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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till11.00am

**Legion of Mary:** Sat after 9 am Mass

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **4th Sunday Of Easter April 24/25** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo |
| **Minister of Communion** |   |  |  |
| Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Stephen Hamilton  |
|  |  | Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** | Christine Banerjee Carol Hillen | Rick Thomas Marie Thomas | Vittoria and Gemma Foster |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Joe Harb, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi, Gemma Foster, Victoria Foster; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison,; Rosa Maria Santos,Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Connie Kilpatrick, Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, Vince Giglio, John Rivalland,Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez,Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Marie Rivalland; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 18/04/2021 – $436.70**

**Loose Money: 18/04/2021 – $408.00**

**Once again thank you for your generosity. My dear Parishioner**

**Some of our parishioners will remember our Sister from Malta, JANE MARY GRECH. With great sadness and joy of welcoming her to eternal life, the family are happy to inform you of her funeral service at Tobin Brothers Cheltenham Chapel. The celebration will start at 11.00am. may she rest in peace.**

**Mon: 26th Apr, St. Mark, Evangelist**

**Tue: 27th Apr, St. Louis de Monfort**

**Wed: 28th Apr, St. Peter Chanel, Martyr**

**Thu: 29th Apr, St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor**

**Fri: 30th Apr, St. Pius V, Pope**

**Sat: 1st May, St. Joseph the workers**

**QR CODE FOR MANDATORY GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTACT TRACING**

As you would be aware we have been maintaining “Attendance Rolls” at Masses and at other functions in our Parish as part of the Victorian Government’s Covid tracing requirements. As from 23 April (i.e., this Friday) we must move to an electronic record keeping system and so we must make some changes to our arrangements to comply with the Government’s requirements. But don't worry help will be at hand as we move to the new electronic system. The starting point is that you will now see, posted on some of the walls in the narthex, the Archdiocese QR Code. Thereafter at each Mass or gathering for more than 15 minutes you should record electronically your details.

Note that this process will have to be followed every time you arrive at Church or at a gathering. Please note that the adoption of an electronic record keeping system is Government mandated. It is not optional and institutions that do not implement the process can be fined. Going forward we will all get used to this process. For those with a phone, once you get used to following these steps, you will not need to interact with the Monitor. Younger family members can help you understand.

Keep a copy of this notice inserted in your bulletin, and any questions please ask the Monitor in the Narthex.

Fr Vittorio PP 22 April 2021

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL JOHN 10: 11-18**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John’s Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus’ death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd’s job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John’s Gospel, one hears in this passage John’s particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

**FR VITTORIO WILL BE ABSENT FOR RETREAT AND SURGERY IN MAY**

Fr Vittorio is away for two weekends retreats in May: from **Friday night 14 May** until **Sunday night 16 May,** and from **Friday night 28 May** until **Sunday night 30 May. For the confessions, the faithful can confess the week after the above dates.** Fr Stephen Hamilton will celebrate both weekends’ Masses on Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 9.00 and 10.30pm.

Furthermore, Fr Vittorio will be operated in Brighton Cabrini Hospital on Monday the 3rd May. For the moment, there will be **no** 9.00am morning Mass on Monday the 3rd May.

**25 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter) Day of Vocations.**

This Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

*There can be no greater joy than to risk one’s life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord’s call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord’s call to consecrated life or priesthood.

**25 APRIL IS ALSO ANZAC DAY**

This year, **ANZAC DAY** falls on the fourth Sunday of Easter, which takes precedence over this commemoration. The Easter prayers and readings will provide suitable texts for remembering the fallen. The prayers of the faithful today will be dedicated to the departed brothers and sisters who served Oceania in war.