

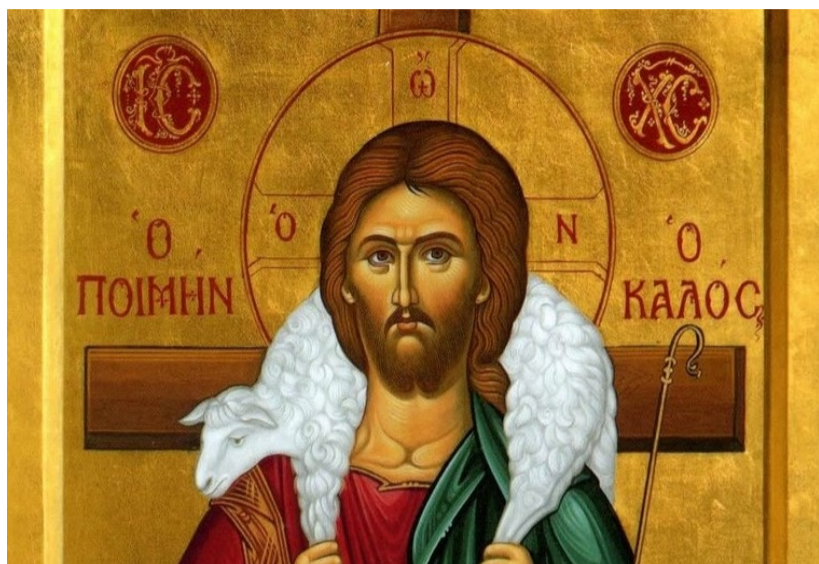
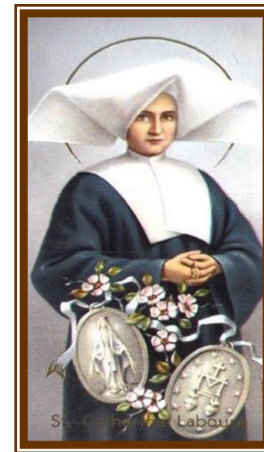
St Catherine Labouré GyMEA Parish



The 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

20 / 21 April 2024

Year B



Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In my first weeks at St Catherine Labouré Parish in December 2022, one of the first things that struck me was that, before every daily mass, a parishioner would announce: “We’ll say the prayer for Vocations.” How beautiful! What a powerful prayer to offer and unite to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each day! This prayer has been said in St Catherine’s for decades, and the fruits are certainly beginning to show. I express my gratitude as a Seminarian placed here in your Parish as a result of your constant prayers for vocations.

Good Shepherd Sunday is named as such because of the Gospel in which Christ reveals a facet of His identity as the Good Shepherd. Christ is the one who lays down his life for his sheep. He knows his own and his own know him. God has a plan for your life. You were created by love, for love. He thirsts for your love, lays down His life that you may be with Him forever.

I only began to discern my vocation in 2019 when a friend asked me at dinner, “Have you thought about your vocation?” I replied, “What’s a vocation?” Our primary vocation (from the Latin *vocare* – to call) is to be a saint – holiness – to see the face of God who loved us into being. Our secondary vocation is our unique path of greatest love in which we fulfil our primary vocation to holiness: Priesthood, marriage, religious life.

Your vocation is not a job or occupation. It is your state of life. It is the mode in which you bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus. This is true for a mum or dad (bringing each other and their children to Jesus) as it is for a priest or religious brother or sister. This starts with a relationship with God who loved you first, followed by your response to His love, to His call.

I encourage you to keep praying for vocations, and the renewal of your own vocation. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest, for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, that many may discover their unique calling. One of the strongest affirmations in my own discernment in 2019 was having over 20 people say to me, “I think you would make a good priest” when I had never considered the priesthood before that moment. Your voice can be a powerful instrument for God to speak and call forth the vocations of those in your life, especially young people. His sheep know His voice. Do you want to know your vocation, your unique path to holiness and life with God, the purpose for which you were created? Then ask the Good Shepherd in openness and trust, and listen to His voice. God bless, Daniel O’Kelly

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call. After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” After a few moments of discussion, ask, “Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?” Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God’s plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision – which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry – should be undertaken only after praying for God’s guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS – God’s Positioning System.

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Noel Ratcliffe, Anthony Mackison, Beryl Budd, Charie Maria Fordham, Anthony James Witt, Cohen Hinchcliffe, Coral Lacey.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Daniel Andreallo, William Roy Barnes, Cec and Mary Baz, Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Trevor Oscar Corrie, Brian Dooley, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Ederina Fabian (2nd Anniversary), Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Alexander Martin, Joan Edna Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Frank Murray (3rd Anniversary), Sarah Jane Murrells (50th Anniversary) Adolfo Noche, Joe & Anna Natoli, Angela Nugent (30th Anniversary), JoAnne Shackleton, Antonio Sorbara, Odin Vial (5th Anniversary), The Deceased Members of the Friendship Club, The Holy Souls.

