

**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.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

**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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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024)  
 St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street  
 St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Bl Helen of Udine	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Conversion of St Augustine	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April St Mark	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	9.00am Mass	

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY  
 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.**

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.



**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ RCIA gathering 7pm Wednesday April 24
- ▶ SJOS Board: Wed 24 April 6pm

**PRAYER FOR AUGUSTINIAN VOCATIONS**



Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest who calls men and women to serve Him in love.

That they may know their vocation and live it.

All glory and praise are yours, God of truth and light of our hearts, for you guide your people in the ways of holiness. Help those who follow in the footsteps of Augustine to seek you through mutual love and worship and to be servants of your Church as examples that others may follow. Enlighten men and women to see the beauty of common life in the spirit of Saint Augustine, and strengthen them in your service so that the work you have begun in them may be brought to fulfilment through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**ANZAC DAY PRAYER**



Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and are

departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

Children's' Liturgy next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April during 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's. All families with children are invited to attend and parents may also participate.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

✦ Br. Andrea Rossi FSC.

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Paddy Morgan
- ✦ Teresa & Susano Baluyos Snr.
- ✦ Coletto Snr., Constancia & Manuel Edillor
- ✦ David Goll
- ✦ Mary O'Toole
- ✦ Carmel Cameron
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng

**MORNING TEA AFTER ST JOSEPH'S 10.30AM MASS**

All welcome to join us for morning tea after St Joseph's 10.30am mass next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April



**CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION**



Preparation classes for children making their First Reconciliation will begin in May, Please contact Stephy at the parish office for more information.

**THE SCRIBBLE AUTUMN EDITION**



Please take your copy of the parish seasonal newsletter today.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Anzac Day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloude-mans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 14/04/2024**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 740.90
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 314.80
Envelopes	\$ 135.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 360.00
Tap Point Terminals	\$ 740.00
Project Compassion	\$1755.00
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