

SACRED HEART PARISH - KOORINGAL

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Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30pm
Sunday Mass:
9:00 am

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: **5:30pm**
Tuesday and Thursday: **7:00am**
Saturday: **9:30am**
Reconciliation (Saturday): **10:00am—10:30am**
(CHANGES TO MASS TIMES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CHAPEL DOOR)

Anointing Mass:
Every second Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Parish Church/Chapel

Mass at Caloola Court: every first Thursday of the month at 11:00am

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 27th and 28th of April 2024

Welcome to Deacon John Baptist Nguyen: Deacon John was ordained as a transitional Deacon on Saturday, April 13 at St Michael's Cathedral. Many would recall he did his pastoral placement in our parish last year. We are thrilled to have him back with us this weekend to officiating at our Masses; in particular, he will preach at our parish Masses. On Sunday after Mass we will have an opportunity to meet with him over a morning tea. Please bring a plate to celebrate this special occasion. Please also keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood in approximately 12 months time. He is currently appointed as a deacon at St Michael's Cathedral.

Good Shepherd Sunday: Further to last week's Good Shepherd Sunday celebration. Prayer cards for Vocations are now available. Also there is some material regarding the Serra Club which is a wonderful organisation that promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please collect them from the foyer after Mass.

Congratulations to Patrick Drum: On Wednesday, April 17, Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, with 3 other seminarians, instituted him as an Acolyte. This enables Patrick to administer Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and elderly. Congratulations Patrick and thank you for your inspiring vocations talk last week.

Congratulations to Rosemary Vella: Rosemary, one of our parishioners who is the eldest daughter of Steven & Caronne Vella, married Michael Battista, of Wollongong, on Saturday at St Michael's Cathedral.

Pope Francis: Is asking us to pray the holy rosary each day for the intention of World Peace. Our Lady Queen of peace — pray for us.

House Blessings: Between Easter and Pentecost it has been a long held tradition to have our homes blessed with the Easter water. Please place your details on the sheet in the foyer and Fr Grace will come and bless your home.

Servers wanted for the Holy Mass: It is a great privilege to serve at the altar during the Mass, many of the saints stated their journeys by serving at the sacrifice of the Mass. If you are interested in serving or learning to serve at the altar, please contact Patrick Drum at: patmdrum02@gmail.com

MASS ROSTER— Is completed and has been emailed out. Copies available in the foyer of the church also. Thanks everyone.

Date	Time	Commentator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
4th May	5.30pm	J Carter	B Walker	K Edis	A Bright	T Goonan	J Goonan
5th May	9.00am	A Cook	V Saunders	M Dewhirst	P Gibson	B Gibson	K Ryan Clark
11th May	5.30pm	F Temple-Brown	C Mullins	M Adams	T MacLean	R Cooke	D Moses
12th May	9.00am	M Reilly	P Hollis	K Edis	V Saunders	C McGovern	N Baker

NEXT COUNTERS 30/4 Geraldine Bowden & Vince Bradley

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK.

Friday 29th April— St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor. Memorial
Thursday 2nd May— St Athanasius, bishop, doctor, Memorial.
Friday 3rd May— Sts Philip and James, apostles. Feast

READINGS NEXT WEEK	Acts 10:25-26. 34-35, 44-48
	Ps 97:1-4 Jn 4:7-10
	Jn 15:9-17

Pilgrimage to Rome & Medjugorje: Pope Francis has officially granted permission for pilgrimages to Medjugorje both on a Diocesan and Parish level. Since 1981, in this small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been reported to be appearing and giving messages to the world. These years, She is spending with us "are a time of special Grace granted by God". In Her own words She tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God". If you are interested in joining our pilgrimage in October, please see Fr. Grace.

HOLINESS IN FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD: This wonderful 8 session marriage workshop, endorsed by Pope Francis, is for all couples. It will continue on Friday, May 31 at 7.15pm with a light supper and conclude at 8.30pm. Baby sitting will be available if needed. For more information regarding the wonderful course please email: stjosephscatholicmemensgroup@gmail.com All welcome.

APRIL TOGETHER: Features an Anzac Day tribute.

Special Collection: Thank you to all who generously donated to the special collection last week for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday. \$891.35 was raised with all proceeds going to Vianney College.

ADORATION. We are seeking someone to take the 3-4pm hour on Tuesdays as no one is currently attending. Please call John Evans 0410 026 796. Spend an hour with Our Lord.

ESENCIA LIFE CENTRE WAGGA FUNDRAISER— Floral Arranging Workshop, 11/05/24 at St Michael's Parish Centre, \$60/person. Afternoon tea included. See flyers in foyer of church. Call Clare 0400 877 616 with enquires or to RSVP.

Parish Life and Calendar—

APRIL / MAY

Tuesday 30th April at 10am— mainly music planning get together and lunch at the Kennedy's.

Wednesday 1st May at 7pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the White House.

Tuesday 7th May, 10-11.30am— mainly music returns. Please contact Bernadette with enquires— 0477 887 783.

Saturday 11th May, 11.30am Pitura-Johnson Family Group. Meet at Woomargama Pub for lunch. Bookings to Kerry Schimer 0419 633 112. All parishioners welcome.

