

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8 May 2022



Readings for
this week:

Acts 13:14,43-52
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Liturgical Jottings

Lamb of God

The liturgical hymn "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei) is sung or recited at every Mass. It is based on the saying of John the Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Pope Sergius (687-701) introduced this chant into the Mass. The words "Have mercy on us." are added from Ps 123, 66, Isaiah 33:2; The third stanza ends in "Grant us peace." The last benediction in the 18 Benedictions" or Amidah 19 Sim Shalom ("Grant Peace") - asks God for peace, goodness, blessings, kindness and compassion.

The second reading concludes: "The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water, ..." (Rev. 7:16-17). The Easter Preface V, describes Christ as the "Priest, the Altar and the Lamb of sacrifice" and also in the Preface I for the Apostles: "Eternal Shepherd, who does not desert the flock. Christ is at different times both Lamb and Shepherd.

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Looking at the Readings

This Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, received its title from the gospel. Each year verses from Chapter ten of John's Gospel are proclaimed. Year A: 10:1-10, Year B: 10:11-18 and Year C; this year. 10:27-30. The passage on the Good Shepherd is not a parable but one of the "I Am" that helps to explain Christ's role. Year A reading contains: "I am the gate" vv 7&9; Year B: "I am the good shepherd" vv 11&14. Today's Gospel states in a few words its implications. There is a real, permanent and intimate relationship between Jesus and the people for whom he gives his life and unites them with him to the Father.

A primary student explained that if the Father is the Shepherd; the people are the sheep, then the world is a big paddock! Yes. It is a good and practical image but we should be careful not to be too allegorical and to allow some extension: not one big paddock but many paddocks and then there is space beyond the paddocks. We are not penned in all the time but led out to new pastures. We are actively called into new relationship to "Listen", to "Know", to "Follow", and to "Be Given" eternal life.

Sunday Eighth of May

Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** and many countries, like New Zealand it begins Vocations Awareness Week. In Australia, however, Vocations Awareness Week begins on Sunday 7 August.

Today is **Mother's Day**, a day to celebrate, remember and thank the work, life and love of one's mother.

United Nations adds other causes: **World Migratory Bird Day** and Time of Remembrance & Reconciliation for those who lost lives during WWII.

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, you are the light rising in darkness for the just. To show your love for us you offered yourself in our place as a victim, as the Lamb of God. Teach us to love one another as you love us, that our love may bring peace and joy to the world and enable us to find the happiness of your home.

On the Lighter Side

A shepherd tells his dog to go count the sheep. The dog returns and says: "100 sheep". The shepherd inquires: "How's that? I only had 97 to begin with!" The dog replies: "Yeah, but I rounded them up"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Angela Carrafa
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Felice Carrafa, Kathleen Feehan, Antonio De Palma
	Our sick and their carers	

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 9 May

Weekday Mass

Mon 9th May No Mass
 Tue 10th May No Mass
 Wed 11th May 9:15 am Liturgy
 Thur 12th May No Mass
 Fri 13th May 9:15 am Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sat 14th May No Mass
 Sun 15th May 10:00 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 16th May No Mass
 Tue 17th May No Mass
 Wed 18th May 9:15 am Liturgy
 Thur 19th May No Mass
 Fri 20th May 9:15 am Mother's Day School Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 21st May No Mass
 Sun 22nd May 10:00 am Children Mass

Reconciliation No Reconciliation in May or June

St Brendan's lends a helping hand.

While Fr John Paul is away, St Brendan's Parish Shepparton for helping out with Masses. We would like to extend our thanks from all our Parishioners at Sacred Heart.

We look forward to celebrating Mass with Fr Joe Taylor (Parish Priest), Fr Paul Sireh, Fr Jophin Joy and Fr Jackson Saunders during this time.

In case of an emergency, please contact Trish Warnett on mobile 0410 094 323.

Sandhurst Scripture Talks

"Growing faith communities for our mission today: Insights from the genius of St Paul"

In June 2022, the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst will be hosting a series of Zoom talks on Sacred Scripture which inform and support the faith-life of the people of God in the Diocese of Sandhurst, particularly in the light of our present context: the diocesan Go Forth review, the Plenary Council of the Australian Church, the Synod on Synodality and our socio-cultural reality.

The series will start on 9 June with Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission and Pastoral Life, talking about the social context of the Church today. On June 16, Rev Dr Brian Boyle EV, a scripture scholar, will focus on 'Paul the Man, the Preacher, the Strategist'. And on June 23 and June 30, Dr Rosemary Canavan will speak on the themes "1 Thessalonians, Paul's first letter: forming the Ekklesia as the family of God" and "Living and Walking in the Spirit" respectively.

More information and registration details will be made available via the Sandpiper e-News and on the website www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Diary Dates for May & June

May

Fri 13th 2pm Italian Rosary
 Sun 22nd 10am Children's Mass
 (And presentation of Sacramental Candidates)
Cuppa After Mass

June

Wed 1st 2pm Ladies Chat
 Fri 10th 2pm Italian Rosary
 Sun 12th Presentation of Sacramental Candidates
Cuppa After Mass
 Wed 15th 5:30pm PPC Meeting
 Sun 19th Confirmation & 1st Eucharist
 Fri 24th 9:15 School Mass – Feast of Sacred Heart
 Sun 26th 10am Feast of Sacred Heart for Parish
Cuppa after Mass
 Wed 29th 5pm Italian Mass

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

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Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Screen/Organ
15 May	D Worm	R Miller	K Gaffy	M Normington Nita Basile	S De Lai C Serra	T Smith T Warnett
22 May	CHILDREN'S MASS CUPPA AFTER MASS					

ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario italiano sarà recitato in Chiesa venerdì 13 maggio alle ore 14.00.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on Friday 13th May at 2.00pm.
All Welcome



MARY ON MOTHERS DAY

May is the month of Our Blessed Mother. As well as our earthly mother we have our Heavenly Mother given to us by Jesus as he died on the cross.(John 19: 26 - 27) Mary loves us more than we can imagine and wants us to draw close for her maternal protection.

At Fatima, Portugal, on 13th May 1917 Our Blessed Mother appeared to three children. (This apparition is approved by the Catholic Church.) Her message to the world and to us was to repent , pray - particularly the Rosary , and lead good lives. Mary said, if people did this then there would be peace in the world. This message now appears more important than ever.

Let us turn daily to Mary in prayer and ask her to obtain peace in families, peace in communities, and peace in the world.

Mary, Queen of Peace , Pray for us.

From Bendigo Apostolate of Fatima.
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Catholic Earthcare's Laudato Si' Week Event

On **Tuesday 17 May 2022 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM AEST** is a screening of "Regenerating Australia" followed by Q&A with panel.

This short film is a follow-up to the 2040 film, a fictitious news segment set on New Year's Eve 2029 examining the decade that 'could be'. The film challenges us to consider how we can, in Australia, respond to the Cry of the Earth. After the screening, there will be a panel discussion & Q&A with Bishop Ken Howell, Brisbane Auxiliary Bishop and a range of guest speakers dedicated to finding ways to respond to the Cry of the Earth as the Catholic Church in Australia.

Bookings at [Laudato Si Week Regenerating Australia Movie Screening Tickets | TryBooking Australia](#)

ROSTER

Rosters for May & Jun have been revised and the new copies are available. Copies are in the Narthex and also on the website.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Trish Warnett on 0410 094 323.

