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# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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### CONTACT DETAILS

**Parish Priest:** Fr Dishan Candappa  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Samuel Pearson  
**Deacon:** Rev Poukesi Vaka'uta

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday:** 10:00 – 1:00pm  
**Wednesday - Friday:** 10:00am– 2:00pm

### PARISH SCHOOLS

**School of the Good Shepherd**  
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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Monday – Saturday:**  
9:15am - Good Shepherd

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6:00pm - Good Shepherd  
**Sunday:** 9:00am - St Carlo Borromeo  
11:00am - Good Shepherd  
5:00pm - Good Shepherd

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

At Good Shepherd Church on the first Friday of the month after morning Mass & Wednesday at 6:00pm.

### MARIAN NOVENA

Wednesday at 6:30pm preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00pm

### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

**Wed-Fri:** 8:45am - 9:05am  
**Wed:** 6:00pm - 6:30pm  
**Saturday:** 9:45am - 10:15pm  
5:15pm - 5:50pm

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm. Bookings essential.

### WEDDING PREPARATION

Bookings to be made 6 months prior to wedding date. Bookings made through Parish Office.

## Good Shepherd Sunday

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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