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RETIRED IN THE PARISH

Fr. John Darbyshire

11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

The Good Shepherd always listens

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd tenderly carrying a sheep on his shoulders was one of the earliest images of Jesus in Christian art. It was found in the Roman catacombs, the ancient cemeteries outside the city of Rome where the early Christian martyrs were buried. It has remained a much-loved image of Jesus throughout the centuries.

Jesus teaches "I am the Good Shepherd" in this week's reading from the Gospel of John. Hence, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

In the reading Jesus speaks evocatively of the relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep of his flock. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." The good shepherd knows his sheep so well that he knows them by name! They know him. They listen to his voice. He cares for them. They trust him. He leads them. They follow him. Indeed, the good shepherd, unlike a hired hand, lays down his life for his sheep. It is a relationship of trust, faithfulness, steadfast care and unwavering love.

Jesus goes on to speak just as evocatively of the relationship between himself and the Father: "My Father who has given them [the sheep] to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Father and I are one: this is an astonishing claim! Indeed, it will heighten the animosity in those religious authorities who oppose Jesus and escalate the already growing tension that will ultimately lead to his death.

In declaring that "the Father and I are one," Jesus is identifying himself with the God of Israel, the Shepherd whose praises resound in today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 99): "God, he made us, we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his flock."

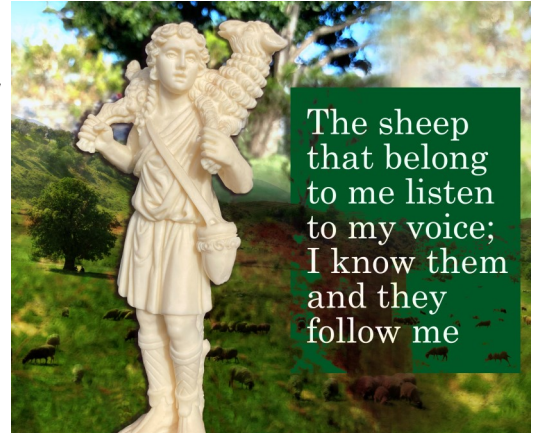
That "the Father and I are one" means that Jesus, the good shepherd, is the very image of the Father, as Good Shepherd.

This much-loved image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and our reading from John's Gospel remind us to keep our eyes on him, to listen to him, to follow him, and to hold firm to our faith and our trust in him. He is truly the Good Shepherd. He has laid down his life for us. His resurrection is the promise of ours. He calls us to live lives of faith, hope and charity, caring for our neighbour and for all creation.

As we prayed in the Responsorial Psalm, let us rejoice and be glad, for "how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age." We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Alleluia.

And on this Mothers' Day, let us also give thanks for our mothers, and for all those people in our lives who have cared for us and shepherded us on life's journey.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 13th May **Our Lady of Fatima**

Wednesday 14th May **St Matthias, apostle**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 2025

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Rev 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS: KINGSCLIFF 5:00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: POTTSVILLE NO MASS

WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF NO MASS

THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF NO MASS

FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4:00—4:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25am

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We are reminded that above all Mary is mother – mother of Jesus, mother of the Church and mother of us all.

The qualities that we look to in our human mothers are found in Mary: the dedication and faith, the warmth and love, the interest and support. Traditionally, Mary is spoken of as a mediator, as a go-between - taking human cares and aspirations to Jesus for his attention and response.

Loving God,

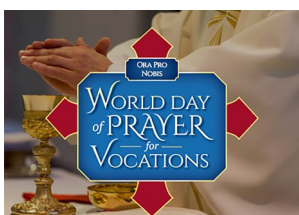
We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love. Amen.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

62ND ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR



VOCATIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is celebrated in the Church as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this day, the faithful are encouraged to pray

for men and women who feel called to give their lives in dedicated service to God and the Church, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discernment.

The title "Good Shepherd Sunday" derives from the Gospel readings on this day. In this reading Christ is described as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and gives eternal life. Go to the World Day of Prayer for Vocations website for some excellent prayers:



THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL supports the education of future priests of the Lismore Diocese. Envelopes are available in the pews for donations this weekend.

VOCATION PRAYER CHAMPIONS

The Diocese of Lismore vocations team is seeking vocations prayer champions. This year our focus in prayer will be the priesthood. We want you to register as a vocation's prayer champion. Prayer champions agree to pray at 9am or 6pm (both if you want) for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. At the designated time each prayer champion recites one Glory be., one Hail Mary, one Our Father for the intention of an increase in priestly vocations.

You can register at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au or 02 6681 1048. Leave your first name, parish and your chosen time. We will let you know how many people are in prayer with you at that time.

