



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

CHILDERS | GIN GIN | BIGGENDEN | MT PERRY | WOODGATE | ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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## PARISH MASS & LITURGY TIMES

### TUESDAYS

4:00pm Marian Prayer Group – Childers

### WEDNESDAYS

11:00am Marian Prayer Group – Childers

### FRIDAYS

8:30am Adoration & Reconciliation – Childers

9:00am Mass – Childers

### SATURDAYS

9:00am Holy Hour – Childers (1<sup>st</sup> Sat Only)

5:00pm Reconciliation – Gin Gin

5:30pm Vigil Mass – Gin Gin

### SUNDAYS

8:00am Mass – Childers

10:30am Mass – Biggenden (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

11:00am Mass – Mt Perry (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

5:00pm Mass – Woodgate

*\*\*Children's Liturgy during 8:00am Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during School Term (Currently in recess – relaunch soon!)*



## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### 25 April – ANZAC Day

8:00am – Mass (Childers)

### 13 May – Registration for Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program (Confirmation) registration cut-off will be on 13 May. Baptised Children in Grade 3 and above wishing to be a part of the program are asked to register your interest with the parish office.

### 16 April – 10 May – Fr Jack Away on Pilgrimage

During this time supply priests will celebrate each of the scheduled weekend Masses. Please check the newsletter or Facebook page for up-to-date information on weekday Masses and other events in the parish.



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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 April 2024

Year B/2

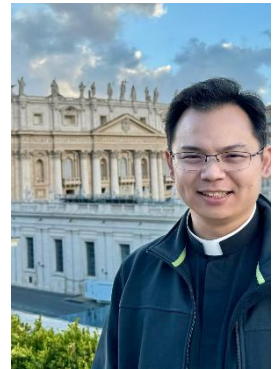
This Week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Next Week's Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

## The Journey Begins...

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Rome! The past 3 days has been a whirlwind of "journeying", my flight to Dubai took 26 hours in the end due to the recent weather events there. Circling in the air, landing in the wrong airport, total collapse of systems and so on have marked the first three days of the journey. A familiar prayer came to mind: "Remember that I am a pilgrim, not a tourist."



I couldn't help but reflect on this experience through the lens of the Easter story that we celebrated not long ago and continue to celebrate throughout this Easter Season. In the Easter story, the three days in the tomb led to the resurrection. In my story so far, the three days of uncertainties and fatigues have led to a beautiful beginning of the pilgrimage here in Rome.

Finally arriving in the Eternal City on Thursday morning, I spent the day out and about, reacquainting myself with the city that I once knew well. Yes, that included my morning coffee with a familiar shop that I used to frequent! But the best part of the day was to concelebrate Mass at St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and catching up with Fr Tuan Le whom I studied with during our diaconate program. Fr Tuan now lives in Rome and is studying here.

As I write this, the sun is rising in Rome on Friday morning. I will soon get ready to go to the Catacomb of St Sebastian just outside of the city to celebrate Mass in the underground cemetery. It is here that Christians hid during the Roman persecutions, and it was on top of these tombs that early Christians celebrated the Eucharist. What will this experience be like, I wonder? I don't yet know. But no doubt it will help me to enter into the history of our Church, and to be in touch with the stories our ancestors in Faith. Given the stories of our own time, we too live in a world where Christians are persecuted. Do we have the strong faith that these ancient martyrs had?

The Eternal City gives eternally. I pray that as I make my pilgrimage through this place (and then onwards to other places around Italy) my faith will be renewed and my ministry re-energised. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you.