PRESENTATION SISTERS WAGGA WAGGA SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

See flyer in church foyer. Saturday 1st June 1-5pm. Open afternoon. Formalities, prayer ritual and blessing of commemorative plaque to be placed in the chapel. Visits to Mt Erin Chapel, Heritage Centre and Erin Earth Gardens. Afternoon tea in the boarding school dining room. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 10th May to— sesquicentenary1874@gmail.com

Sacramental Program for 2024:

First Holy Communion (Year 4) Sat. June 22 at 5.30pm (SHK) & Sat & Sun. June 29/30 at 9am (MDP). **Confirmation** (Year 6) Tues & Wed. Sept. 3 & 4 at 6pm (MDP) & Thurs. Sept. 5 at 6pm (SHK). **First Confession/Reconciliation** (Year 3) Thurs. Nov 14 at 6pm (SHK) & Nov. 21 at 6pm (MDP).

NB. The Sacraments are for all parishioners who are properly prepared. Therefore, any parents wanting their State School children/child to receive them, may enrol their children through the Parish Office either by phone or email. If they are in Year 6 or above, and haven't made their First Confession/Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, for whatever reason, that also can be arranged. Then they will be able to make their Confirmation with the Bishop Mark Edward in early September.

CHURCH PARKING— Dear parishioners, please be mindful that the parking out the front of the church and under the awning is priority parking for the elderly and disabled. Thank you for your consideration and compliance. Also a reminder of the Bus Zone out the front.



Please pray for:
RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Marie DE PORRES GOODE, JOHN BIRRELL, Zita DENHOLM, Archbishop Francis CARROLL, Garry CROUCH, Wendy MADIGAN, Jennifer DUCIE, Albino DAROIT.

ANNIVERSARIES/REMEMBRANCES: Peter BLOOMFIELD, Stuart TAYLOR, Nicola FRALONARDO, Joan WHITTAKER, Noel COMERFORD, Greg ADAMS, **EASTER REMEMBRANCES—** Mary & Terence Ryan, Deceased members of the Ryan, Ferrario, Torpy & Clark Families.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

SICK: Paul Burton, Annette Gaynor, Jannette Cameron, Don Huckle, Allan Carroll, John Graham, Brian Dixon, Lesa Dixon, Anna Lanyon (nee Cunnington), Luke Barclay, Mary-Helen Martens, Pauline Chua, Fred Broso, Gena O'Sullivan; Cydnal Clarke; Joan Rodd; Daemon McDonell-Steiner; Katherine Gilmore; Fr. Reece Beltrame; Denise Whittaker; Therese Maiden, Mary Codell; Shivaun Clifton; Hayden O'Callaghan; June Kimber, Denise Goonan; Shirley Gabriel; Gwen Castle; Cecilia Lim; Emily Davis; Parker Johnston; Carmel Carroll.

Prayer for those who are sick and are in need:

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office 02 6922 6057 and leave a message or send an email admin@shww.com.au by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Mass with Anointing is celebrated monthly in the chapel and all are welcome. Parishioners visit weekly with Holy Communion, for those unable to attend Mass.

REV. FR ANDREW GRACE

Parish Priest

Patrick Drum

Seminarian on Pastoral Placement

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Baptism, Marriage and Funerals
By appointment.
Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
234-245 Lake Albert Rd, Koorungal NSW 2650
Brooke Daniher | Principal
Phone: 02 6922 6900

MATER DEI PRIMARY SCHOOL
63 Gregadoo Rd., Lake Albert NSW 2650
Kylie Chacon | Principal
Phone: 02 6926 2060

MATER DEI CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Plunkett Dr, Lake Albert NSW 2650
Val Thomas | Principal
Phone: 02 6923 8300

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1st Collection: \$1621.80

2nd Collection: \$2110.65

Counters:

Maureen Salmon & Fr Grace

if you would like to contribute to the Church, you may do so by any of the following ways:

- Direct deposit into our bank account.

FIRST COLLECTION:

Account name:

Koorungal Parish—Presbytery

(for the support of priests)

BSB: 066-789 Account No: 100005657

SECOND COLLECTION:

Account name:

Koorungal Parish—Church

(planned giving which covers parish expenses)

BSB: 066-789 Account No: 100005658

Ref: Your name

- Tap & Go donation. There are two donation points in the Church.
- Cash donations which can be placed on the collection plates.

GOSPEL

Jn 15: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he
prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to
you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on
the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you
should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

28 APRIL 2024

'MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME'

The juxtaposition of the story of Saul (Paul) in the first reading from Acts with the image of Jesus as the vine in the Gospel speaks to the formation of disciples of Jesus. In Acts we have a glimpse into the beginnings of Saul's (not yet called Paul) ministry who, with all the zeal of his experience of the risen Christ, joins the believers. Barnabas takes him under his wing. Trouble erupts with the Hellenists and Paul is whisked away from Jerusalem to his hometown to where he contemplates his call.

When we then hear the Gospel's beautifully elegant description of the vine and the branches we can connect with the formation of the disciples and discern our own call. The clear instruction is 'to make your home in me', to make our home in Jesus. It is a symbiotic relationship just like the vine and its branches. We need to remain/abide in Jesus to bear fruit. No matter our zeal, our life of faith and ministry grows and flows from Jesus. This is further enriched by the words of the second reading from the First Letter of John where we hear that 'our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active'. We are to live the life God wants, to love one another and live in God.

Vines and their fruit are no stranger to us here in Australia, so we take time to reflect on this image to see how closely we abide in Jesus the vine.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. / The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. / They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. / May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, / all families of the nations worship before him. / They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; / before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. / They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, / declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: / 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; / my branches bear much fruit. / Alleluia!