



4th Sunday of Easter – Year B

20th / 21st April, 2024

**Next week:
Fifth Sunday
of Easter
Year B**

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, being filled with the Holy Spirit, would have everyone understand that the miracle had been done in the name of Jesus, the Messiah. We also learn in this passage that God will overrule the devices and plans of wicked men to accomplish His own purposes.

1 John 3:1-2

The words here are words of encouragement to a community that is troubled by schism. One of the primary aims of 1 John is to persuade the remaining community members that they need to hold on to their confession because they have experienced its truth.

John 10:11-18

The mutuality of knowledge between the Father and the Son is mirrored in the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. Now that relationship is further defined as one of love.

Universal Prayers, Year B

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- 1 For children of abusive parents who have no sense of worth or of being loved. We pray to the Lord.
- 2 For teenagers whose self-esteem has been damaged by the cruelty of their peers. We pray to the Lord.
- 3 For workers whose jobs are dehumanising and whose pay is demeaning. We pray to the Lord.
- 4 For the elderly who are deprived of their dignity through neglect and disrespect. We pray to the Lord.
- 5 For women who are made to feel like second-class citizens. We pray to the Lord.
- 6 For victims of natural disasters who struggle for the slightest ray of hope. We pray to the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 th	Karl Bucher
Sunday 21 st	Mary Curteis Peter Curteis
Tuesday 23 rd	Special Intention
Wednesday 24 th	Scott Frendo
Thursday 25 th	Janet Laverty & Family
Friday 26 th	Mary Robertson

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday	Mass	8.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>9.00am</u>
Friday	Mass	8.00am

Confessions

Tuesday 23rd 11:00am

Prayer Intentions: Recently Deceased

Lyn Stephens, Marilyn Kelly, Enid Maidel, Joan Watson, Dawn Casson

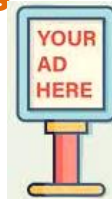
Anniversary Tickets are available at the parish office for the celebration of Fr. Sean's 40th Anniversary on 4th August. **RSVP: 19th July.**

**Cost is \$55 per head.
Children 12 years and under
\$20 per head.**



Bulletin Advertising

Our bulletins are soon due to be reprinted and there maybe a number of spots for local businesses to advertise their services on the back page. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office.



Coffee & Gospel

Join **Women at the Mill** (WATM) behind The Mill, Bowral for coffee & gospel discussion on how the gospel informs our everyday lives on Wednesdays at 9.30am. All women and children welcome.

Contact:
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catholiccare

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning to Campbelltown on Wednesday 8th May at Campbelltown Catholic Club (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown) at 9.30am-1pm. This half-day information session provides seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing, with presentations from CatholicCare staff, Seniors Rights Services NSW and NSW Fire & Resue Service. Places are limited.

To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.



Diary Dates

Women at the Mill	9.30am	Wednesday 24 th April	behind The Mill Bowral
Solemn Vespers & Benediction	4:00pm	Sunday 28 th April	St Thomas Aquinas Church
Catholic Women's League	10:30am	Monday 20 th May	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	6:00pm	Tuesday 14 th May	Parish Hall
Confirmation	11:00am	Saturday 6 th July	St Thomas Aquinas Church
Anniversary Celebration	12noon	Sunday 4 th August	Mittagong RSL

Parish Council

As outlined last week, the ministry groups for the parish council are:

WORSHIP- This group will oversee the liturgical life of the parish and will include music/choir, liturgical ministers (readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, servers, decorators etc.), devotions, special events (e.g First Holy Communion, Holy Week)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION- Flowing out of our life of worship, this group will plan and organize the spiritual life of the parish. This will include communication regarding local & diocesan initiatives (e.g retreat days, evangelization, scripture study/ reflection) reaching out to those disconnected from the parish & church and provide opportunities to gather for prayer.

ADULT FORMATION- This group will focus on providing gatherings for education, looking at updating our understanding of the teachings of the church and how they are relevant to the teachings of the church and how they are relevant to life in 2024, engaging a mixture of export & local presenters to explore the topical issues of our day (moral & social) and our response as Catholics.

SCRAMENTAL PREPARATION- Sacramental programmes have been parish based for many years. This means parents are helped to prepare & form their children in understanding & receiving Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation. This group may look at Baptismal & Funeral preparation.

HOSPITALITY- Welcome is pivotal to the health of the parish. This group will seek to make all parishioners and visitors feel valued as they come into our Church. Activities for this group would include greeting at the door of the Church, organizing and delivering social events, communication with the wider civic community, and breaking down the barrier that causes the isolation amongst our parishioners- to actively reach out and draw in the marginalized.

ADMINISTRATION- This is not a finance committee (that is the responsibility of another group required by Canon Law). This group will be responsible for the maintenance of the parish site (both Mittagong & Bowral), to identify work that needs to be carried out, to ensure compliance with health & safety requirements as well as professional standards procedures, and provide a vision for the future material resources of the parish.