*Blessings, Fr Jack*



Since each year the same image is used on this Sunday it could be nicknamed Good Shepherd Sunday. This particular expression is used only by John, though Christ is referred to as shepherd in 1 Peter 2:25 and 5:4, Hebrews 13:20, and obliquely in Matthew 26:31. Typical of John, this soliloquy cycles through repeating variant phrases indicating that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, that he lays down his life, and that he knows and loves the Father and vice versa. In the preceding element in this bipartite discourse (read in Year A) Jesus in fact declares himself to be not the shepherd but the gate to the sheepfold. The whole section emerges from the healing of the man born blind, and in that context we see it to be a criticism of the Pharisees in that encounter, exposing the falseness of their leadership: they are so wilfully blind to the grace of God manifested in someone being healed that they cannot be true shepherds; they do not care for the sheep and do nothing beneficial for them. But it also lays the groundwork for the next story, that of the raising of Lazarus who, like the good shepherd's sheep that listen to his voice, hears the voice of Jesus and comes forth from the tomb when he is called (John 11:1-45). Both stories of the healing of the man born blind and of the rising of Lazarus belong to section of John's gospel that is said to take place at Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, and they are demonstrations that Jesus indeed saves, in accord with the Hošānot songs (from hošiah na [whence comes our Hosanna]: save us) including Psalm 118(117) that were sung during the feast's processions. Moreover, the section concludes with the High Priest's prophesy that "it is better for one man to die for the sake of the nation" which John extends by saying that Jesus will die not only for that nation but will also gather all the scattered children of God. This corresponds to Sukkot being understood as the feast marking the end of the post-Exodus sojourn in Israel's ingathering to the Holy Land.

The first reading (Acts 4:8-12) and the Psalm reiterate the element of rejection of Jesus and his work. This time Peter, accompanied by John, testifies before the Sanhedrin, accusing the councillors of crucifying Jesus, the only one whose name has power to save. This plays on the meaning of the name Jesus, God saves. It is also a remarkable image, considering that it was Peter, who was silenced by fear when Jesus was before the Sanhedrin, who now speaks boldly before them. Peter invokes Psalm 118(117), the processional psalm for Sukkot, citing v.22 concerning the stone rejected by the builders. The image could nearly be applied to himself, the one who faulted and yet became a foundation stone, in accordance with the name Jesus gave him, Cephas/Petros, Rock.

Curiously, two verses prior in the Psalm is the line "This is the Lord's gate; the righteous enter through it", which appears to be a source for elements of John's shepherd passage, but it is omitted. Jesus is the Shepherd who tends to, guides and protects his flock; but he is also the Gate that both prevents robbers from entering to pilfer the flock and provides the entry way for the righteous.

(Sourced from Liturgia)

### Riddles

1. Name the Apostle that the Catholic Church has not declared a saint.
2. The Blessed Virgin Mary lived with at least eight other people at various times on earth. How many of them can you name?
3. St. Joseph was physically present at which mysteries of the Rosary?
4. Name a non-mythical animal that was not on Noah's ark.
5. How many times did Moses lead God's people around the walls of Jericho?



### Twelve Disciples

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- PRAYER
- FISHERMEN
- TEACH
- JUDAS
- BOAT
- FOLLOW
- DISCIPLES
- PREACHING
- GALILEE
- BARTHOLOMEW
- SIMON
- PHILIP
- MATTHEW
- THOMAS
- PETER
- ANDREW
- JOHN
- JAMES
- NETS

1. Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve.
2. Mary's housemates included her parents (traditionally, Joachim & Anne), Zachariah, Elizabeth, & John the Baptist, Joseph & Jesus, & the Beloved Disciple (traditionally, John the Apostle. See John 19:27.)
3. Joseph was present for the Nativity, the Presentation, & the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. (See Luke 2)
4. Fish, dolphins, whales, etc.
5. None. Moses died outside the Promised Land, but Joshua took them for 13 laps around the city in one week. (See Joshua 6)

## MASS THIS SUNDAY

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## DON'T FORGET

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Every Friday from 8:30am till 8:55am in Sacred Heart Church, Childers.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (Vinnies)** – Please contact (07) 5459 5230 or for welfare needs please call 0457 183 360.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** – For enquiries, please contact Pam Dutton on 0407 628 763.

**SICK OR IN HOSPITAL?** – Please contact the Parish Office so we could organise either the priest or a care & concern minister to visit you. Remember, we can only visit if we know!

