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Please pray for our sick: Joe Abela, Lucy Aloe, Phillip Roy Anderson, Antonio Borja, Delfina Borja, Christian Patrick I Borja, Florence Howell, Leigh Anne Burkett, Katie Casey, Angelo Cecchellero, John Church, Iole Cicolini, Elaine Clift, Emmanuel Corpuz, Robin Crowe, Robert Crowe, Juliet and Rommel Estabillo, Felix & Erlinda Estrella, Rima Faatamala, Norman Humberdross, Gordana Kovacevic, Helen Fraser, Cora Fulcher, Maria Gattuso, David Goldsmith, Barbara Greer, Corazon Guemo, Gary Grady, Patricia Hardy, Antonietta Laria, Sophy Lawless, Gywen McIntyre, Patricia McMahon, Kelsey Moran, Joseph Nguyen, Coral O'Loughlin, Loretta & Geoff Percival, Regina Paredes, Michael Paternoster, Trishy Mary Rankin, Nate Reynolds, Anna Marie Seville (Sr Assunta's sister), Rosario B Surmielida, Lylah Melesete Tai, Reze B Tumog, Shirley Vlazlovski, Ljubica Vricic, Eli Wakim, Eve Ward.

May they rest in peace: Roma Modini (Betty Reid's sister), Antonio Seville Jr (Sr Assunta's brother), Joseph Nugent Jr (Sr Emma Maria's brother) Mario Pisone, Branden "Barney" Smith, Boyd Cummins, John Maher, Margaret Conroy, Patricia Klemmer (USA), David Hanns, Esther (Joan) Jackson, Kate Flores (Justin Barwick's daughter), Archbishop Francis Carroll, Beryl Watkin, Thomas Fernando (Fr Rembert's father) Jack Sealey, Paul Maher.

Anniversary of Death: Antonio Casetta, Vanessa Sealey, Samuel Cauchi, Smiljka Ugrinic, Jozef, Antoni & Zofia Baranowski, Szczepan, Marianna & Stefania Szustak and Alessandro and Giovanna Facchin

Baptisms: Maeve Steffensen, Ebony and Edward Hamilton

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray to Christ, who rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Reader: Lord, remember those who are consecrated to your service.

R. May they set before your holy people the example of their lives.

Grant to those who rule us your spirit of justice and peace.

R. May our country be united, heart and soul.

Make our daily life a pilgrimage of salvation and joy.

R. Let the earth be rich and plentiful to meet the needs of the poor.

We pray for the sick, the frail, the lonely, the abandoned.

R. May we reach out with the love of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Let us pray for priestly vocations on this Good Shepherd Sunday.

R. May priests be ardent, yet gentle ministers of your Gospel.

Christ, our Saviour, light of the world, you have called all mortal men and women to imperishable life (names to be read our by commentator).

R. Shed eternal light on our departed brothers and sisters.

Priest: Guide us, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, into pastures where we find rest and refreshment on this, your great day of rest and resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):

Tony Carey (Chair), Bec Gillett, Glenda Chapman, Nick Pelle, Gretchen Bell, Tony Wood, Sybil Busby, Dylan House, Selina Stanford, Janine Deakin, Kripa Antony, Antony Stanislaus, Sheryl & Benjie Reyes, Jaynel Estrella.
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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YR B

20 & 21 April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

It's the year 2034. You wake up and head to the bathroom. First, an alert from your toilet—you're dehydrated—better remember to take the water bottle to work.

The mirror over your sink advises you to apply your prescription cream. Next, step into the shower—it glows with infrared light, designed to soothe inflammation (Wall Street Journal).

Every age is a time of change, always accompanied by cataclysmic predictions. It is always best to keep up with a little history reading and, of course, to ask for the gift of wisdom.

That's what we have today:

I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10).

God told Moses to tell the people that his name is **I AM** (Exodus 3:14). Jesus walks on the water, assumes God's name, and declares to the frightened disciples:

I AM. Do not be afraid (John 6:20).

