

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the

Apostles 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.

The word of the Lord.

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

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

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.'

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!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon :

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5

Gospel Jn 13:31-35



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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C - 8th May, 2022

Every Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called the Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday in which we recognise the presence of Christ in our midst as the Good Shepherd of God's people and the concrete exercise of this identity through the instrumentality of all those who are called in a special way to participate in this role of shepherding; especially priests and religious. The title of the Good Shepherd Sunday is informed by the theme that runs through the tenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John from where the Gospel is taken in all of the three circles of the Liturgical Calendar. On a day like this, the Holy Mother Church enjoins us all to pray for credible vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life. In one way or the other we are called to be shepherds after the example of Christ and together also we belong to His sheepfold. It is Christ, and Him alone, who is the Good Shepherd! All other human shepherds participate, according to the measure which Christ has allotted each, in this Christocentric ministry.

The Gospel Reading (Jn 10:27-30) of today directed our attention to the intimate relationship between Christ the Good Shepherd and the sheep; "the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Christ the Good Shepherd speaks to us every day and in different forms and through different means. It is through listening to the Good Shepherd that we come to know Him and by knowing Him deeper and closely, we are attracted to build personal and intimate relationships with Him. It is by listening to the Good Shepherd that we are disposed to follow Him and to do what He commands us to do and by following Him we place ourselves in the farthest distance and in a place where it is impossible for the Evil One to steal us from Him.

The modern time is faced with many difficulties and challenges in listening and understanding the voice of the Good shepherd. The presence of countless number of voices, which often come in the forms of noise or disguised perilous voices, inviting us to different and vicious forms of life, has deafened some people that they neither hear nor are they able to distinguish the voice of the Good Shepherd. This was seen in the group in the First Reading (Acts 13:14, 43-52) who "prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said." We confront these blasphemies everyday of our lives; in the forms of ideologies, philosophies, lies, modern movements that do not want to hear anything about God and the Gospel message, etc. As against all of these, only the Voice of the Good Shepherd invites and strengthens us to truly live. Listening to and obeying this voice that speaks of peace, we join this huge and uncountable number of people who "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." Where is His voice heard? The voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in the Church through her celebrations of the mysteries of Christ and her witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the ministers of the Church who through their ministry and exemplary way of life concretely prolong the presence of the Good Shepherd in our midst! In all the baptised who bear positive and fruitful witness to the Gospel by their way of life and in all men and women of good-will.

Christ the Good Shepherd, give us the grace that through listening and obeying You we may remain in Your Sheepfold and may You bless all human shepherds, especially priests and religious, to imitate You in all things; Amen. Happy Good Shepherd Sunday;

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Jean Ellen Williams. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Carl Galloway, Louise Sullivan, Rosa & Guiseppe Frazetto, Evelyn Fraser, Frank Carville, Silvia Schnelbrieder, Kathleen Boyle, Fr. James Kierce, Koen Goederee, Gregory Pappa, Lucia Falcone, Maria Eyssens, Martha Grainger, Bob Smart.

Prayer for the deceased: Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

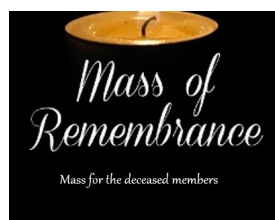
Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

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/GZKP7QF>.

The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.



There will be no daily masses on Monday to Friday next week. (9th May to 13th May)

Catholic Theological College

Online unit via Zoom

Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Four Saturdays:

18, 25 June; 8, 15 October

To enrol or for further information:

Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au

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Positions Vacant



Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne – East Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Communications Administration Support Officer, Communications Office – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

Senior Content Producer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

Creatives Officer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

Digital Communications Officer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

Retail Shop Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral – (East Melbourne/Part time)

Administration Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral – (East Melbourne/Part time)

Catholic Development Fund – East Melbourne

Executive Manager, Client Experience

Parish Positions

Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish – Lalor

Personal Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava

Stewardship Coordinator, Bayside

Parish Secretary, Preston East

Assistant Sacristan - St Patricks Cathedral, East Melbourne

Parish Finance Officer, Nazareth Parish, Grovedale

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hrrad-min@cam.org.au

Good Shepherd Sunday 2022

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.

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

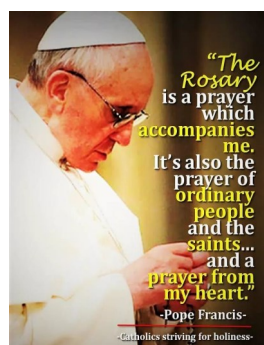
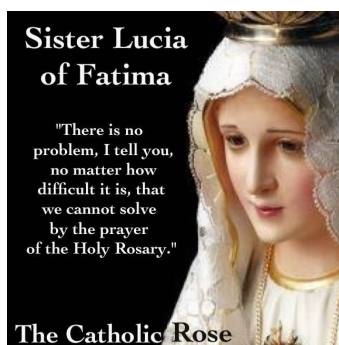
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May the Month of Our Lady

Pope Francis asked for people to pray the Holy Rosary each day for world peace. **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - 13th May.**



Elizabeth FitzGerald

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .

and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.



Our Lady's 15 Promises to Those Who Pray Her Rosary

1. Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for Eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the Merits of the Saints in Paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of Glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my Sons, and brothers of my Only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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