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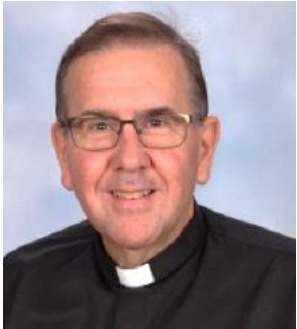
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4th Sunday of Easter

Year A

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020



### Our Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because, in each year of the liturgical cycle on this 4th Sunday, the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the "good shepherd".

In today's passage, Jesus emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life: "The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep." He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. The hired man thinks primarily of his own welfare and, if he sees a wolf coming, he takes off, leaving the sheep to be attacked and scattered in fear and terror. Jesus, on the other hand, will not be like a hired person: "I lay down my life for my sheep." Perhaps he contrasts himself with those religious leaders among his own people – and to be found in every religious grouping – who do just what is expected of them but have no real commitment or sense of responsibility to those in their charge.

One of the oldest paintings of Christ, in the Roman catacombs, represents Christ as carrying the injured sheep gently on His shoulders back to the sheepfold. This imagery of the Good Shepherd has been an important aspect of the Church pastoral theology for two thousand years and it informs the churches understanding of ministerial priesthood.

Today we remember to pray for priests who minister in the Church and that God will sustain them in their Vocation and in particular during these days of COVID restrictions.



Also recently Pope Francis asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession to assist in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. "Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial," the Pope said in a letter addressed to all Catholics and released by the Vatican on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics already are in the habit of praying the rosary at home during the month, he noted. "The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view."

Pope Francis wrote two prayers to Mary that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Please see letter with Pope Francis' prayers via the link below:  
[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200425\\_lettera-mesedimaggio.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html)

**God Bless, Fr Mark**

### Live Streaming of Mass from

### St Stephen's Cathedral

[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)

### Schedule of Celebrations

### from St Stephen's Cathedral

<http://archbne.org/bzz>

### Family Prayer

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html/>

### The Catholic Leader

The Leader has gone digital and you will love the layout!

Reads just like the paper version - now accessible on all devices, anywhere!

Read the entire digital newspaper for free here:

<https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

### Readings at Home

Please see the link for the readings of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

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### Join the Pilgrimage

The disciples journeyed from the tomb in Jerusalem out into the country side and towns obedient to the bidding of Jesus. During this time a risen Jesus revealed Himself to them. It was a time of turmoil, a time of both extraordinary joy and a time of isolation and fear. Does this sound familiar?

As Jesus was then, so He is now. The Lord is risen and so very close to you. While isolation may be required and a duty, rather let us benefit from joining with a like-minded community that together "choose" a spiritual self-imposed isolation over these coming weeks until Pentecost.

Register for free at: <https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>

### Parish Youth Ministry

OLR Youth has found a number of opportunities to grow and broaden our ministry. The virus has encouraged us to really up our game with social media and our online presence, something that is essential for any youth ministry, even when there isn't a global pandemic!

We've stepped out of our comfort zones and into online youth groups through Zoom, finding new ways to connect with our youth and help them stay connected to their faith. With things slowing down, it has also given us time to build up and strengthen our team, so when the rubber hits the road we'll be stronger than ever. In the coming weeks we hope to further engage with our primary youth as well so please keep us in your prayers as we keep seeking the opportunities and goodness God has for us.

Peace, Matt Foxon - Youth Ministry Coordinator

- **Friday Zoom Youth Gathering 6:00pm – 7:00pm**
- **Instagram @olrkenmoreyouth**

### Sacramental Information

**Confirmation 2020:** The Parish is intending to run the Confirmation programme later this year once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. New session dates will be communicated to those enrolled in the programme asap. If you have not completed your enrolment for Confirmation, please contact the parish office via email [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

**1st Communion 2020:** The 1st Communion Programme dates will need to be pushed back later in the year once Confirmation has been completed. When we have the dates for the Confirmation programme the 1st Communion programme dates will be issued and enrolment interviews will commence.

*We thank you for your patience in this matter.*

### Prayer Requests

*If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.*

Let us continue to pray for each other and for all those throughout the world who have died, are ill, or are grieving their loss.

**Sick:** Please pray for Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Katherine Parsonage, Peter McNamara, Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Colin Warnick, Melinda Craig, Kay Houghton, Pat Clohessy, John O'Dea, Paul Smeaton, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Eugenie Hargraves, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Wal Giugni, Leo Thomsen, Pat Logan, Danielle Keymer, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

### Supporting Your Parish and its Mission

Thank you to the many Parishioners who have responded to the call to give electronically and to those who have been placing their Planned Giving Envelopes and donations in the mail slot in the door at the parish office. Your support allows Fr Mark and the Parish staff to continue to meet the needs of our community during these peculiar times.

Options for electronic giving are as follows:

#### Electronic Funds Transfer:

**BSB: 064 786 - OLR Parish Account Number: 006651102**

(please include your name, giving number if applicable and reference i.e. "Parish giving")

**Direct Debit from your bank account or Credit Card payment:** Regular or one off contributions can be arranged through the Parish office. Contact the Parish manager at [finchm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:finchm@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Parish Giving App:** The Archdiocese has developed a Phone & Web App, which is now available online and for download from the Apple App Store and Android Google Play.

Guides for set up and use of this convenient & secure phone and web based application are

available at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/>  
[https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/giving\\_transaction.html](https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/giving_transaction.html)



## Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information

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<b>Outside School Hours Care</b>	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	<a href="mailto:kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au">kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au</a>