

Sixteen Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 18 July 2021



*Readings for
this Sunday*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34



Readings for
next week:

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



Liturgical Jottings

Washing Hands

The current Roman Missal has one washing of hands of the priest at the preparation of the gifts. The ritual expresses the desire for interior purification (GIRM 76). A second washing after communion may be necessary to wash any fragments of the host remaining on his fingers (GIRM 278). In Masses for Baptisms, Confirmations and Priestly Ordinations the celebrant and the newly ordained wash the chrism oil from their hands (OBOC, COB 468, 535).

Since the Covid-19 pandemic the health authorities and the Victorian bishops have introduced further washing of the hands with hand sanitiser before Mass, before and after the distribution of Holy Communion and when leaving the church. The people also sanitise hands on entering and leaving the church.

Focus on the Gospel

The job or vocation of the shepherd unites the first reading, the responsorial psalm and the Gospel. Shepherd is often used as a description of a leader, a king, a protector of persons in the Old and New Testament. Jacob, Moses, David, Amos were shepherds before accepting their new vocations. God is described many times as the Shepherd of Israel. Leaders are expected to be like shepherds for their people. The role of the shepherd is to lead their flocks to pasture and to water. They are to keep them together, find the scattered and to protect them from wild animals.

Jesus is called a shepherd and calls himself the Good Shepherd and in his parables present God as a shepherd. The readings today focus also on the people in need of shepherds to guide, protect and teach them. The apostles are given the responsibility to be good shepherds. The canonical title of the Parish Priest is "Pastor"-the Latin for shepherd.

The relationship of shepherds to their flocks and pastors to their people is concisely expressed in today's Gospel Acclamation: "My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me." (John 10:27)

One of the important roles of the shepherd is to keep the flock together, to find the stray and promote unity. The passage from Ephesians expresses our faith in Jesus Christ who is our peace and unity through reconciliation and the Good News.

Prayer for the Week

Compassionate God, from far and near you gather your Church into one. Safeguard the peace and unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment that they seek.

Words of Pope Francis

With unprecedented candour, Pope Francis reveals how three crises in his own life changed him dramatically for the better. By its very nature, he shows, that crisis presents us with a choice: we make a grievous error if we try to return to some pre-crisis state. But if we have the courage to change, we can emerge from the crisis better than before. *Let Us Dream*, 2020

On the Lighter Side

Andrew Chinn, the composer of the children's popular hymn: "These Hands", recently published a relevant revision: "These Clean Hands" found at <https://youtu.be/qtuHxIC0I7M>



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Agata Formica (1 month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Giovanna Sepe, Giuseppe Formica
	Our sick and their carers	Anne Sarolea

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 24 July	Sunday 25 July
Commentator	Carol Coulston	Robert Miller
Reader		Kay Gaffey

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31st July in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. To register go to the following link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

Mass Timetable Week commencing 19th July

Weekday Mass

Monday 19 th July	No Mass
Tuesday 20 th July	No Mass
Wednesday 21 st July	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 22 nd July	No Mass
Friday 23 rd July	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 24 th July	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 25 th July	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 24th July 11:30 am

St Donato Feast. – 7th August 2021

A Mass to celebrate the feast of St Donato will be held on Saturday 7th August at 10.00 am at Scared Heart, Tatura.

Due to COVID uncertainty, celebrations that usually take place after mass at the Italian Club have been cancelled this year. Anyone wishing to have lunch you are welcomed to Hilltop Golf Club.

Please ring club on 5824 1689 to make your own bookings.

For further information ph Joe Gagliardi on 0438 579989

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.

Children's Mass next Sunday

Depending on COVID Restriction, the plan is to have a Children's Mass on Sunday 25th July at 9:30 am.

Please let families know that this is happening. Again it will be dependent on the Victorian Government's COVID Restrictions for our region.

A Journey to **EMMAUS** via Zoom for 6 Wednesdays

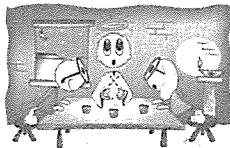
Do you want to know more about the Scriptures?

Need to take some time out from a busy life to come closer to Jesus? Then this Emmaus is for you!

This course explains the Messianic significance of the Old Testament Scriptures and their relationship with the New Testament.

