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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

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Acknowledgement of Country : We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, Elders and communities and the spirit that binds us in our dreams and aspirations on Dharawal country. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

25th & 26th April 2026

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
/ Good Shepherd Sunday

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(2:14, 36-41)

(God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ).

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself. He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 22)

All: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

All: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

All: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

All: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

All: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter (2:20-25)

(You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls).

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (10:1-10)

(I am the gate of the sheepfold).

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

2nd & 3rd May 2026

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

BAPTISMS are open.

For Baptism Preparation please contact **Maria D'souza** through email : **maria197114@gmail.com** or **Contact the parish office.**

BAPTISMS on 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 11:30am

4th Sunday of Easter — Year A

Parish Cuppa Weekend

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY will be holding the monthly Parish Weekend Cuppa on the weekend of **2nd & 3rd May** after all the masses. You are welcome to bring something sweet or savoury to share. Gold Coin donation appreciated. Thank You!

Garden Maintenance

Thank you all who volunteered to be part of the Garden Group. Our first working bee will be held 9 - 11am 16th May 2026; details will be forwarded to you. Not all can attend, based on your responses but other opportunities will arise in the future. Thank you kindly.
- Alla Bakulic.

Thank you: Sincere thanks to all parishioners, event coordinators, and volunteers who contributed so generously to the preparation and celebration of Fr. Bosco's farewell.

Your time, effort, and dedication in organising the liturgy, decorations, hospitality, and overall arrangements made the occasion truly meaningful and memorable for everyone. The spirit of teamwork and generosity shown is a beautiful reflection of our parish community.

We are deeply grateful to each one of you for your support and commitment.

Thank you note from Fr. Bosco

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the love, care, and effort you put into preparing such a beautiful farewell celebration. I am truly touched by your kindness, generosity, and the warmth with which you organised everything.

From the liturgy to the decorations, and the time spent together in fellowship, every detail reflected the strong sense of community we share. I feel deeply grateful and humbled by your support and the memories we have created together.

Thank you for journeying with me, for your prayers, and for allowing me to be a part of your lives. I will carry you all in my heart and prayers always.

With gratitude and blessings,
Fr. Bosco

25th & 26th April 2026

Parish News and Happenings

MMOC Young Adults – Instagram

Stay connected and up to date with all our upcoming events by following our Instagram page: @mmocyoungadults

MMOC Young Adults – Teams Game Night

Join us for a fun Teams Game Night on **Friday, 1st May from 6:30–9:00pm in the Logos Centre.**

Enjoy an evening of games, friendship, and food - So bring your A-game!



National Mass Attendance Count

In May, all parishes across Australia will take part in the National Count of Mass Attendance, conducted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The count will occur over the first four weekends of May and includes all who attend Mass (of all ages), This important initiative helps the Church better understand and respond to the pastoral needs of our communities. Please be assured that this exercise does not disrupt Mass.

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Trying to think of a way to support our parish? Collect a book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

**1st Prize : \$500 ; 2nd Prize : \$300 ;
3rd Prize : \$200
Plus 5 Consolation Prizes
Ticket price : \$5/ticket
Draw : 13th September 2026**

All proceedings will go towards parish projects. Please see Lina for your book.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 6:00 pm. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday : 8:00 am & 10:00 am.

Weekday Masses :

Mon- Fridays at 9:00 am
Saturday : 8.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday : 5:15pm – 5:45pm

Every Wednesday : NOVENA to our Mother Mary, 5 pm Rosary followed by Novena Prayers

Sunday School : Every Sundays during 10am Mass in the parish hall. (during the School Term)

Reflection : I am the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day when we focus on what it means to be a pastor to the People of God, but our text today has more to say about the sheep rather than the shepherd. Jesus' sole comment about the shepherd is stark and challenging to the pastors among us - the shepherd leads from the front, taking the risks of meeting danger, leading his sheep to good pasture. And the sheep follow the sound of his voice.

This is not how our society usually presents sheep. The metaphor 'like sheep' is used to describe people who follow others without thinking for themselves. It can also be used to describe people who blindly follow the masses without questioning any underlying motives. But sheep have actually been rated above cows and slightly below pigs on animal intelligence tests - yes, someone got paid to do that! They just have a more relaxed attitude to life and let the shepherd do the worrying.

