

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday - the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Today we are reminded, and invited, to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Perhaps you could pray for them by name today. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a priest, Sister or Brother.

Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.



Let us also remember to pray for our future priests; to accompany our seminarians with our prayers that they may be strengthened, enlightened, and sustained on their journey.

You will find prayer leaflets at the back of the church to guide your prayer, as well as a poster on our noticeboard of all our seminarians.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Jesus,
We thank you for the great gift of your priesthood in the Church.
We pray for all priests and those in formation for the priesthood.
Make their lives alive with your Spirit, and fruitful in love and service.
Shape their hearts to be more like your own—the Heart of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

Draw them close to you, and bless them with courage and zeal as they serve your people. Give them joy as they proclaim the hope of your resurrection, and wisdom and trust as they follow your call.
We ask this with great confidence in you.
Amen.
St John Vianney
Patron of priests
Pray for us.

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God,
Who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations.
Stir within the hearts of your children the courage to respond with joy and generosity to your invitation to follow you.
Raise up among us many priests, deacons, and religious-witnesses of hope who will love you with their whole hearts and gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved.

Form them in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and help them live each day as faithful labourers in your harvest.
Help us, too, to recognise your voice in our own lives, and to support one another in discerning your will with openness and trust.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

ANCHORED—HELPING KIDS THRIVE: DEVELOPMENTAL CHANGES AND DIGITAL WELLBEING FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

This webinar is part of Anchored, a new series from Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, offering practical wisdom for parents and couples, trusting that God strengthens and steadies families through every season of family life. It is open to parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and under.

Event date: Tuesday 28 April 2026, 7.00pm-8.00pm

Participants are required to register prior to the event to receive a link to the session.



More information can be found on: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/anchored-helping-kids-thrive>, or on our noticeboard where you can scan a QR code.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - OUR POLICY AND COMMITMENT

At St Mary Star of the Sea, we are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our church. This commitment is extended to clergy, employees, and volunteers at our church, regardless of their role or responsibility to act to safeguard children and young people from child abuse. (For more information, please read our Safeguarding Policy on our website, or on our noticeboard in the foyer).

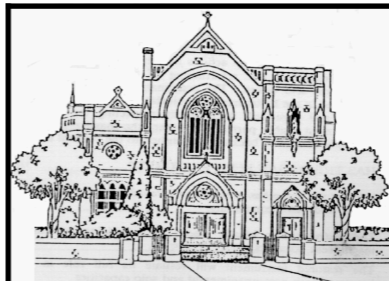
DAILY MASS READINGS AND RESPONSES

All daily Mass readings and responses to votive Masses can now be accessed on our website via the QR code.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 APRIL	28 APRIL	29 APRIL	30 APRIL	1 MAY	2 MAY
ST LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT	SAINT PETER CHANEL	SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA	SAINT PIUS V	SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER	SAINT ATHANASIUS
Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 612	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 368-369	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 369-370	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 612	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 613	Mass: 10:00 am Pg. 373-374



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mimi Lee

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MASS TIMES

Sunday:

10.00 am
5.00 pm

Monday to Friday:

7.00 am
12.30 pm

Saturday:

10.00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

9.30 am – 9.55 am
10.35 am – 11.00 am

Sunday:

9.15 am
4.15 pm

Monday to Friday:

Before and after 7:00 am Mass
12:00 noon – 12:25 pm
1:05 pm – 1:30 pm
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

and any other time when requested if possible

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Please check our website for more information.

DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

Legion of Mary:

4:00 pm Mondays at the presbytery.

Holy Rosary:

Mon – Fri & Sun before Mass
Saturday after 10am Mass

Theology Lectures:

Sundays 11:30 am.