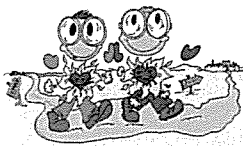
It will:

- ♦ Deepen your appreciation of the Scriptures.
- ♦ Enable you to experience the power of the Word of God.
- ♦ Show you what the Word of God is, what it does and what our attitude to it should be.
- ♦ Take you on a journey through the Old Testament and show how it is fulfilled in Jesus.
- ♦ Give you an insight into the community of Jesus, it's mentality and practice.
- ♦ Give you a burning desire to return from 'Emmaus' to 'Jerusalem' to announce your encounter with the Risen Lord.



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Weekly reflection sheets will add to your Emmaus experience.

6 Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm,

Commencing: 21 July 2021

Booking Fee: \$5

overseas participants use promo code OVASEA

Book before 10am Tue 20 July at

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSQSW>

The course is presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation



Mary Mackillop Rosaries – Purchase at discounted prices until 31 August

Last year the Aid to the Church in Need commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

The rosaries were very popular and this is an opportunity for those who missed out to order them as we approach the feast of Mary Mackillop. Please note that orders will close Tuesday 31 August.

The flyer/order form are in the Narthex invoices will be sent when your order is submitted. For any questions or to submit your order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: Let us pray to the Lord, our shepherd and guardian, and seek his blessing this day.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, in his role as shepherd of the flock: grant him health and wisdom and joy in his life. **Lord hear us**
2. We pray for the bishops and priests who are pastors in the Church, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, the Chief Shepherd, and be open to the Spirit in the coming Plenary Council. **Lord hear us**
3. We pray for the leaders of international organisations, that they may govern with honesty and integrity and restore peace in places where there is division and political unrest. **Lord hear us**
4. For all parents and guardians of the young: may they rejoice in their vocation and be watchful of those in their care. **Lord hear us**
5. We pray for our parishioners here present and those who are away, may we share in the ministry of God's active love by kindly reaching out to others in the week ahead. **Lord hear us**
6. For all who are lost and who lack people to care for them: may we be ever alert to help all those in need. **Lord hear us**
7. We pray for those who have died recently and those who are grieving – Agata Formica (1 month), We pray for the Anniversaries of Giovanna Sepe and Giuseppe Formica and we pray for our Sick and their carers, Anne Sarolea
- 8.

CELEBRANT: Father in heaven, hear our prayers and help us grow in grace as your followers, under the guidance of the true shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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The presbytery office is open on
Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am until 4pm

Breaking Open the Word

himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10: 27
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6: 30-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

The scene of Jesus stepping ashore and taking pity on the crowds who were desperately looking for a guide and shepherd has always been a poignant and moving one. Jesus had taken the disciples aside after the rigours of their mission of preaching. It was to be a moment of rest and reflection, of coming to terms with what they had experienced and learned in their new-found mission. Perhaps what they learn, more than anything else, is the hunger and need the people have for what Jesus has to offer by his presence and teaching. Centuries before, Jeremiah had spoken of God's promise to shepherd the people of Israel and to raise up new shepherds, and a truly wise king. With the mission of the Twelve, and the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus the people have the eyes to see that God's promises are being fulfilled. The time for a new beginning has come.

Paul and the communities formed by him had no experience of the earthly mission of Jesus and it naturally led them to ponder on what difference the life and death of Jesus had made. Today's reading from Ephesians invites us to see the death of Jesus as the means that God used to bring a new humanity to birth. The age-old division between Jews and Gentiles has now been broken down. It is as though Jesus on the cross took to himself all our anger, violence and division, transforming it by the power of his healing and self-giving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord

who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for

David,

who will reign as true king and be wise,

practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

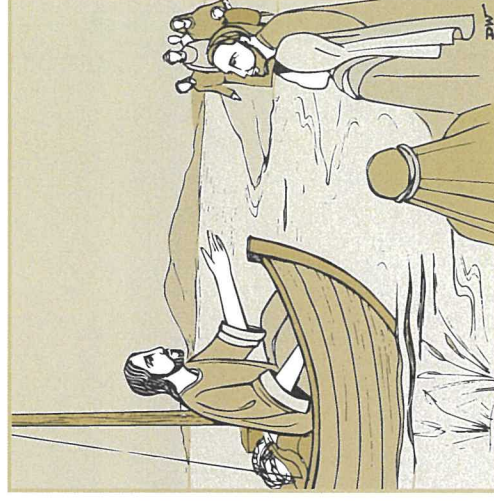
1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is

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

Eph 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in