

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY ON ANZAC DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 25 APRIL 2021



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Traditionally we pray for vocations on *Good Shepherd Sunday*. However, with this Sunday being **ANZAC DAY**, the parishes of Brisbane Archdiocese pray next week for vocations.

*During this week, as followers of Jesus Christ, **the Good Shepherd***

- *we are invited to reflect on how Jesus shepherds us.*
- *we are invited to reflect on our lives as shepherds in the modern world.*
- *and we are invited to reflect on the ways in which our parish community lives as a good shepherd.*

ANZAC DAY

Before reflecting on today's Gospel Reading, we place our prayers before God this ANZAC DAY. Let us pray together the Opening Prayer of the ANZAC Day Mass.

*Almighty everlasting God,
who sent your Son to die that we might live,
grant, we pray, eternal rest
to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

There are many dimensions to ANZAC Day.

We pray [five](#) petitions, the first three being from the official Anzac Day Mass.

1. We pray:

“For leaders of nations, that those in positions of authority may work with honesty and integrity towards achieving harmony amongst peoples, and providing security for the vulnerable. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.”

2. We pray:

“For all who are remembering our ANZACs on this day,
that our annual remembrance may give witness to the freedom they fought for,
and our prayers provide comfort and consolation
to those left with the wounds and pains of war. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.”

3. Some members of our parish community have been refugees from war. We pray:
“For all people who have been driven from their homelands because of war and terror,
that they may find safety and lasting refuge. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.”

4. We pray for those who are serving in Australia and overseas.
We pray for their safety and for the people they protect. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray today for the gifts of healing and peace in our world. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
Lord, hear our prayer.

After Communion today, we have

The Ode of Remembrance

The Last Post

Minute Silence

Reveille

GOSPEL OF JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus is the good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for us.

- *“I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life 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 the sheep.”*

Jesus is loved by the Father and is faithful to the command of the Father.

***“For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.
I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.
I have received this command from my Father.”***

Jesus laid down his life. For all of us.

Jesus took up his life again in his resurrection. For all of us.

We follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

We believe in Jesus Christ.

We trust in Jesus Christ.

We live in Jesus Christ.

We celebrate in Jesus Christ.

AN INVITATION

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Let us pray.

Fr Gerry

Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042521.cfm>



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