



WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 7:30am; 9am;
10:30am & 5pm

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday 9:30am
Saturday 10am (Anointing Mass)

Adoration
First Friday 10am - 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 11am-12pm (with Adoration)

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord of Heavens were made,
Alleluia.*

FIRST READING | Acts 2:14, 36-41
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 22:1-6
**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

SECOND READING | 1 Peter 2:20-25
*You had gone astray but now you have come back
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine no me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL | John 10:14
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.*

This Week

9:30am Mass – Mon 27 April
9:30am Mass – Tues 28 April- **St Peter Chanel [Memorial]**
9:30am Mass – Wed 29 April - **St Catherine of Siena [Memorial]**
9:30am Mass – Thur 30 April
9:30am Mass – Fri 1 May
10am Mass - Sat 2 May - (Hall) - Anointing Mass for the Sick and Aged

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Fifth Sunday of Easter in the Year (A)
Acts 6:1-7 36-41; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

What are we to do?

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.
By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand. And Jesus is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel.

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried. We have been baptised. But each of us goes astray like sheep (I Peter).

We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

Scott Hahn - stpaulcenter.com

In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Dharawal people as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to all Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.



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Listening for the Right Voice

Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to pause and reflect on the voices shaping our lives. Jesus does not compete with the loudest sound or force attention — he simply calls, and those who belong to him recognise his voice.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes a shepherd whose sheep respond not out of fear, but trust. This image resonated deeply in Jesus' time, when shepherds knew each sheep personally and cared for them daily. It also speaks powerfully to our busy lives, filled with distractions, expectations and competing demands.

Jesus promises **life in abundance** — not an easier life, but a deeper one. Abundant life is found not in having more, but in loving more; not in securing ourselves, but in belonging to God and one another. As a parish community, our mission is clear: *to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours*. Knowing begins with listening. Following requires trust. Sharing means allowing others to hear Christ's voice through our actions of kindness, justice and welcome.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also a time to pray for vocations. God continues to call women and men to priesthood, religious life, marriage and committed single life — often quietly, in the midst of ordinary days. Our role is to foster a culture where listening is valued and courage is supported.

This week, take time to listen: in prayer, in Scripture, and in the needs of others.

Ask yourself: *Which voices give me life? Which lead me closer to love?*

Trust that the Good Shepherd still calls — and still leads us home.

Children's Mass today

The Mass will involve children from Years 5–8 participating in various liturgical roles, including altar serving, welcome, prayers of the faithful, and the offertory procession.

Following the Mass, there will be a short gathering in the parish hall with some fun activities and pizza for the children.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK

Joan Samuel, Maria Noida Carmona, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, Gina Marie Bellon, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic, Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe Bulfon, Cynthia Guidice, Helena Charous, Oscar Lopes, Elisab Mhanna, Elisabetta Ursino.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING

Elizabeth Thurn, Mary Writer, Joseph Georgy Selvon, Mary Irene McLane, Alosio Olaaiga, Sam Smith, Carmen Cuschieri, Dolores Bominguez, Veronica Augustine, Kai & Pev Simonsen

A new beginning

Until the end of the Easter season, we will begin every Mass a minute early with a prayer to gather our hearts and prepare us to encounter the Lord and one another through sharing the Word and Breaking of Bread.

Opening Prayer (*we will pray together*):

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

The following prayer is led by the priest:

Holy Spirit, gather us now as one body in Christ, draw our hearts together, unite us in mind and purpose, and prepare us, as your church, to be united with Christ in the offering of this Mass as one body.

Through the intercession of St John the Evangelist, help us to listen, to remain, and to love, so that what we celebrate together may truly shape how we live. Amen.

We will then begin the gathering song and continue with the Eucharist.



Screenings of 'House of David'

Join us in the Parish Hall Meeting Room –
Sunday Nights at 6.30pm from 3 May

Come along and join your parish community for special screenings of 'House of David'.

The story of David is a cornerstone of our faith journey. As shepherd, king, and poet, David's life speaks to God's love, mercy, and promise. His story helps us explore courage, repentance, and trust in God—values that remain vital for Christians today.

All are welcome! Bring your friends and family for an inspiring evening as we reflect on David's legacy and its meaning for our lives.

Tea and bikkies will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Prayer Intentions

Rosters

Sunday 3 May

Acolyte

Vigil Michael Norris

7:30 Tom Hunter

9 Joy Kuriakose

10:30 John Hill, Andrei Valderrama

5 Raul Ladera

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Graeme & Roseleen Goldie

7:30 Jean Reid, Ian Star

9 Maria Aliifa'alogo, Falakika Nau

10:30 Hazel Vargas, Imelda Landrigan

5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

Vigil Carmel Gorman, Angel Estepa

7:30 Tarek Boulos, Atoni Kaufusi, Mary

Johns

9 Flor Artus, Wendy Fawbert

10:30 Norma McNally, Broone Periera,

Tessie Yaghooti Fam

5 Maria Brookes, Melinda Canete

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George

9 Glynn Family

10:30 Joe Talamaivao

5 Siervas Musika Choir

Ascend: A night of Worship and Encounter

Join us for an evening of Praise, Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, and prayer ministry.



Ascend Worship Night

Join us for an evening of incredible music, singing, prayer and praise,

led by experienced worship leader Louisa Daniels. Adoration, Prayer Ministry and Reconciliation will be part of the night.

Free Entry: a pay-it-forward collection will be taken during the event.

St John's Hall, 7pm Sat 16 May.

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Holy Communion Program

This is the Commitment Weekend for the Holy Communion preparation. We invite parents and candidates to declare their desire and intention to commit to the program. Workshops will begin next weekend (Saturday or Sunday from 3:30pm - 4:45pm) for both candidates and parents, and continue through 4 weekends in May.

Alpha @ St John's A Heartfelt Thank You

As we come to our final Monday gathering, we give thanks.

Thank you to our **Alpha participants**—for your openness, your questions, and your courage to explore faith. It has been a privilege to walk alongside you.

Thank you to our **Alpha Team**—for your generosity, your witness, and your quiet dedication each week. You have created a space where people could encounter Christ in a personal way.

Thank you to our **Hospitality Team**—for the meals, the welcome, and the care that made everyone feel at home. So often, it is around the table that hearts begin to open.

And thank you to our **parishioners**—for your prayers and ongoing support. Even when unseen, your prayer has been the foundation of everything that has taken place.

Alpha may be ending for now, but what God has begun in hearts continues. The journey of faith does not end here—it deepens, it grows, and it bears fruit in everyday life. Let us continue to pray for one another, that each person who has taken part may keep discovering the joy of knowing, following, and sharing Jesus.

Fr John

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!

St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong
Saturday 13 June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch
Cost: Free, but registration is essential – dow.sh/Ephphatha

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The Tribunal of the Catholic Church

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that “charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her.” The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified.

Brochures are available at the back of the church in the notice board area.

The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au



Formation Pathway Principles: Meaningful Community

Many people come to church... but still feel unknown. This session explores how we move from simply attending to truly belonging—where people are known, supported, and grow as disciples together. *If we want renewal, we need more than programs. We need real community. Join us to discover how to begin.*

Campbelltown: Tues 5 May, 7-9pm
Wollongong/Zoom: Wed 6 May, 7-9pm

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL
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News from the Diocese

A vocation view

Like sheep recognising their shepherd's call, vocational discernment begins by listening prayerfully to Christ's voice leading you toward life, love and service. (John 10:1-10)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, vocations@dow.org.au

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Saturday 2 May | 10am - 2pm

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