Young Families:

Every Sundays after 10 am Mass

Faith Formation Program:

Check our website and noticeboard for more details



“He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross”, says St. Peter, “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.” Peter did not see Jesus die on the cross. He had been too frightened and despondent to make his way to Calvary, as Mary, John, and several of the women had done. But now, many years later, on writing these words of encouragement to his fellow Christians of the 1st century, he showed how much he himself had meditated on what Christ had done for him and for all men and women. He was testifying to his own experience as one who had been taught, firmly but lovingly corrected, and many times forgiven by Jesus. He knew that the words of the Saviour describing himself as “the Good Shepherd” were not said falsely or as mere poetry. Jesus had always shown the attitude of one who was ready “to lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13) and who finally did.

As the Lord himself had noted, there was a difference between the shepherds of his times and those men who were simply hirelings. The shepherd’s flock was his own. The hireling’s flock were someone else’s. As a result most shepherds treasured their sheep and learned to identify each one of them. They felt the loss of any one of them. Hirelings, by and large, were far less concerned about losses. God is the ultimate Shepherd who bears an intimate relationship with his flock, the human family. “To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him.” God did this in a tangible way by Himself becoming a man, a teacher with a human voice, a friend with a human heart, a living example of what we ought to aspire to as human beings. He came into our world, a world He had created for us, to bring us to perfection, to a share in his own holiness. Such is the pasture Jesus refers to— it is holiness, it is, finally, the happiness of heaven and eternal life in God.

Christ Our Lord established his Church to lead us to this pasture of holiness and happiness in unending love. Within the Church he calls some to act as shepherds in his name. These are his ministers, his bishops, priests and deacons, who are summoned by a personal vocation to serve others in this way. Because the response to this calling requires God’s grace and a free acceptance by individual persons, both Jesus and the Church urge us to “pray [to] the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2). We do so, in a special way, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

All of us in the Church, clergy, members of religious orders and congregations and lay people are called to be shepherds for others in one way or another. Parenting, friendship and work based relationships can all be occasions for being good shepherds. At the same time we must also remember that all of us, laity and clergy and religious, are called to be good sheep, letting ourselves be helped and guided by those who sincerely do so in the name of Christ. Ultimately, there should be that desire to let our lives be deeply influenced by a loving entrustment to Jesus. Pope John Paul II once said: “Make a particular effort to seek Jesus and attain a deep personal faith which influences and directs your whole life; but above all may your commitments and plans consist in loving Jesus, with a sincere, genuine, personal love. He should be your friend and support along the way of life. He alone has the words of eternal life”

(Address January 30, 1979).

Hymns

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale, yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23 (22) Scottish Psalter (1650)
Tune: CRIMOND

**Communion: O Lord, at your first
Eucharist (CWBII 578)**

1 O Lord, at your first Eucharist you
prayed that all your Church might be for
ever one,
grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to
say with longing heart and soul, "Your
will be done."

Oh, may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

2 For all your Church, O Lord, we
intercede; make all our sad divisions
soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we
plead by drawing all to you, O Prince of
Peace: thus may we all one bread, one
body be, through this blest sacrament of
unity.

3 We also pray for wand'ers from your
fold;

O bring them back, Good Shepherd of
the sheep, back to the faith which saints
believed of old, back to the Church
which still one faith does keep:
which still one faith does keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body
be, through this blest sacrament of
unity.

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments
shall cease, may we be one with all your
Church above, one with your saints in
one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded
love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to
be one with the Trinity in unity.

Text: W. H. Turton 1856 – 1938 alt.
Tune: SONG 1

**Recessional: Regina Caeli Laetare
(CWBII 405)**

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:
quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia:
resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia:
ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Text: Latin 12th cent.
Music: Chant mode VI

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Married

*Anthony Bou Sejaan &
Nicole Hanna*

*Josef Gunawan &
Wenny Prayogo*

The Newly Baptised

*Zara Bobbi & Sebastian DiBattista
Mackenzie Fernando
Emilio Rodriguez*



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of
God: bishops, priests, deacons,
religious, and lay faithful. Each has a
distinct role, but all share responsibility
for the Church's mission.

Synodality does not blur roles—it helps
each vocation flourish in service of the
Gospel.

Mass Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven
and addressed the crowd in 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
your 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 thou-
sand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

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 were 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.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

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

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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.'

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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