**PLANNED GIVING** – Thank you for the generosity and support of all who contribute to the Parish Planned Giving. Details for electronic banking are as follows: BSB: 064 786; A/C No: 100012991. Reference: PG/Surname.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

For the Sick: **Kevin Murphy, Terry McDonnell, Brian Larter, Elaine Carpenter, Olive Begley, Petrina Coomer, Elena McDonnell, Meg O'Malley, Peter O'Malley.**

*(Names will remain for one month - contact Parish Office to extend)*

For the recently deceased, **Brian Larter**, and for our brothers and sisters anniversaries that occurred at this time, **Jim Deem, Marearina Da Costa, Mary Sutton, Giovanni Scuderi, Michael Hawe, Charles Vella, Paul Vella, Thomas Reyher and Frances Cochrane.**



This year the Archdiocese will celebrate **SYNOD24**. Bishop Tim Norton will visit the parish on Sunday 14 July to celebrate our 8:00am Mass in Childers, followed by an information and sharing session on the synod. More information on the SYNOD24 journey please head to [www.aobsynod2024.com](http://www.aobsynod2024.com)

**DATE CLAIMER: FR JACK'S INSTALLATION MASS** – Archbishop Mark Coleridge will visit the parish on Sunday 23 June to celebrate the Installation and Blessing of Fr Jack as Parish Priest of our parish. As this is a parish-wide celebration, Mass will be at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church in Childers, followed by a luncheon at St Joseph's Primary School. This will be the only Mass in the parish on that weekend.

**SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS & PARISH RELATIONSHIPS** – As we continue to reach out into the local community as a parish, we are looking at how we can help to support local businesses and in turn how they can help support our mission. Do you know of any local businesses and services that might be interested in advertising in our newsletter for a small financial contribution? Please let the Parish Office know!



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

07 4183 9330

### NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that our telephone number in the parish office has changed! We have migrated to a new phone system through the Archdiocese. This new system allows more flexibility with our communication arrangements, allowing callers to hear regular Mass Times or to be connected to the Vinnies Welfare Line. It is also now possible for you to contact the priest 24/7 during pastoral emergencies or urgent matters.



**WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES** – While Fr Jack is on pilgrimage, and due to the availability of priests, please note the following changes to Weekday Masses in Childers:

Thursday 25 April

Mass @ 8:00am

Friday 26 April

Mass @ 9:00am

Friday 3 May

Liturgy of the Word & Communion @ 9:00am

Saturday 4 May

Holy Hour @ 9:00am

Friday 10 May

Liturgy of the Word & Communion @ 9:00am



**ANZAC DAY MASS** - will be held at Sacred Heart Church Childers at 8:00am on Thursday, 25 April. Parade marches off at 9:55am from North Street, children from St

Joseph's will be participating. Come along and commemorate the 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024** – We will soon launch our 2024 Sacramental Program in the parish. Any young people Grade 3 and above wishing to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to contact the Parish Office by Monday 13 May to register your interest.



**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION 2024** – Have you ever wanted to dive more deeply into our Faith and Tradition? Do you have particular areas or topics of interest or unanswered questions? Scripture? Liturgy? Marian Devotions? What do you want to hear about? Fr Jack would like suggestions as he begin to plan Wine & Cheese Faith Talk afternoon/evenings for 2024. Contact the parish office with your suggestions!



**PROJECT COMPASSION** – Caritas celebrates 60 years of partnership with some of the most marginal communities in the world through Project Compassion. They address global issues and empower vulnerable people of the world through raising money towards healthcare, education, food, clean water, safety and inequality to those communities who are depleted. People like you are kind enough to help raise funds in order to help these vulnerable people just like this years stories from Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Caritas have a representative coming on 17<sup>th</sup> May mass to thank our community for such a great contribution from a small parish. Thank you everyone for your generosity because...  
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for **WOMEN 18 APRIL**

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