

Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter
12th April 2026



After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Brothers and sisters.

We are experiencing the Easter season, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus- not just a past event- for He continues to walk with us today. He is present in our parish community and in our personal lives, often in simple ways that require attentive hearts to recognize Him.

First, we must recognize Jesus in the Peace He Brings. The presence of the Risen Christ brings a peace that goes beyond the absence of problems; It is the peace that comes from knowing that God is with us. In parish life, we recognize Jesus whenever reconciliation happens, when people forgive each other, and when unity grows in the community. Whenever true peace enters our hearts, it is often the silent sign that the Risen Lord is near.

We must also recognize **Jesus in the Word** and in the Eucharist. The Word of God and the Eucharist are privileged places where the Risen Lord reveals himself. In the parish, each Mass, each proclamation of Scripture, and each moment of Eucharistic adoration becomes an encounter with the living Christ. When we read the Gospel, meditate on it, and allow it to guide our decisions, we begin to see Jesus speaking directly to us today.

In the end, we must recognize **Jesus in the mission** we have received. The encounter with the Risen Christ always leads to mission. In the parish, we recognize Jesus when people serve generously, care for the poor, teach the faith, and help build a living community. Every time we witness the Gospel through our words and actions, the **Risen Jesus** continues His work through us.

When we open our hearts to peace, listen to His Word, and live our mission, we begin to recognize that the Risen Jesus is truly alive and walking with us every day.

God bless you.

Fr Francisco

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

Embracing the communities of:
St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

Readings at Mass

First Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118): 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R/Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R/**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R/**

Second reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe;

and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20: 29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20: 19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Ps 15(16): 1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Pet 1: 17-21, Lk 24: 13-35.



Upcoming Events & News

Children's Liturgy



We are delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will re-commence on **Sunday, 3 May.**


Please note that these sessions will be held during school terms only. We look forward to welcoming the children back and encourage all families to join us!

Sacramental Program 2026 is now open!



Both Confirmation & Holy Communion are now open!

Please note that all enrolments this year are being managed through Flocknote, Registrations close 27th April 2026.

To register, simply scan the QR code 

or visit : <https://goodshepherdsbwe.flocknote.com/signup/251085>



On Good Friday, our community gathered at St. Mary's for a moving Children's Passion Play, which beautifully brought the story of Christ's love and sacrifice to life.



Happy Easter! We are delighted to welcome our new members into full communion with the Church. Please keep these radiant individuals in your prayers as they begin this new chapter of faith



The Lord's Supper at St. Mary's was a solemn commemoration of Christ's ultimate sacrifice and love.



Community News

A few notes:



The Catholic agency for international aid and development

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

Over 780,000 people are displaced due to conflict. Your support can help provide essential support.

DONATE NOW
caritas.org.au/lebanon



Together for our Common Home

Interfaith Prayer Vigil

Tuesday 21 April | 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Free event including a light supper
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre,
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City

Join Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and people of many faiths in prayer for our planet and for communities affected by rising sea levels and extreme weather.

- Prayers will be led by various faith leaders.
- A guest speaker will share their personal experience of rising sea levels.

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/intfaithprayer for more information and to register before 20 April 2026.




Our Prearrangements are easy to put in place and let you get on with enjoying life.

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Mass Times

ST MARY'S
20 Merivale St, South Brisbane

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
47 Dornoch Tce, West End

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S
247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 9:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
72 Victoria St Fairfield

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS

St Mary's
Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am
Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

- Sat: 9:30am

Booking is essential
Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3734

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield


CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9:30 am - 1pm

Have you considered Planned Giving?



Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of Good Shepherd Parish

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3734 if you are interested.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



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Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse

Good Shepherd Parish has zero tolerance for abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in any of its activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550

For more information visit:
www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding