

## A VOCATION VIEW – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday is “Good Shepherd Sunday” and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While we should always support and celebrate all vocations and will do so more explicitly in the first week of August, this Sunday has a special focus on Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Let us pray in particular for the present need for more priests to serve the parishes of Wollongong Diocese. Prayer cards are available with pictures of our 7 seminarians as well as a prayer that all would respond to the loving call of Jesus, our Good Shepherd wherever he may lead us.



If anyone would like help discerning a vocation to Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage or Single Life, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)



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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

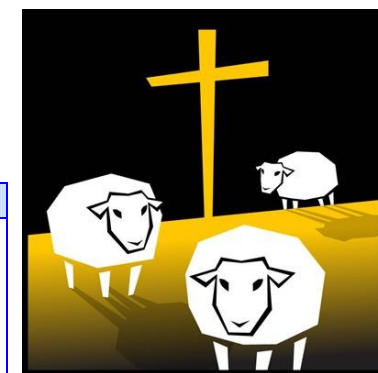
**30 April 2023**

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is known to be the Good Shepherd. In recent times this day has also become known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which prayers should be said for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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.

In the context of the Vocations Sunday, 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..



*If you have any information, news or messages that you would like us to consider for the parish bulletin, please contact the Parish office .*

### SERVICE TIMES

<b>Holy Family</b>	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm followed by Holy Hour
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	Benediction	First Friday of each month	9.30am
	Reconciliation	Sat	9am - 10am
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	Mass	Wed	6pm
	Mass	Sun	8am

### Ageing with Confidence Free Information Sessions



CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a **FREE** information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor.

**When:** Wednesday 10 May

**Where:** Campbelltown RSL, 1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Morning tea provided.

To register, please call (02) 4227 1122 or register via the website <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/>

For any other information contact Jane Hollier [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au) or 0417 018 152

### An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council

An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient, and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time.

You can continue to contribute financially to the Parish via the two collections at the weekend Masses, but if you prefer, the Holy Family Parish bank account details are:

#### First collection

Account name: Ingleburn Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 001978

#### Second collection

Account name: Ingleburn Parish

BSB: 066711

Account number: 001773

## What's On

- 29 April Church Cleaning - Team "A"
- 7 May Samoan Mass with Fr Feleki - 12noon, Holy Family Church, Ingleburn
- 13 May Church Cleaning - Team "B"
- 24 May Sorry Day Service - 10.30am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 25 May Hours of Grace Adoration (further details to follow)
- 27 May Church Cleaning - Team "A"
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- 4 June Samoan Mass with Fr Feleki - 12noon, Mt Carmel Church, Varroville
- 10 June Church Cleaning - Team "B"
- 17 June Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 18 June Sacrament of First Holy Communion
- 24 June Church Cleaning - Team "A"
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- 2 July Samoan Mass with Fr Feleki - 12noon, Holy Family Church, Ingleburn
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 11am Holy Trinity Church, Minto



**We pray ...** For those who are affected by the natural disasters and those affected by war: that God will grant peace, justice and healing to all involved during these times.

For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**For the sick and homebound:** Margaret McNamara, Sybra Hunt, David Harrison, Noal Bornstein, Phil Clarke, Ann Marie Praud; our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them.

*May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Dawn O'Donoghue, Jolanta Swierk, Mary King, Joaquim Lopes, Tony Heginbotham, Lally Sabater, Lesley McFarlane, Ezio Epifania, Josephine Ooi, Marian D'Cruz, Jennifer Malone, Lorraine Morrison, Margaret Rose, Michael Brezinski.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Phêrô Lê Dung, Anna Vồ Thi Hue, Eladio Villarosa, Aukusitino Chuang Kwan, Janet Kipling, Jeanette Morand, Gerald Barbara, Giuseppe Occhiuto, Joyce O'Keefe, Angelita Z Molano Josefina Relojero Andres Relojero, Anthony William Eskett, Francisco Esplanada Jr.

*Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.*

**With joyful hearts, during March we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:**

Aurelia Tapaau Sa, Sophia Livesey, Jackson Livesey.



The **Piety Stall** is open after Mass.

There is a range of bibles & prayer books, Rosary beads & other religious items.

All profits go to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

## Bible Sharing



Following the experience of the Lent program, some of us would like to continue sharing the word of God on a regular basis

Every Friday evening we will gather for bible sharing in the parish meeting room from 7pm (for approximately 1 hour) to focus on the coming Sunday readings.

Text will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own bible.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

### Session 1

**Date:** Monday, 8 May 2023

**Time:** 6.30pm.

**Venue:** Parish Meeting Room.



### Reminder:

- \* Ensure you bring a pen/pencil with you.
- \* Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions. Please be on time for each session.
- \* Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.

Session 2 - 15 May, 6.30pm

Session 3 - 22 May, 6.30pm

Session 4 - 29 May, 6.30pm

Session 5 - 5 June, 6.30pm

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Sunday, 18 June 2023

**Visiting the Sick and Homebound:** There are an increasing number of people who, whether due to age or ill health, are not able to attend church, but would like to receive Holy Communion. If you know of somebody in this situation, please contact the Parish Office, so that a visit can be arranged.

## Neocatechumenal Way

'Who do you say I am', asks Jesus Christ of his first followers. Also today, this could be a confronting question for many.

If you are wanting to better understand where God is acting in your life, then the Neocatechumenal Community of Holy Family Parish invites you to come and listen. First approved by St Pope Paul VI in response to the challenge of the Second Vatican Council, these catechesis will help you to discover your baptism in adult faith. Commencing Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the rooms below the Church, the nights will continue until Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, every Wednesday and Saturday night.

If you require assistance to travel or with babysitting, please call/text Bernie 0432 413 803 or Laura 0433 343 717.