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*We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.*



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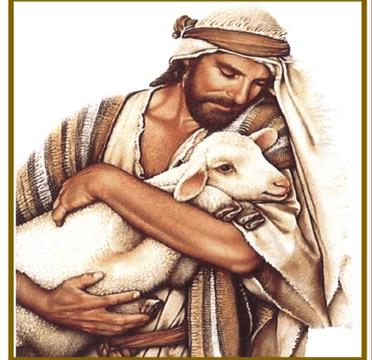
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

11th May 2025



Today we celebrate shepherds and mothers. But do they have anything in common? Today's gospel gives a clue. Jesus uses the metaphor of sheep to tell us how intimately we are known by God. How even when we are stubborn and foolish, not keen to follow, looking for greener pastures, he yearns to enfold us in a loving embrace. We know Jesus' voice when he calls us – and he calls often, giving us chance after chance.

As mothers, our babies are our precious lambs. Even when they are cranky and tired, when they don't do as we ask, when they scream and yell and won't sleep, we love them to the moon and back. It is our voice that soothes them, that they come to recognise even before they are born. They know our voice and we know theirs. We instantly pick their voice out of any crowd, especially if it is an urgent 'Mu-u-u-m!'

In the time of Jesus, flocks of sheep were much smaller than the massive numbers we are used to in contemporary Australia. There weren't any ear tags, sheep dogs, or helicopters and drones for herding. In those ancient days, the sheep knew the shepherd's voice, responding to it alone when called and ignoring all others. The shepherd knew their sheep and protected the flock as they moved around to find food. The sheep depended on the shepherd to live.

First century Jews were very familiar with these pastoral images and so when Jesus used them as symbols or metaphors, they 'got' it. Early Christian art in the catacombs uses the sheep and shepherd as symbols of Jesus: the lamb laying down his life in sacrifice, and the shepherd guiding us home to God. Never allowing us to be snatched from him or be eternally lost.

Pastor is the Latin word for 'shepherd'. We refer to leaders in the Church as shepherds providing pastoral care for those in their flock. In the synodal way of Pope Francis, leaders, both lay and ordained, are called to this personal, devoted style of leadership. Francis loved the image of the shepherd, encouraging pastors to take on the smell of the sheep (not always a pleasant odour, to be sure!) as they accompany their flock on this earthly pilgrimage. On his pectoral cross, over his tomb and in photographs of himself is the image of the sheep draped around the shoulders of the shepherd, being tenderly found and carried to safety. The shepherd image is very much like the image of a mother caring for her children.

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### SCRIPTURES FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

**Psalm 99:**1-3, 5 **Response:** *We are his people the sheep of his flock.*

**Second Reading:** Revelation 7:9, 14-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

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## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

#### COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at **11am**

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sundays at **9am**

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every while at **2pm**

### MONDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

### TUESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

No Liturgy or Rosary

### WEDNESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

### THURSDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

### FRIDAY

#### St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

### MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

### HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of JUNE – 9.am Mass



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet on **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays** of the month, at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meeting – **19th May**

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Shepherds and mothers...not easy or glamorous vocations. Rather, vocations of service: protecting, caring, giving, nurturing and 'laying down one's life'. What are you called to lay down your life for? What is your vocation? Today, being Good Shepherd Sunday, is the day each year that the Church calls on us to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Perhaps this is your vocation, or that of a family member. If you have heard that call, don't be afraid to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Jesus has called each of us to commit to the vocation of missionary discipleship. Someone who follows Jesus and calls others to do the same. What greater vocation could there possibly be? Listen. Jesus is calling your name. Listen to his voice ... and follow.

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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To all Mothers, Grandmothers and all who serve in a maternal role, may the Lord bless you abundantly and may you enjoy a lovely day!



### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Group meets on **every Tuesday** at **7pm** in St Rita's Church. **All Welcome!**

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

11 MAY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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### FEAST DAYS OF MAY

Saturday 10th	St John de Avila
Monday 12th	Sts Nereus & Achilleus St Pancras
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>
Wednesday 14th	St Matthias, Apostle
Tuesday 20th	St Bernardine of Siena
Wednesday 21st	St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	<b>St Rita of Cascia (Patron of our Parish)</b>
<b>Saturday 24th</b>	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)</b>
Monday 26th	St. Philip Neri
Tuesday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday 29th	St PaulVI, Pope
<b>Saturday 31st</b>	<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

### A HEARTFELT INVITATION

#### Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island

Proudly part of St Rita's Parish, Victoria Point

### 20th Anniversary Celebration

### Pentecost Sunday



"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

Please join us in celebrating 20 years of faith, love, and community at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island.

**Date: Sunday, 8 June 2025.**

**Time: 1.45PM Mass**

*followed by a shared afternoon tea.*

**Location: Church of the Holy Spirit,**

Scotts Road, Macleay Island

**Celebrant: Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI**

*St Rita's Parish and the Macleay Island Catholic Community, warmly welcome everyone who has shared in our journey – past, present, and future – to join us in celebrating this joyful occasion.*

*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."*

## PRAYERS

**For all those who are ill**, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Vincent Ghisleni, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Colleen Ashe, Laval Bosquet, Kathleen Berton and Thomas Berton.

**DECEASED:** We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Cido Zimunhu.

### SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

**Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

**BSB:** 064 786 **Account No:** 100027374 **Account Name:** Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office

### Are you new to the Parish?

We warmly welcome you and your family. If you have recently moved into this area, we invite you to join our Parish. Please contact the Parish Office on (07) 3207 9177 or Email: [victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Newsletter via Email

Our Newsletter is available via email.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish the newsletter to be emailed to you.

### Annual Mass Attendance Count

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Annual Mass Attendance Count is currently being taken **during the weekends of May**

We encourage you to attend Mass each weekend during this period, as this will assist us in understanding how many people are being reached in our local communities and across the Archdiocese.

### Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge for Powerhouse of Prayer

A day of learning the art of prayer through teaching, practice, and reflection. Inspired by his apostolic document *Lamps Ablaze*, this event will explore how true prayer begins with listening – creating space for God's presence before we speak. Discover how being with Jesus in prayer shapes our lives and mission. Whether you're deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence.

When: Saturday 31 May 2025, 9am to 3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Cost: \$55 per person

To find out more or to register, please visit [tinyurl.com/pop25May](https://tinyurl.com/pop25May)

Please register by 24 May 2025

## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MAY

### For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.



## SACRAMENTAL NEWS

### First Holy Communion Family Session 2

on Wednesday 14 May  
6:30pm to 7:30pm

St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

**Children please bring your  
Activity Workbook**

If you wish to find out more,  
please contact the Sacramental Coordinator,  
Jennifer Fielding – (07) 3207 9177



### Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple



### Catholic Mission — Pray the World Mission Rosary

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission Rosary.

Dates: 1st May to 31st May 2025

Days: Monday – Friday

Time: 10.00am - 11.00am

Meeting LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *(Pope Francis)*



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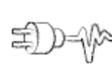
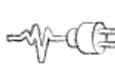
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