

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A, 26 April 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus tells us he is the gateway to life in its fullness. Let us pray for the human family to find life through him.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo, bishop of Rome and world-wide shepherd. May his pleas for peace penetrate the hard hearts of warring leaders and move them to halt their bloodshed. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the countless children who have been orphaned, maimed and made homeless by cruel conflicts in their homeland. May they find solace in the care of their extended families. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for countries offering shelter to the waves of people seeking refuge from war or drought. May the world community supply them with the resources they need. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who work in difficult and dangerous jobs. May this week's United Nations Health and Work Safety observance (28 April) reinforce their workplace rights. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the staff and volunteers of food banks and homeless shelters. May their care of the needy help break the cycle of disadvantage. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who received the sacraments of initiation at Easter, especially Michelle Wang and Jasper McCaldin. May they flourish in faith, hope and love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently. . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they enjoy the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

All-embracing God, you gave us your Son to be our shepherd and guardian. Attune our ears to his voice, and our hearts to his love. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord.

