

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



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

21 APRIL 2024

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.

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!



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Wandong:	St Michael's , 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday:	Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday:	Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses:	Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation:	Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration:	Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary:	Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore <i>(Not running during school holidays)</i>

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ROSTERS:

	<u>20/21 Apr</u>	<u>27/28 Apr</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	20 Apr	27 Apr
Reader	Daniel Mercovich	Pat Donovan
Eucharist Minister	Amy Leahy	Arthur Donovan
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	20 Apr	27 Apr
Reader	Marita Dumaresq	Danijela Babic
Eucharist Minister	Sr. Anne	Paul Reed
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Boyd Family
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	21 Apr	28 Apr
Reader	John O'Callaghan	Lance Phillips
Eucharist Minister	John Dixon	Jeannette Jain
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	21 Apr	28 Apr
Reader	Peter Santamaria	Norbert Ryan
Eucharist Minister	Patrick Hutchinson	Vivienne Lawrence
PowerPoint	Marie Hoban	Fetu Thompson
	Fetu Thompson	Rosebelle Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	21 Apr	28 Apr
Reader	Nadeesha Mendis	Chris Edulan
Eucharist Minister	Kath Pirie	Angela Liddle
PowerPoint	Ian Pirie	Nadeesha Mendis
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Elisa Ferraresi	Marg Fleischmann
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Helen Clancy	John Dixon
	Pauline Duff	Mary Donovan
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	Lynne Beaumont	TBA
	Carry Eid	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Rose Reddan, Frank Devlin, Francis Pratico, Neil Schwab, Henryka Senkowski, Nicole Henderson, Barry Rupert Crump, Coralie Urquhart, Martin Thomas Doolan, Ellen Ryan, Henry Stute, Peter Best, Bill McDonald, Norman Rowe, Lindsay Robert Cameron and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Louis Bezzina

Sick List updates: *If anyone is to be removed from the sick list and is now enjoying good health, please let the parish office know. Thanks*

Please note: *9am Morning Mass this week in Kilmore on Monday 22/4, Tuesday 23/4. Thursday 25/4 & Friday 26/4 & Wallan on Wednesday 24/4. No 9am Mass on Saturday 27/4.*

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Message from Our Lady of the Way Primary School

Our liturgical theme for 2024, is “In the Light of Christ.” This is taken directly from the MACS 2030 Vision Statement for Catholic Schools, which strives to answer the question, “How can we make our schools evangelising lighthouses for our children?” Our purpose is to form lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ, with Christ as our inspiration and purpose, everything that Catholic educators do should be illuminated by this.

The Christian tradition recognises the light of faith as a great gift brought unto the world by our living God. “I am the light of the world” (Jn 8:12) is one of the seven ‘I am’ statements found in the Gospel of John, used by Jesus to teach us not only about who He is, but to reflect something of ourselves also. Using a metaphor of a light that shines brightly in the darkness, was a strong one during Jesus’ time, as light was scarce and not as easily accessible as it is today. This image of Jesus as the light is one that even the youngest of our students can come to understand.

For the people of Israel, light was a symbol of hope, a triumph over darkness. Light cannot exist without darkness. What may have been difficult to discern for the people of Israel may not be the same as what we face today, however the teachings of Jesus reflect ways to live that are inherent to valuing human dignity. We continue to face challenges, both as individuals and as a larger global society. It is in the moments of deliberation between our choices, that we should seek the way to live in right relationships with our world and each other as illuminated to us by Jesus.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to carry His light into the world; to become a living witness to the Gospel, and to share our light to the world.

Elyse McHardy ~ Religious Education Leader

Our theme under the guidance of Elyse, has permeated throughout the school physically on display in our corridors and classrooms, in our prayer offerings and richly delivered in our curriculum. Central to our Sacramental Program, ‘In the light of Christ’ has offered students an opportunity to explore being the light of Christ to the world in Reconciliation; Parishioners may have noticed the reflective lanterns displayed in the Church. Throughout the preparation students were challenged to consider the act of Forgiveness and truly accepting Christ in forgiving others who have wronged them.

As we begin preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist, we recognise that Jesus Christ is the light for the world and it is in Eucharist that we share in the Light of Christ.

Annette Moore ~ Deputy Principal, Faith and Mission

Kilmore celebrates 175 years this weekend

It was on the 20th April 1849, Fr Charles Clarke arrived in Kilmore to head up the Kilmore mission – a vast area stretching to the Murray River. The mission was one of six organised by Bishop James Goold. The others were Melbourne, Geelong, Port Fairy, Portland and Gipps Land. The responsibilities of the respective pastors in 1850 were to build churches and organise Catholic schooling, much of which was supported by state funding.

Little is known of the 49-year-old ex-Irish Fr Clarke. It appears he was ordained a Passionist priest in France and came to Melbourne via New Zealand a few months before his Kilmore appointment. His first mass on 22 April was in Skehan’s barn (cnr Willowmavin Rd and Northern Highway) and he initially resided in the Dunrobin Castle Hotel (site of Kilmore’s Bendigo Bank).

Fr Clarke bought land on Brewery Hill for a future church, but Bishop Goold wanted the church and school on the current site. The subsequent disagreements led to Fr Clarke’s resignation in 1854. He moved to Melbourne where he died several months later.

Brian Clancy

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one’s life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord’s call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord’s call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Please Note: The 10th edition of our Parish Magazine “The Shamrock”, is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Wallan Children’s Choir: Choir practice will start in second term (22nd of April) at 5.30pm at Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan. If any new members would like to join the children’s choir please ring Bernadette on 0411353600.

Pray the World Mission Rosary: Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May at 2pm, and invite friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in. Join Zoom Meeting <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280, Password: 876574



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