hold a morning tea at K&Gz Café
for the enjoyment of all. Everyone is welcome.

When: 10am, Wednesday 24th April 2024
Where: K&Gz Café Mistful Park, Goulburn

Volunteers are invited to assist at the next Rotary
Council Parkside Monthly BBQ, to be held on **Sat May 11**
between 7am to 1pm. The funds raised will go to meet
the operational cost of the Cathedrals gas heating.
Please contact Dennis to 0412 210 245 to help.

Crookwell's Monthly Morning Tea is Returning! 2nd
WEDNESDAY of the Month, 10am at the Parish meeting
Rooms. Please contact Beverley Wallace for further information.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARTATION

Holy Communion lessons begins on

1st May Crookwell
2nd May Goulburn

Confirmation Lessons begins on

8th August Goulburn

Recently Deceased: Joseph O'Neil, Violeto Policarpio, Rita Berrell, Carmen Williams, Myra Kanowski, Sr Marie
Deporres, Bob Bower, Margaret Cherry, Theresia Neonbasu, Barbara Simpson, Archbishop Francis Carroll,
Judith Roper, Debra Burgess, Yvonne Halls, Pauline Hills.

Anniversaries: Nancy Dane, Noel Plumb, Winnie Elliott, Yvonne Hoare, Selby William (BILL) Burgess, Perry
McCormack, Pat McCormack, Val Elliott, Pam Lee, Andrezy Bobrowski, Margaret Clark, Pauline Bowen, Terry
Thistleton, Jan Collins, Jessie Falk, Max McGaw, Gerry Doodman, Bernadette and Phillip Hart, Deasey Family,
Dr Paul Falk, Gina Pincott, Mary Liddle, Deceased of the Anable, Coffey and Craciun Families,

Prayers: Merrilyn St Aude, Bridget Flannery, Sean Lucas, Justin Cauduro, Paul Hollands, Sr Aileen Wailes, RSM,
Charles, Gavin McKenzie,



Event Notices

19-21 April | Three day silent retreat

For young men discerning a Vocation to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director, Fr Emil Milat at emil.milat@cg.org.au for more information

4 May | CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE

This will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome.

Further info: 0413 840 555 / adair.obrien@outlook.com

18 May | Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples

Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. FOCCUS - Tues 11th June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. Evenings for the Engaged- Sat 13 & 20 July. SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text 0405440463

May 20 – 22 | A Current of Grace

Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

August 7 | Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 | 6PM

We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University

Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter *For more information & tickets visit* www.tfo.org.au

October 17 | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha

Save the Date Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra

General Items for Parish Bulletins

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House

Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.