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially:

Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuni, Gerry Banister, Cheryl May Barrett, Arthur Benson, Fr. Briffa, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Shirley Cashman, Peter Cobcroft, Noeline Conyngham, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Ludovic D’Lima, Joanne Davies, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, John and Rona Harris, Maree Hinton, James Hourigan, Martin Iffland, Phoebe Jablonski, Louisa James, Matthew Johnston, Deidre Jones, Linden Kelleher, Jim Klingberg, Peter Logue, Shaun McInerney, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Maree Norton, Ritchie Perez, Vaska Petrova, Steve Porter, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Jill Rosel, Leovie Rosel, Tony Ryan, Adela Santos, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Karen Trang, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood; and those who care for them.

NOT (A PRACTICING) CATHOLIC? We are a proudly Catholic parish family who hold firm to the teachings of Jesus Christ because they are the one timeless source of truth and mercy. We believe that every human being has an intrinsic dignity, created in the image and likeness of God, and, as such, every human being is welcome in this parish. We are truly one family. If you are not Catholic – or if you have been away from the practice of your faith and want to know more –, why not reach out to one of the priests and come and have a chat? In a world of such confusion, we all need the spiritual clarity and intellectual genius of the Catholic faith more than ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULTS (GATHERING): Inviting all young adults (18-35) to join us next Sunday night after the 5 pm Mass for an informal catch-up to discuss and plan our next series of events. Following the Shire Lenten Youth Nights, we are now looking to commence a regular gathering for our young adults on a Wednesday evening, interspersed with a few social events. Please come along!

BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible study series will recommence in May. We are thinking of doing a deep dive into the *Acts of the Apostles* whilst also exploring the mission of the early Church. Please keep Thursdays of May free! Details TBA.

DECEMBER 2024 PARISH DINNER PREFERENCES: Our parish dinners, held at Doltone House in late November, have been wonderful opportunities to gather and celebrate this blessed parish family and form new friendships. Given this is our third year, Fr. Greg and the organising committee would like your feedback on the possibility of hosting this year's dinner on a Sydney Harbour cruise. The format would be much the same, and the parish will provide buses for all parishioners into the city and back. If you would like to express your opinion on this, you can indicate your thoughts

CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION: Many thanks for your generosity. The Parish raised \$6,440.00 to support this worthy charity. If you still have donation boxes/ envelopes, please return by 3 May 2024.

MINISTERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: To those willing to be inducted and trained as Home Ministers. New roster begins Sunday, 5 May and it would be great if you can be inducted and trained to start on the new roster. Please contact Michele C/- the Parish Office if you can help with this very important Parish Ministry (office@stcaths.org.au)

SISTERS OF LIFE – SYDNEY EVANGELISATION MISSION: There will be four sisters on this mission from the USA, two of which are Aussie women: Sr. Mary Grace Langrell (Sydney) and Sr. Rose Patrick O'Connor Webb (Toowoomba). There will be 4 main events **THIS COMING WEEK**, between **18 to 24 April** at various locations. For Registrations and info: www.unicatholics.org.au Please see flyer in the back of the Church for more details.

18 APRIL City Compass X Bishop's Blessing event 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Dinner with Young professionals • \$20. St Mary's Cathedral

19 APRIL Reflection Evening 4pm | 7pm. A S... of Care... with the... at the... Open to...

20 APRIL Alumni Return Day 9am - 12pm. Turning to God... are invited... • \$20. St. Monica's Leichhardt

21 APRIL Womens event 5pm - 7:30pm • \$10. Tangara School for Girls

24 APRIL Fidelis 6pm | Join us for an exciting Fidelis with the Sisters of Life at their last public event in Sydney. ACU Strathfield

UNIVERSITY OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLICS The Sisters of Life are women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God's image and likeness.

For registrations and info www.unicatholics.org.au

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION AND MASS: Beginning with the Vigil Mass at 6 pm St Mary's Cathedral followed by candle-lit procession around the Cathedral Forecourt. **When: Saturday, 11 May 2024 at 6 pm.**

ATTENTION DIRECT DEBIT GIVERS: I (Maria, the Parish Bookkeeper) will be away from 6 May to 9 June, so I will process credit cards on Thursday, 2 May instead of 17 May. Please advise the office if this is not convenient. When obtaining a new credit card, please contact the Parish Office to update your new details. *Many thanks for your continued support...*

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION/EXHIBITION: A crucial part of our mission to evangelise and re-evangelise Catholics and non-Catholics is to promote a love for Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes the definitive teaching of the Council of Trent, which summarises the Catholic faith by declaring: "**Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.**" Thanks to the wonderful initiative and generosity of a parishioner, we will host a very special exhibition that draws inspiration from Blessed Carlos Acutis documentation of various Eucharistic miracles. The images will be found along the back of the Church, beginning Sunday, 26 May through to Sunday, 9 June. Our annual Eucharistic Procession down Gympie Bay Road will, of course, be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday, 2 June**, following the 9:30 am Mass. Please mark your calendars now!

