



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

8 May 2022

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

*I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'*

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Lina Di Stefano, Ellen Burnside, Carmela Ozzimo

RECENTLY DECEASED

Clemente Vicari

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret McConville, Nancy Palumbo, Fr Andrew Doan Thanh Dien, Fr Peter Mai Dao Hien, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, John Galea, Joseph & Carmen Galea, Santo & Angela Sciacchitano, Eileen & Michael Tomlin, Lina Lo Nigro

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 15th May 2022

Adeline Galea

Zoe Ruggieri

Austin Kassis

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call the Parish Office or Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information.

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Please return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes by next weekend. Thank you.

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY

Month Dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday mornings at 9.00am & Wednesdays at 6.45pm, throughout the month of May.

PARISH NEWS

"2 SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS" – 14TH & 15TH MAY 2022 - Our Lady of Fatima Procession & Parish Luncheon

On **Saturday, 14th May**, we will have a Procession with Our Lady of Fatima statue, commencing at 5.30pm (please arrive by 5.15pm) from St Peter's Church and returning before 6.00pm for the Vigil Mass. Then on **Sunday, 15th May**, we will have a Parish Luncheon, commencing at 12.15pm in the Parish Centre, where we will enjoy a scrumptious 3 course lunch (\$25 adults, children under 12, \$15). BYO drinks. Raffles, music, laughs! Ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to join you or come along on your own and make new friends. Sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the Parish Office. **RSVP Wednesday, 11th May.**

ALL WELCOME

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

8 May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE & CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church, Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donate via our website: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Over the next 4 weekends, the annual Mass count will take place across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY 8 MAY

During the month of May, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God. This weekend is also a special time for celebrating the gift of mothers and women. We pray for all mothers in our community. May they continue to love and nurture their children and may we treasure their precious gift of mothering.

We pray for those mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who have passed away. We give thanks for their love, their laughter and their labour. We give thanks for the many ways they shaped our values, our faith and our family traditions and rituals. **May they Rest in Peace.**

All mothers, grandmothers & special women in our lives attending a Mass this weekend at St Peter's will receive a rose as a small 'Thank You'.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am - St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7>

QF. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar at St Patrick's Cathedral, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

ALPHA IS HERE: St Monica's Symons Centre, Moonee Ponds Thursdays, from 5 May to 7 July 2022. 7.00pm–9.15 pm. If you have any enquiries and/or want to register, please contact Adrian Commadeur (0403 512 936) or email via mooneeponds@cam.org.au All Welcome.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday, 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday 7 May Class Mass

We welcome the Year 3SS students, teacher and families to the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.