

The theme of today's readings is the Shepherd. Jesus is seen as the model of the good shepherd. We see him teaching, healing and, in the continuation of today's Gospel next week, feeding.

At the opening of the Gospel, we see Jesus inviting his disciples to go with him to a quiet place to rest and have some quiet. Yet, when they get to their chosen destination, they find that the crowds have gone ahead of them and are awaiting their arrival. We see here an example of the kind of tension that exists in the life of every committed Christian.

On the one hand, there is the need to draw away to a quiet place and to recharge one's batteries, to reflect on and evaluate what one has been doing and to regenerate one's spiritual energy.

At the same time, there are constant demands on our commitment to serve. We need to respond generously and empathetically to where there is real need. The emphasis is on 'real need' and not just on the demands of others or our own desire to be in demand.

This calls for discernment: there will be times when, with difficulty, we know we should say 'Yes'. There will be other times when, in spite of the criticism it may generate, we ought to say 'No'.

We need to be available but there is no absolute availability.

We are limited in the quality service we can give.

In the life of Jesus, we see him at times leaving the people, in spite of their demands, and going away to pray.

In today's situation, although he had intended to have a quiet time with his disciples, it was clear that the needs of the people called for a positive response. They were like 'sheep without a shepherd'. They needed to be taught and they needed to be fed. Jesus did both. The feeding was both for body and spirit.

We, too, are called to be shepherds; we are called to teach, heal and to feed.

As shepherds, we have a message to convey. And what is that message? It is the same message that Jesus brought: the Good News about making the Kingdom a reality in our world. That Kingdom can be described in many ways.

In today's Second Reading from the letter to the Ephesians, it is described as following in the footsteps of Jesus, bringing union between people, breaking down the barriers of division, creating communities that give and share. Only in this way will the Peace of Christ become a reality in our hearts and in our societies and in our Church.

Sacred Space

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday 8.45 am & 10.30 am

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.15 am

Confessions **Saturday 10 – 10.30 am**
(In church through both side doors)

Baptisms 2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)

Marriages By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7 - 8 pm Parish Centre (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.00 am Meeting Room
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY **11AM:** Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17/18 JULY 2021

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Anthony Toh

Anniversaries: Irene Lin, Francesco Cicala, Antonina Ambesi,
Giuseppe & Gina Valastro

Those who are ill: Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith,
Dalmiro Bellio, Kath Layden, Lamberto Cruz,
Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo, Joe Grech,
Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

17/18 July

24/25 July

READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	A. Breen [L], W. Cahill [R]	L. Teoh [L], V. Pertile [R]
Sun 8.45 am	B. Messina [L], M. Ziccone [R]	M. Carabott [L], M. Tamayo [R]
10.30 am	R. Robles-McColl [L], O. Aquino [R]	R. Cassidy [L], L. Willason [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	P. Saliba	A. Taglieri
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tamayo	V. Ricevuto
10.30 am	D. Petrocco	A. Cocomello

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

BECOME A CATHOLIC MISSION PARISH AMBASSADOR

Catholic Mission invites you to join us in exploring mission, spirituality and formation together. Become a Catholic Mission Ambassador for your parish! Participate in interactive workshops which will focus on:

- Contemporary Mission
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Fratelli Tutti

The journey begins on Wednesday, 1 September 2001. To register your interest please click here: <https://forms.gleM45GMzGV6cX1xPeHA>

As a Parish Catholic Mission Ambassador, you will become a point-of-reference for information regarding regular appeals held in the support of Catholic Mission programs. In 2021 our commitment is to support the work of the Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand.

For more information call the parish office or contact your Diocesan Director, Mr Kevin Meese: melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au

PARISH SPECIAL COLLECTION

The annual collection for the **Intentions of the Holy Father** will be taken as a leaving collection this weekend 17/18 July 2021.

PARISH PRAYER

Please join in our PARISH PRAYER after the Prayers of the Faithful.

LAST WEEKENDS ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Thanksgiving \$1258 Presbytery \$637.85

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this time.

COVID19 Instructions

Face coverings mandatory indoors unless an exemption applies.

We can accommodate 240 people indoors, density quotient 1 person per 2sqm. QR code applies. Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass begins.