Deacon Anthony Gooley. Director of Vocations.

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosa Bianco (Erika Gallagher's grandmother), Carmel Brown, Paul Smith

ANNIVERSARY

David Williams

ALSO Jim Hession, Archie Burns, Philippa Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard and Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, Les Andrews, Maria Andrews, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Maree Everingham, Fr. Tom McEvoy, John Perkins, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All deceased members of Legion of Mary throughout the world.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK Matt Gallagher, Mary Byrne, Mike Roberts, Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Beryl Moore, Deborah Craig, Tara Selvakumaraswamy, James Heath, Kathleen Conaghan, Bill Ward, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, Mary Manahan, Ed Gaudron, Kerrie Biddulph, Don Ping Kee, Marie Therese Collins, Martin Fitzhenry, Jayden Paulson, Gerard Paulson, Patricia O'Farrell. Special prayers for Ella and Skylar.

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Most priests from the Lismore Diocese, including Fr. Paul, will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat in Lismore from this coming week. There will be no weekday Masses in the parish on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** this week. St Joseph's Tweed Heads have Masses Monday to Friday at 9:10am. Fr. Nicolas Maurice will be on duty for emergencies in the Tweed area on 07 5536 7522

BEST WISHES to Fr. Paul who celebrates his birthday on Thursday.

Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrimage - Holy Door
Reconciliation - Prayer - Liturgy
Profession of Faith

JUBILEE OF MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The purpose of celebrating Musical Ensembles in this Year of Jubilee is to become aware of, and give thanks for, the contribution of those who use their musical skills to support and enhance the liturgy, and to serve the community in other ways.

"Sunday by Sunday... we express and experience being unified as the Body of Christ through our active participation. And there is no better way to participate than by singing together."

Scan for more resources

LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16th-24th May)

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home.

Turn Debt into Hope

Some countries are spending more repaying unjust debt than on healthcare or education.

Sign the petition today!
caritas.org.au/debt

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the encyclical and in this Jubilee year the Australian Catholic Bishops Office for Justice, Ecology & Peace and Caritas

Australia have launched the '**Turn Debt into Hope**' campaign. Everyone is welcome to join a webinar featuring four guest speakers, one of them being Archbishop Coleridge.

A petition to the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Treasurer has been created. Hard copies of petition sheets are available at the back of the churches or *sign online using the QR code. Use code to register for the webinar also.*



MEETINGS/GROUPS

OPALS FAMILY GROUP

LUNCH

Monday 12th May at 12pm, Coolangatta/Tweed Golf Club
Contact: Patrice 0427 947 413

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP

LUNCH

Wednesday 14th May at 12.00pm, George's, Coolangatta.
RSVP Lynne King 02 6674 2278

ST ANTHONY'S MUSIC PRACTICE

Thursday 15th May at 5.00pm

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP

LUNCH

Sunday 18th May at 12.30pm, Crystal Creek Nursery & Café, Numinbah Rd (BYO). Contact: Ted 0415 714 846

SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP

COFFEE & CAKE

Sunday 18th May at 10.15am, Ripples Café, Hastings Point
Contact: Jenny 0407 904 402

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 21st May at 3.30pm — Parish meeting room

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 21st May at 5.00pm — Parish meeting room

UPCOMING DATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

COMMITMENT MASSES WEEKEND 17TH/18TH MAY

PARISH SCHOOL MASSES SUNDAY 18TH MAY

7.30am Pottsville, 9.00am Kingscliff

KINGSCLIFF TRIATHLON SUNDAY 25TH MAY

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (TIMES UPDATED) FOR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS

Thursday 15th May

Parish Meeting Room, St. Anthony's Kingscliff.

10.00-11.00am SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

11.00-11.30am INTEGRITY IN OUR COMMON MISSION

11.30am-12.00pm MANDATORY REPORTING AND
REPORTABLE CONDUCT

See the back page for more information



MINISTRY ROSTERS JULY-DECEMBER

Sheets are available at the back of the Church to notify roster organisers of your ability to join a roster or planned absences during the period July-December 2025.

