



The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

21 April 2024

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Berenice Cesile

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosa Dang Phuc

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Refalo, Michele Cornacchia, Cesidio Danese

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 21st April 2024

Sophia Usai

Lily Azzato

Sebastian Kalabrezos

Please pray for these children and their families.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God,

who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

Visit of the International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 4th May 2024 – 6pm Vigil Mass

Holy Mass with Welcoming & Crowning of Our Lady and Parish Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

After 6.00pm Mass: Rosary Procession

Sunday 5th May 2024

Regular Mass times: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

After 10.30am Mass – Rosary Procession *(to be confirmed)*

At every Mass:

- **Short inspirational talk on the Message of Fatima**
- **Family Consecration to the Holy Family of Nazareth**
- **Investiture of the Brown Scapular**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S

On Friday, 19th April, students from St Peter's Primary School received the Sacrament of Confirmation, by Bishop Terry Curtin. We congratulate and pray for all the children, together with their sponsors, families and teachers.



ANZAC DAY – THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

Thursday, 25th April is Anzac Day. We will have Mass at **10.00am** and especially welcome ex-servicemen and women to join with us in praying for all the Anzacs who sacrificed their lives for us. *Lest we Forget.*

On this day, 25th April, we wish Fr. Anil a very 'Happy Birthday'. May God bless you on your special day and always. Thank you for being our pastor.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – 21/4/2024

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.

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Are you being called to Serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

Come & See! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 4 May**, 10.00am-11.45am at the Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. Enquiries: 9412 3357 or email: diaconate@cam.org.au

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY – Saturday May 18th at Corpus Christi College

There will be a Seminary Enquiry Day for young men who are thinking about becoming a Priest. If you are interested in attending the Enquiry Day, please contact Fr Anil or the Parish Office for further information.

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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, Wednesday, Thursday (**Anzac Day, 25th April at 10.00am**) & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back all school students, teachers and admin staff for Term 2

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 25th April

School Closure Day

Friday 26th April

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