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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

26 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

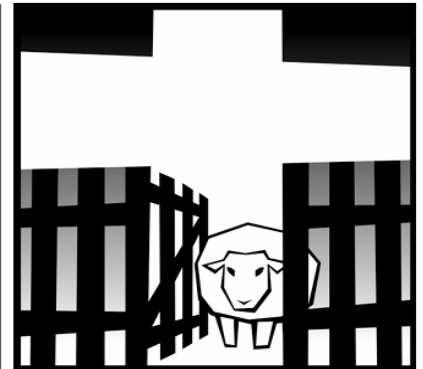
Gospel Jn 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be
safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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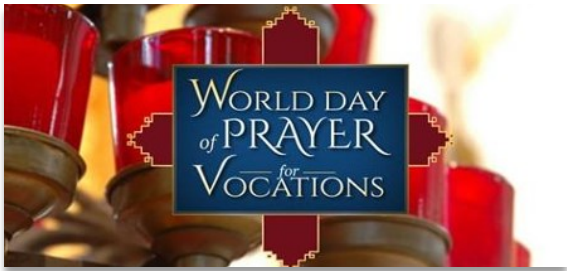
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63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDPV)

The 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, will be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This important occasion in the life of the Church invites us to pause in reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and marriage lived in service of God's mission.

In his message, the Holy Father highlights the importance of discovering God's gift within us through prayer, contemplation, and a spirit of openness. He reminds us that by nurturing an interior life, we become more aware of the beauty and purpose of our vocation.

This day also encourages our communities and families to be places where vocations can be welcomed, supported, and nurtured—fostering growth and a deeper relationship with God.



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ST MARY'S *Mother Day* MASS

Friday 8 May
at 9:15am
in the Marian Centre



There will be no Mass in the Church.

ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

**"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"**

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 27/4	No mass	
Tues 28/4	Holy hour	5pm
Tues 28/4	Mass	6pm
Wed 29/4	Mass	6pm
Thurs 30/4	Mass	6pm
Fri 1/5	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

**Sat 25 April: Sarah Richards
Sun 26 April: Liz Donnelly**

**Sat 2 May: Liz Donnelly
Sun 3 May: Imelda**

SAVE THE DATES

Baptism Meeting
*Tuesday 28 April at 7pm
at St Mary's Church Mooroopna.*

PPC Meeting
*Wednesday 29 April at 7:30pm
at Parish House*

Best wishes to the St Mary's Debutantes as they celebrate their Debutante Ball this evening. Sincere thanks to Maree Williams for her dedication and hard work in coordinating this special event.

One year anniversary

Tuesday marked the first anniversary of the passing of Pope Francis. He has left an extraordinary legacy for us. He was joyful, approachable, committed to simplicity, and passionate about God's mercy and love for all people, especially those who are on the peripheries. In world affairs, his clear and prophetic leadership on care for the earth, listening to the cry of the poor, and building solidarity was enormously valuable. Within the Church, he led us to focus on the Gospel, and to develop synodal ways of ensuring that all the baptised can participate and contribute to the Church's mission. As Pope Leo helps us to build on Pope Francis' leadership, we will deepen our appreciation for his wonderful contribution.



St Mary's Parish Garden

Earlier this year, St Mary's Primary School welcomed a new Maintenance Manager, Linc Taylor, along with Maintenance Assistant Wes Stanley, following the departure of Phil Crowe.

We're pleased to share that our Parish has engaged Wes on a casual basis to assist with garden and maintenance services. We receive many positive comments about how beautiful the grounds look and we're confident our gardens are in excellent hands with Wes.



St Mary's Primary School



St. Mary's PS— Open Day

We warmly invite families and members of our community to attend our upcoming **Open Day on Wednesday 29 April**, beginning at 11:45am.

St Mary's PS— Alumni

This year we are celebrating 90 years of St Mary's School Mooroopna. As part of the celebrations for this year, we would love to hear from St. Mary's Alumni - past staff, community members and students. We would love to hear about your past experiences of St. Mary's. If you are willing to be involved please contact the school office on 5825 2858 or email at office@smmooroopna.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's PS—Term 2 Dates

1st May—Grade Prep, 1 & 2 will join Mass in the Church at 10 am

8th May - Whole School Mother's Day Mass in the Marian Centre at **9:15am**. All welcome.

15th May - Grade 3/4 Mass incorporating First Reconciliation in the Church at 10am

12th June - Whole School Mass of Compassion - Feast of the Sacred Heart in the Marian Centre at **10am**. All welcome



ANZAC DAY
25 April 2026
Mooroopna



8:45am March.
Followed by Commemorative Service.
Assemble at Watts Road Bridge.
Service at War Memorial, McLennan St,
Mooroopna



Readings
for
this week:

Acts 2:14, 36-41 1
Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

Readings
for
next week:

Acts 6:1-7 1
Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Irene Biesiekierski

Wedding Anniversary:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 25 April: not required Sat 2 May: Chris Flower and Faye Flower

BINGO 2 May: Narissa Russell, Maree, Francesca Richards, Rob, Sarah Richards, Emma

25th & 26th of April	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Cathie McMaster	Mavis Murphy	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.30 am	Valoia Family	Valoia Family	Maree Williams	Leo & Brenda Pye
2nd & 3rd May				
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Cathie McMaster	Sarah Richards	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.30 am	Brenda Pye	Elaine Vertriest	Inez Raleigh	Brenda & Leo Pye