Notice how the sheep are seen in this passage, they are not passive. Typically, they know the voice of their Good Shepherd and only follow him. Biblically, three sheep metaphors are used repeatedly : Psalm 23(22) sees Godly people as sheep, trusting in their shepherd, Jesus as 'the Lamb of God' and the sheep that gets lost only to be found by the shepherd.

The kind of sheep we most identify with says much about our own discipleship in Christ, What sheep are you.

'I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe.' - John 10:9

A vocation view

Ephphatha: Be Opened! Calling young men 18-35 years old Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always calling us to life, and life to the full – the challenge for us is to be open to listening for his quiet voice in our lives. How can we become more open to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man? The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" and is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We take this opportunity to invite all unmarried young men aged 18-35 who are open to discerning God's call in their lives to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A, one to one chats and Adoration. Register as soon as you can!

Where: St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street West Wollongong

When: Saturday 13 June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch
Cost: Free, but registration is essential – through this QR code or go to dow.sh/Ephphatha

Parish News and Happenings

Thank You: As a parish, we have raised the following funds:

Project Compassion: \$5,137.70
Holy Land: \$2,595.00.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

Birthday : Nico Wijaya /Bobby Mathew / Epifanio, Antonio Neri /

Special Intentions: Patricia Garrick

This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :



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| * Jaypee Masangkay | * Carole Dimayuga |
| * Aida Dayao | * Selda Dimayuga |
| * Jamie Masangkay | * Nancie |
| * Mr. Vu | * Charo Doctor |
| * Alan & Margaret Raisbeck | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Mick Jones | * Nestor Henriques |
| * Monique Yongching | * Iya Gozum |
| * Wally Skoczylas | * Olga Peric |
| * Resty Perez | * John Vukovic |
| * Andrea Tuazon | * Jovencio Gregori |
| * Nelia Ambat | * Monica Djoneski |
| * Romulo Cabrera | * Mercy Espiritu |
| * Lydia, Jocelyn & Janice de Jesus | * Czeslawa Piela |
| * Logan Wall | * Allan Titmarsh |
| * Jean Yongching | * Drago Kukavica |
| * Bernard Scott | * Leslie Miller |
| * Elizabeth Gutierrez | * Kylie & Justin King |
| * Mason Dulalia | * Harold Maurice |
| * Mycka Dimasangal | * Jovencio Gregorio |
| * Brian Devine | * Lisapeta Kalasito |
| * Jennifer Cooper | * Mary Clout |
| * Kathryn Weidenbach | * John Richnson |
| * Kylie | |
| * Mary Jane Van Miguel | |



THIS WEEK MASSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS & DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF :



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| ✠ Maria Vu | ✠ Rosemarie Maher |
| ✠ Lucia Cruz | ✠ Gregorio Damicog Sr. |
| ✠ Angela Marcelo | |
| ✠ Song Pae Choe | |
| ✠ Chandra Fernando | |
| ✠ Shirley Alejo Myers | |
| ✠ Jennifer Nagarajan | |
| ✠ Bala | |
| ✠ K George | |
| ✠ All souls in Purgatory | |



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SVD Prayer : *"May the darkness of sin and night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the spirit of grace, and may the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all. Amen"* **Saint Arnold Janssen**

Parish Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the loving and supportive environment in our Parish, where people of diverse backgrounds come together to encounter You in the Holy Eucharist and glorify Your name in prayer and song. We pray for all priests and parishioners who have given their time and service to You through ministries in the Parish and local community. We pray that through the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit we may continue to grow stronger in faith and spread your message of love and forgiveness. All of this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ through the intercession of His Mother Mary. Amen.*

Roster for Next Week - 2nd & 3rd May

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| (1) First Reading | (2) Second Reading |
| (3) Ministers | (4) Altar Servers |

02/05 - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

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| (1) Alisha Joseph | (2) Maria D'Souza |
| (3) Andres C / Irma G / Terry B / Teresa B | |
| (4) Neejay / Nerayo Santos | |

03/05 - 8.00 am Mass

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| (1) Louise Phillips | 2) Petasi Sua |
| (3) Lucy N / Emelia B / Mimi C / Robyn A | |
| (4) Emmanuel S | |

03/05 - 10.00 am Mass

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| (1) Elisha Sailago | 2) Jeanette Sagana |
| (3) Laa F / Nancy K / Alvin M / Tina P / Bennette / Elisha S | |
| (4) Tomjo Rinson | |

Church Cleaners (02/05)

Judges

Corrine & Michael Patterson / Sharon & Calvin Ambrose