The Gospel of John then sets up seven **I AM** statements. Today we have the fourth.

Christ is our Good Shepherd and we are his sheep, the only animal – apparently – **not to go feral**. What does that say about us?

According to St. John Vianney, priests are supposed to be good shepherds after the heart of Christ. What a gift to a parish that would be!

We should remember that priests do not choose the priesthood. Rather, they are chosen by Christ, not because of their gifts, but because of their weaknesses:

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised in the world (1Corinthians 1:27-28).

In other words, a priest's greatest strength is never to forget his weakness and Christ's predilection – a beautiful word.

On **Good Shepherd Sunday** we pray for priests, we pray for vocations and if able, contribute towards the education of priests.

Father Tony

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)
is said.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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 corner stone.
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 John 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.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 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 Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

© liturgy help

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - The balance we have collected for 2024 is ➡

\$837.15

*The receptacle for the coins is near the offertory table. Many thanks for your generosity!
We are now collecting for the Queanbeyan Respite Centre.*

*Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Not baptized and want to be? Are you a Catholic
and want to know more? Come along Tuesdays 6pm beginning 7 May in St Raphael's church.
More information, please call 0431 225574*

- ◆ **Liturgical Rosters** have been prepared for May, they are available on the parish website and on the notice board at entry of church. Please check and note when you are rostered on, if you have any queries please contact Anne Alexander on 0423145540 or email annealexander1403@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Housebound parishioners** - If you have a family member or friend that is housebound and would like a visit and receive communion. Please advise Fr Tony or Fr Josh or call the parish office.
- ◆ **Christian meditation gatherings** Tuesday at 7pm or Wednesday at 1pm, either in the church or the meeting room .
- ◆ **Seniors Friendship Group** - meet after Sunday 9am Mass for a cuppa and a chat, followed by lunch in town. Join us in the meeting room after the parish morning tea. All warmly welcomed.
- ◆ **The Queanbeyan council will have their heritage festival from 6 April - 25 May. There will be a talk about the history book on Sat 11th May at 10.15 am. Tickets are free but you need to register via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/867984845037?aff=oddtcreator> for numbers.**
- ◆ **Vinnies Night Patrol** - Donations of thick black socks and warm coats are needed. They can be left in the basket at the entry of the church in the alcove. Thank you.
- ◆ **SVDP-** Thank you for your ongoing support. We currently need roll-on deodorant, canned mixed vegetables, long life milk, noodles, microwave rice.
- ◆ **Home in Queanbeyan Movie Night** - Friday 17th May 2024 at 6pm tickets are on sale now for \$80 which includes food and drinks. Maybe get together a group of friends to support this important cause. Tickets are available at <https://theq.net.au/whats-on/home-in-queanbeyan-movie-night/> or purchased from the Q theatre directly.
- ◆ **Parish Anzac Day Mass 25 April at 9 am & 5.30pm in St Raphael's Church.**
- ◆ **REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST (YEAR 4 AND ABOVE).**
Parents are asked to register their child for the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our parish. The sacrament will be celebrated in June 2024. Please visit our website for details on how to register.
<https://www.stgregsqueanbeyan.com/first-eucharist> Registration closes on 22 April 2024.
- ◆ **Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal** – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians: this weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous **donation** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarians. Donations can be made through your parish or on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2024 or via the parish's Qkr app under "SPECIAL APPEALS".
- ◆ **Rosary Prayer** before Mass: Monday to Friday 5pm. as well as Wednesday 11.30 am , Friday 10.30 am and Saturday (at St Gregory's church) at 9 am.
- ◆ There will be a BBQ after the Wednesday, midday mass on 24 April. All welcome.
- ◆ The parish youth meeting is held every first Wednesday of every month, from 5.30 pm to 8 pm

VISION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

MISSION: To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. **We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus; sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.**