



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

21 APRIL 2024

## 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.**



## 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!



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter - 21 April 2024- Year B

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** 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.

**REFLECTION: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter – Praying for Others:**

A dear friend asked me to pray for him recently. I was moved by the request and of course was very happy to do it. And because as I said he is a dear friend I took it very seriously indeed. Throughout the day I saw myself as standing beside him. I saw myself as hanging onto his hand. I saw myself as willing, moving all the confidence that I have in God's power and love into him. I saw myself moving all my deep conviction that God has everything in hand, he will never let us down. I saw myself moving that into his

heart. I saw myself as shoring up the foundation of his faith and it suddenly hit me, when you and I are asked to pray for somebody else, when you and I pray for somebody else that is what we are truly doing. We are not putting God in a "Full Nelson" and beating him to the ground to make sure that he does something He was going to do anyway because of his great love. We don't pray for somebody else in order to remind God what he has forgotten. We don't pray to God for somebody else so that God will get moved out of his embrace and see the problem in front of Him! No, no, no, no. We pray for somebody else knowing that the grace to sure up the foundations of the other person is there. What a gift it is to be able to hold the hand of somebody else, to sure up the foundations of another's faith, to be asked to pray for them.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

## CHARITY CONCERT WITH FR FOB GALEA:

An evening with Fr Rob Galea. Thursday 9 May 2024. Doors open 5.30pm. The concert commences 6pm and is estimated to conclude at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$20. Corpus Christi College, David Health Gymnasium, 50 Murdoch Drive, Bateman. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to Caritas Australia and LifeLink WA. Parking is available on the College Oval. Please follow signage.



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**RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:** 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK

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**TEMPORARY OFFICE:** Fr Michael's and Parish Secretary's offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

### "TIME TO CONSIDER THE

**PRIESTHOOD":** St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual

Vocations Open Day on Sunday, 5 May 2024, calling all interested males from the age of 17 years and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and 'look and see'. Details may be found on the flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website:

[www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au) or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day... "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit" – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.

**LIFTED UP FOR MOTHER'S DAY:** A violin & piano recital on **Sunday 12 May 2024** from 3pm in the Braham Auditorium at Trinity College, East Perth. After the Mother's Day lunch or before the Mother's Day dinner, your mum and grandmum are sure to be lifted up by an hour of beautiful music from two highly regarded classical musicians in Daniel Carney on violin & Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of other mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness at the House of Mercy refuge in Mongolia. To book

[Saturday, 20 April 2024](#)

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<https://www.trybooking.com/CQFOU> Online bookings are essential because seating is limited. For further details contact Francis at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au).

**HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Monday night's 7-9pm. All welcome ...

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter – 21 April

**6pm Mass:** For the People

**7.30am Mass:** Maria Jose Moura (Birthday Int)

**9am Mass:** Dianne De Olival (RIP) & Maria Da Silva (RIP), In Thanksgiving (Donor)

### Tuesday 23 April

**9am Mass:** Maria & Martin De Sousa (RIP) & Michael McIntosh (RIP)

### Wednesday 24 April

**9am Mass:** In Honour St Joseph (Thanksgiving), Phylis Pass (Birthday & RIP)

### Thursday 25 April

**9am Mass:** ANZAC

### Friday 26 April

**9am Mass:** In Honour Sacred Heart of Jesus

**10.30am Mass:** Hilton Park Aged Care

### Saturday 27 April

**9am Mass:** Jesus Christ & St Raphael Archangel Honour & Thanksgiving



**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  
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

## 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**