UP-COMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY MASS: A reminder that our parish will host a special Mass to honour the ANZAC's and all those who have given their lives for our freedom NEXT Thursday, 25 April at 9.15 am.

DEFEND THE FAITH: In Defense of the Catholic Faith in a Rapidly Secular Society and the threat of Radical Islam - Guest speaker and Catholic Apologist Dr Robert Haddad.

Where: **Holy Family Menai Catholic Church**

Time: **7 pm**

When: **Friday, 10 May 2024.**

For all ages and refreshments to follow.

ROSARY ONLINE: Did you know that our parish has an online Rosary every Saturday Morning at 10 am? The Zoom link is as follows: www.stcaths.org.au/onlinerosary (Password: 1234) Please call Patricio on 0423 041 590 with any trouble logging on.

ADORATION: Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30 am - 9:10 am.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are **available from Tuesday to Saturday before & after every Mass.** Please approach Father Greg or Father Noel if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP: To be held after the **Monday** morning masses only, at 10 am. Louisa Piccaretta wrote 36 volumes about how to live in the Divine Will. We will read from the writings and learn how to live in GOD'S Will.

CENACLE GROUP: The Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) is an International Catholic Movement based on locutions received from the Virgin Mary by Fr. Don Gobbi. The group meets after Mass on **Tuesdays** after the rosary to discuss the readings from the book.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Takes place on the third Saturday of each month **Saturday, 18 May**) This is a great opportunity for men to catch up over a hot breakfast before hearing an inspirational talk on a topic of our Catholic Faith!



PARISH GROUPS

PARISH DINNER/SOCIAL COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting of the Parish Dinner/Social Committee at 11:30 am this Sunday in the parish rooms.

ALTAR SOCIETY: The Altar Society assists with the cleaning of the sacred vessels and the beautification of our church. *Our Altar Society urgently needs volunteers, there are two groups who urgently need assistance – please contact the Office if you can help. Training is provided.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REGISTRATION 2024: The CWL group meets monthly and will offer spiritual formation as well as assist with fundraising to help various charitable ventures. Membership forms can be found at the back of the Church and returned to the parish office.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Friendship Club is a seniors social organisation within the Gymea Parish community. Our membership (currently around 75) comprises both married couples and singles as well as those who are by themselves later in life. Members are mainly from the Gymea parish but also come from other parts of the Shire as well as further afield. We also have a number of non-Catholic members. General Meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbours on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15 am Mass. **We are always on the look out for new members.**

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group have been meeting in our church every Thursday since 1987 at 6 pm reflecting on the monthly messages the visionaries are currently receiving from Our Lady Queen of Peace to the world and they finish with the rosary. **You are most welcome to join them.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. We have one of the largest conferences in Australia. The members are an asset to our parish!

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MASS TIMES - HOLY WEEK

Mondays - Saturdays 9.15 am
Saturday 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Saturday
Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)
Saturdays 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday
 8:30 am - 9:10 am

*(Fridays and Saturdays:
 9:00 am Benediction)*

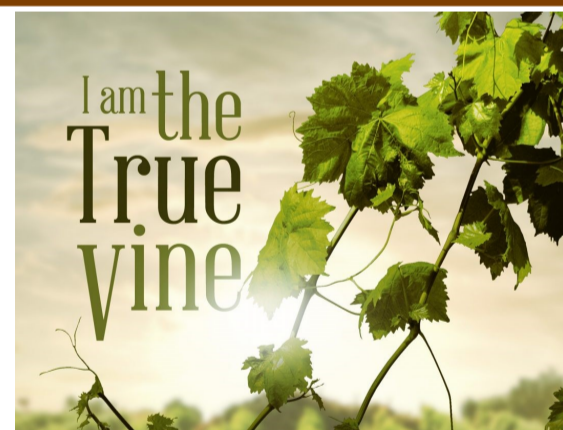


27 / 28 April 2024

The 5th Sunday of Easter

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	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Graham Ward Matthew Delasey Cathy Bonello	Sam Keir Jonathan Varga Judith Rumsey	Jim Gothard Mitch Worsley Barbara Foster Michele Anthony	David Gormley Amelia Paras Maureen Ross
1st Reader & Psalm:	Margaret Morris	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony	Faye Reardon
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Emma Honey	Judith Rumsey	Sue Day	Clare Cowley



The Altar Society: Group 4:

June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

In The Counting House:

Ray Brennan, Denis O’Brien, Bob Taylor, Bob Greenwood, Barry Elliott & Peter Black

Children’s Liturgy

Sunday @ 9:30 am

School Holidays

Audio-Visual Pauline / Mark Natalie Ajith Faye & James

Operators: NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni
 SCHOOL CHOIR

The Clean Team: Group D: Norm Frost, Chris Jacobs & Jan Lambert.



May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect us all.