



ST. PAUL PARISH

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A Commissioning service for all who work in the church, eg. Readers ... will be held on Pentecost Sunday. More information in the coming weeks.

Sausage Sizzle—Sunday 7th May. Support our Parish of St Paul. Sausage in bread \$2.50, Drinks \$1.50, water \$1.00, tea & coffee complimentary. Raffle tickets on sale \$1.00 each, prizes 32inch TCL smart TV, 2 x \$50.00 meal vouchers (Glengala Hotel), and hamper.

Mothers Day Sunday 14th May - Raffle drawn after the 9.30am Mass. Anyone who has flowers please leave them at the church on Saturday 13th of May, Anyone who loves to baking and wishes to donate cakes or biscuits bring them to the church at 5pm on Saturday the 13th of May.

One bedroom unit for rent, including heating and cooling. Call Shazz on 0405 256 916

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Carol McGloughlan, Pat & Skylia Reynolds, Betty Kent, Thomas Cassidy, Betty Kent, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:**

Anthony Spiteri, Servero Nini, Anna Candy, Bernadette Borg, Thi Can Nguyen

Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata,

Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew &

Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Ni-

na, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace

Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize,

Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.

In Loving Memory

Church Diary (Week beginning 30th Apr 2023)

Saturday 29th/30th Apr St Catherine of Sienna

Baptism: Elise & Victoria Lee, Dylan & Leo Thai

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass + Van Thi Le, Michael My Quan Le, & Maria Kiem Thi Nguyen

Monday 1st May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 2nd May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 3rd May

St Philip & St James

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.45am Funeral for Joseph Tran Tu Hiep

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

Thursday 4th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 5th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

5.30pm Maltese Confession

6.00pm Maltese Mass

7.00pm Mass

Saturday 6th/7th May Baptism: George & Gemma Bayley

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

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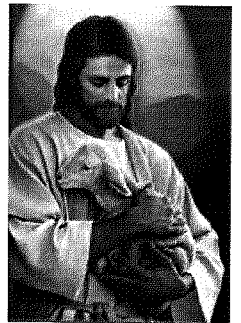
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

30 APRIL 2023

FULLNESS OF LIFE

The readings for today invite us to reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus and its consequences for us. As Peter concludes his preaching on the day of Pentecost, he reminds the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem that Jesus' brutal and wrongful death has been reversed by God raising him as Lord and Christ. That is not all, because the resurrection provides them with the possibility to think again and so accept the gracious forgiveness that God is unexpectedly offering. In the midst of human frailty, misunderstanding and violence God's love will find a way to bring life out of death.

In the second reading the focus shifts as Peter pays close attention to Jesus' manner of dealing with his own suffering and death as a model for disciples as we confront suffering and injustice. As the shepherd, Jesus goes before us carrying our weakness and brokenness on the cross, transforming them by the power of his healing love. In our turn, we are called to follow his example of forgiving and life-giving love.

The Gospel today invites us to accept Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls, protects, and enlivens us. Jesus is the Shepherd who gave himself for the sake of the sheep, the one who still calls us to hear his voice and follow. He has come so we might have life and have it to the full. In Jesus, we have the sure hope that whatever struggles lie before us he will lead us safely home if we listen to his voice and follow where he leads.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want. (or Alleluia!)**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. R.

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. R.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. R.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. R.



SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine
know me. Alleluia!**