

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
30 APRIL 2023 YEAR A/1

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:1-3

The people of Jesus' time would have easily understood this story. It was common practice for shepherds to talk to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd's voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, several shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd's voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd and not the others.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention?

Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate?

As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age. Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God's people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd "comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God's people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God's true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd, calling to us in a variety of ways. We must learn His true voice through faith and prayer. Once we recognize His voice, we will more easily discover Him ministering to us, inspiring us, and inviting us to the life of grace by encountering Him as the source and way to this new life.

Good Shepherd, You speak to me continuously, revealing to me Your presence and guidance in my life. May I become so familiar with Your sacred Voice that I will always recognize it. Lead me to Yourself, the glorious Gate to the life of grace, and transform me into a faithful and obedient sheep. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

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Readings Fifth Sunday of Easter 7 May 2023
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9;
John 14:1-12

2023 First Holy Communion
Sacramental Program

Rite of Enrolment

Saturday, 6 May @ 4.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate
Sunday, 7 May @ 9.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate
Sunday, 7 May @ 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Family Meeting

Saturday, 10 June @ 10.00 am to 12noon
or 1.00pm to 3.00pm
at Mary Immaculate Church - Ashmore

Practice

Wednesday 14 June @ 4.00pm

First Communion

Saturday, 17 June 4.30pm (1st Session)
Sunday, 18 June 9.30am (2nd Session)
both at Mary Immaculate Church

If you have any queries please contact
Lisa Perkins on 5510 2222 ext 3 or
email sacramental@scp.org.au



Join Catholic Mission online to honour
Mother Mary during the month of May
by praying the rosary.

Monday – Friday at 2.00pm—join Zoom meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>

Meeting ID: **885 9061 9139**

Password: **855274**

Altar Linen—Mary Immaculate Church

We urgently require volunteers to wash and iron the
sacred linen. The more help we get, the lighter the load.

A roster will be made up, hopefully you will only be
required every six weeks.

Please contact Lisa at the Ashmore parish office
5510 2222 ext 3



New Envelopes

for the Planned Giving Program are
available from the **BACK** of each church.



Brisbane City Pops Orchestra

joined by our own School choirs

Guardian Angels Church, Southport

Sunday 23 July 2023 at 2.00pm

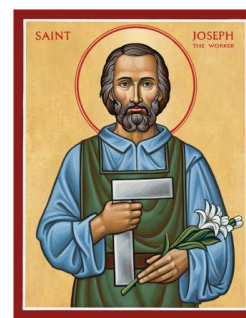
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Caritas Australia would like to thank you
for supporting Project Compassion 2023.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of
envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.
You can donate through Project Compassion donation
boxes/envelopes available from your parish,
by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion,
or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST JOSPEH THE WORKER
MONDAY 1 MAY



To put the life of the worker in the context of the values
of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, Pope Pius XII
established the feast of St Joseph the Worker in
1955. We celebrate this feast on May 1 in our Church's
liturgical calendar each year. We know from Tradition
that Joseph was a carpenter, that he probably taught
Jesus this trade. St Joseph is the patron saint of all
workers.

We are all called to work for peace and the values of the
Gospel, values which St Joseph exemplified in his life
and in his humble work. As we reflect upon St Joseph
the Worker, may we lift up our work and our efforts
here on earth to the glory of God. May we pray for peace
and fulfillment for all workers and all human beings.

STOPLINE

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(information can be provided anonymously)
misconduct & serious policy breaches by Archdiocesan
clergy, employees or volunteers.
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Kerri Kleidon

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Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.
We are committed to high standards of recruitment,
screening and selection of all our employees and
volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to
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environment for all.

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Charismatic Prayer Meeting

will be held every 2nd Saturday at 10.15am
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador
Presider Fr Vince Hobbs
For more information please contact
Paul Porter 0451 131 989

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Ninnette (Judy) Oldsfield



**Please pray for all whose names are
in the Book of Remembrance**



BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE AND SICK

Each Church has one of each of the above books. If
you would like the name of deceased or sick family or
friends placed in the book, please contact the
Parish office.

ANNIVERSARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

We are happy to place the names of the above in the
Newsletter, provided the family has given approval.



Please come and join us at
Marian Valley for the feast of Our
Lady of Fatima on the 13.05.2023.
The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am
at the Sacred Heart Church Clear
Island Waters. The Cost for the bus
fare \$25.00 return. You can secure
your seat with contact name and
contact phone number with Xavier
Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine
on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573,
All are welcome. If you need further
information, please contact
Xavier on 0404 843 260.



Every Saturday our walking group meets at
St Joseph the Worker, Labrador at 6.30am.
Contact Janece on 0408 763 772

Angels Kitchen

If you wish to support Angels Kitchen and the great
work they do in feeding the homeless, you can
contribute by donating to the following
bank account details
BSB 064 786
Account 1000 2738 3
Angels Kitchen - Southport Parish

St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

8.00am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday 7.00am

1st Wednesday 7.00pm

1st Saturday 9.00am

Rosary

Monday & Wednesday 6.00am

1st Wednesday 6.00pm

1st Saturday 8.30am

Novena

Wednesday 6.00pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday 12.00pm

Adoration & Rosary

Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Rosary & Mass

Friday 10.00am

Guardian Angels Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.30pm

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Filipino Mass

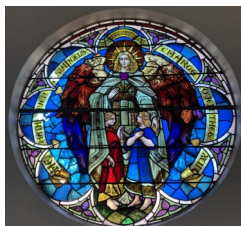
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm

Rosary & Mass

Friday 12.00pm



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Monday-Friday 9.00am-4.30pm

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Associate Pastor

Fr Marce Singon

Parish Priest

Fr Gerard McMorrow PP