



20th / 21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Our Parish Churches

St Joseph's Church
Bryant St, Pialba

St Patrick's Church
82 William St, Howard

Mass Centre

St Peter the Fisherman
Burrum Heads Rd
Burrum Heads

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St Vincent De Paul:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Of all the images we have of Jesus, one of the loveliest is that of the Good Shepherd, and so the Fourth Sunday of Easter is dedicated to this theme because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. And so, in this gospel from John, Jesus tells us: "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me...they listen to my voice..." From this passage we can learn the part each party plays.

The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient, he loves and never harms his own flock. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. This means that 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.

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 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 celebration of Christ the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. This is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. So, who is a good shepherd and where can we find one? We can find a good shepherd, in every good mother or father, in an honest president or governor, in a holy and caring priest. We can find a good Shepherd in every humble and God-fearing youth, in a caring brother or sister, and in every just and respectful police officer. Where there is a caring doctor, a dedicated teacher, a good cook, cleaner or gardener, there is a good shepherd.

The church in her wisdom provides us another good opportunity to pray for the Holy Father, all the leaders of the church, families and the world. With our hope and confidence strongly placed in the risen Christ let us pray: "The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want" (Ps 23). Alleluia, Alleluia.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 22nd April to 28th April 2024

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 7am Mass (*Anzac Day*)
 Friday 8am Mass
 Saturday 8am Mass
 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 7am Mass
 9am Mass

St Patrick's Church Howard

Mass: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month @ 4pm

St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Stuart Beilby, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Martin Curtis, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorroock, David Stevens, Pam Truscott, Pauline van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carol Azzopardi, Margaret Edwards, Fr. Marty Larsen, Basil Morehead

ANNIVERSARY: Segunda Baculio, Susana Baculio, Monica Baldwin, Mary Cefai, Neville Garner, Biennvenido Olaivar, Augusta Yting

WE CELEBRATE:

APRIL BIRTHDAY: Bernie Gick, Josephine Stevens, Claire W

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Tony & Marilyn Monsour

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT- CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have turned 8 (Year 3) or older.

Parent information night will be held on **Monday 22nd April @ 6.30pm in the Church**. Please bring to the information night – child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate. For more information, please contact the parish office on 4124 3334 or email herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au

ANZAC DAY SERVICE we will be celebrating a **Special Mass on Thursday 25th April at 7am** to remember those who have served, those who have fallen and those who are still serving for us. All family, friends and community members are welcome.



Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday.
 Hosted by Parish Pastoral Council.

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays</i>	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Monday 22nd April</i>	3pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Ministry of Consolation	<i>1st Tuesday of each month</i>	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Craft Group	<i>1st Wednesday of each month</i>	9am	John Paul Centre
Charismatic Praise & Worship	TBA		
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1st Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of the Divine Will	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1st Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	11.15am	Sr Scholly Hall
Mother Mary's Playgroup	<i>2nd & 4th Friday of the month</i>	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	8.30am	MacKillop Library
El Shaddai	<i>Saturdays</i>	1pm	John Paul Centre
Health Care with Christ	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Youth Ministry	TBA		

Praise		
		
MOTHER MARY'S Little Blessings PLAYGROUP		
Free every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month For women and children 6 months+ all ages welcome 9am to 11am		
Play	Join our group of Catholic women and children to Praise, Pray and Play. Connect with like-minded women and children. Bring a plate, a toy to share or a gold coin donation to support our women and children in our parish and community.	Scan QR code to register online: 
Hervey Bay Catholic Parish, 22 Torquay Road, Pialba. For more information contact mothermaryslittleblessings@outlook.com		

PIETY STALL

Come in for that perfect gift or something special for yourself.

The Shop is open before and after each Mass every weekend. *Sorry no EFTPOS*

IF YOU HAVE A YAHOO EMAIL ADDRESS?

Any email sent to you from the office have come back undelivered.

The information we have is that those with a Yahoo account need to contact Yahoo admin and let them know that their email system isn't accepting connection requests from our email system. It's likely that Yahoo email admin is the only one who can fix this problem.

Hopefully everything can be sorted soon.

In the meantime, please check the website: www.herveybaycatholic.com.au for your latest copy of the newsletter and rosters.

SCAM ALERT

There is an email circulating claiming to be from Fr. Jacob.

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THIS EMAIL.

If you receive an email from Fr. Jacob, please contact the office to confirm he has in fact sent you an email.

The scam email currently being sent looks like the following:

Hello,

Are you less busy? I have a discrete request that I need your assistance with, send me an email when you get this. Thanks

[Fr. Jacob Kalu](#)

Sent from mail...

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

*Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday during the 9am Mass.

Fr. Jacob will call the children up at the beginning of Mass and they will go to the Sr Scholly Hall to learn about the day's gospel in a fun way.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember those less fortunate than yourself. Collection baskets can be found at both entrances of the Church for items such as: non-perishable items, sanitary items, nappies and toiletries.

LEGION OF MARY "ACIES"

All parishioners are invited to pray the Opening Prayers of the Legion, Holy Rosary and Catena Legions on **Saturday 27th April at the 8am Mass.**

Enrolment in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the Homily.

Scapulars to be supplied by Legion of Mary.

Light refreshments in the Sr Scholly Hall after Mass.

All welcome to attend

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.


We have over 100 people who volunteer their time to our Parish. To those of you who attended the Thanksgiving Mass and dinner on Wednesday and to those who weren't able to make it we are truly grateful for all the time and dedication you give.

Special thanks to those who helped prepare and clean away on the night. *A wonderful evening was had by all.*

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