New ministers are most welcome—If you would like to assist in any of the Ministries and would like more information about what is involved, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM WELCOMER 11 th May	No Baptisms
BAPTISM WELCOMER 18 th May	Julianne Barlogio
RECORDING Tues 13 th May	John Mulhall, Margaret Gear
RECORDING Tues 20 th May	Helen Bryan, Allan Simpson

MASS ROSTER

10th/11th May

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM	
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READING	Tania Rogers
SECOND READING	Helen Gooley
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Kim Dixon
OFFERTORY	Jacinta Martin, Joan Prichard
HOLY COMMUNION	Peter McLoughlin, Rina Anderson, D DeVene
HOSPITALITY	Pat Carroll, Tania Rogers
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Denise DeVene
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Carlo Trimboli
SECOND READING	Margaret Potts
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Amanda Bottle
OFFERTORY	Smith Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	Anna Caton
DATA SYSTEM	Kimberley Mathewson
FLOWERS	Marie Stott
SACRISTY	Patrick Butler

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	Adam Gallagher
SECOND READING	Josephine Hortle
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Catherine Holliday
OFFERTORY	Anne Smits, tba
HOLY COMMUNION	Julianne Barlogio, Madeleine Holliday, Michael Craven
HOSPITALITY	Faye McCoach, Julia Burns, C Holliday
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

MASS ROSTER

17th/18th May

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM	
GUITARIST	Vanya Ricciuti
FIRST READING	Peter McLoughlin
SECOND READING	Robyn Denny
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Tania Rogers
OFFERTORY	Marie Moore, Carmel Bushell
HOLY COMMUNION	Maya Rogers, Helen Gooley, Shane Martin
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Shirley Burns
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Denise DeVene

POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	St Ambrose School
SECOND READING	St Ambrose School
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	St Ambrose School
OFFERTORY	St Ambrose School
HOLY COMMUNION	St Ambrose School
HOSPITALITY	St Ambrose School
DATA SYSTEM	St Ambrose School
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Amanda Bottle

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	St Anthony's School
SECOND READING	St Anthony's School
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	St Anthony's School
OFFERTORY	St Anthony's School
HOLY COMMUNION	St Anthony's School
HOSPITALITY	St Anthony's School
DATA SYSTEM	St Anthony's School
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING — Acts 13:14, 43-52

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. *Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. R.*
2. *Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.*
3. *Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. R.*

SECOND READING — Revelation 7:9, 14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL — John 10:27-30

By Liturgia

CONSECRATING HOMES TO THE SACRED HEART

The Legion of Mary are organising a list of anyone wishing to have their home consecrated to the Sacred Heart. The Dedication will take place at Kingscliff at the 8am Mass on Wednesday 25th June.

Please add your name to the sheet at church.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

LEGION OF MARY: Meet each Wednesday at 8:30am after Mass, in the parish meeting room.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month, after 8:00am Mass, in the parish meeting room.

ROSARY: *Kingscliff:* Before each Mass.
Pottsville: Before Sunday Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION:

Kingscliff: 1st Friday/month 9am (following 8am Mass)

DONATION POINT

St Anthony's Church has a donation tap facility. Donations go directly to the 2nd collection which assists the Parish to meet its ever increasing commitments. **Thank you.**



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
OUR DIOCESAN BOOK CLUB

MUSTARD SEEDS BOOK CLUB

Small books, big ideas, growing faith

A chance to come together online, as a community, to share our faith as we read *52 Sundays* and other Church Documents.

Our first book club is on the **28th of May, from 7pm-8pm**. We will be discussing the Introduction and Chapters 1-4 from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays*, and a chapter of your choice from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

All are welcome and no background or formal education in theology is required! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 3248 5504

Password: WS6wVx

To register interest, contact: Dr Madeline Beveridge, Pastoral Projects Officer, Diocese of Lismore Chancery, 0491 137 854
mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au

Dates:

- 28th May WEDS
- 24th June TUES
- 24th July THURS
- 27th August WEDS
- 23rd September TUES
- 30th October THURS
- 24th November MON



DIOCESE OF
LISMORE

Use the QR to access the Lismore
Diocese website



**Diocesan
Investment
Fund**

DIF INTEREST RATE

Effective 15th May, the interest rate on DIF investments will change to 3.90% pa (a reduction of 0.25%)
<https://dif.au>

Following on from notice on page 3...

DIOCESE OF LISMORE—SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

St. Anthony's Kingscliff will be hosting training on **Thursday 15th May (10am-12pm)**. Many parish volunteer roles require training in **Safeguarding Awareness** and volunteers who require a Working With Children Check for their role also require training in **Mandatory Reporting and Reportable Conduct (MR&RC)**. In fact, any volunteer who has offered their WWC details to the parish is required to undergo MR&RC training.

Courses have recently been updated including **Integrity in our Common Mission** which is a national code of conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in Catholic Dioceses in Australia, aimed at fostering a culture of safety and zero tolerance for abuse.

Training will be conducted by Christine Thompson, Diocesan Safeguarding Education and Compliance Officer.

Morning tea will be provided. All welcome.

See page 3 for course timetable

SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

We ask that parents are accompanying and **supervising their children all times.**

Your child's safety is our priority please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



Use the QR to access the
Safeguarding