



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

Mass Offerings 3

In the Mass the Body of Christ, the entire Church, is offered to the Holy Trinity. With Christ, the Church is offered whole and entire. It unites itself to his intercession with the Father for all" (CCC §1368).

If we are to actually participate in this sacrificial action of the Church, the 'entire Christ' – Head and Body – then, we have also to offer our hearts, our very lives to God. This interior participation in the Eucharist is vital, and it is the essence of the 'active participation' called for by Vatican II. Therefore, "Christians, in all their actions, are called to offer true worship to God. The Eucharist, since it embraces our everyday existence makes possible, day by day, the progressive transfiguration of all those called by grace to reflect the image of the Son of God" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, §71).

Looking at the Readings

The Gospel today is the third "instalment" of the reading on the Good Shepherd. The first two instalments are read on Fourth Sundays of Easter in cycles A & B. Hence this Sunday is called "Good Shepherd Sunday". In the Sundays of Ordinary Time and major feast days the first reading from the Old Testament relates to the Gospel. In Easter and Lent, not so. There are no readings from the Old Testament during Easter Season, since the first readings are from the Acts of the Apostles that describe the Apostles' proclamation of the Risen Lord Jesus and the growth of early Christian communities that gather in prayer, celebrate baptisms and the "Lord's Supper" and minister in charity to one another.

The image, however, of the Good Shepherd developed by Christ in John's Gospel has several Old Testament precedents. Jeremiah 23:1-6 (read on 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle C on 20 July 2025), Ezekiel 34:11-6 (read on the feast of the Sacred Heart this year and on the feast of Christ the King next year.). On each of these days the reading is followed by Psalm 22(23), the Lord is my Shepherd. The Psalm Response today is "We are his people, the sheep of his flock." (Ps 99:3)

This Psalm relates to the Gospel which, this year focuses on the people. The people listen to his voice, receive life and unity and enjoy the sense of belonging to God. His Son leads them. In a nutshell the Good Shepherd gives life to his people.

Did You Remember?

The Second Reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 is very much the same as the First Reading on the Feast of All Saints (Friday 1 Nov 2024 - Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14) except today verse 17 is included: "Because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water." The scene described in John's vision is portrayed in a complex 15th-century polyptych altarpiece in St Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium.

Prayer for the week

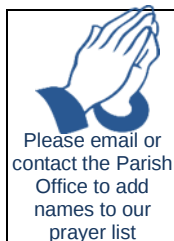
God, the true Shepherd, thank you for your care and protection. Today, I will do what I can to help your work. Make me aware of the people in my life who are weak, injured, straying, or lost. With your help, I will do what I can to strengthen them, heal them, and bring them back to you. Perhaps, I too can be more like a shepherd, than like a sheep that merely follows the crowd or gets lost.

(source: Catholic Youth Bible, appropriate for Vocations Sunday)

On the Lighter Side

"It is the duty of a good shepherd to shear his sheep, not to skin them." Tiberius"





For those who have died and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bill Worm, Antonio De Palma, Cosimo Antonino
Our sick and their carers	Bernie Maher, Betty Payten

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 17th May 5:00pm

Commentator: Anne Hutchison
 Reader: Riita Fairchild
 Gospel Procession: Delphi Hamilton
 Gifts: S Gregg & C Serra
 Screen Operator: Carol Coulston
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 18th May 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Mary Vraca
 Gospel Procession: Steve De Lai
 Gifts: J & B Lowe
 Special Minister: Ross Kelly
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: L Worm & E Worm

Sunday 25th May 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Maree Nihill
 Reader: Peter Crombie
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Special Minister: Leo McGrath
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm
 Music Operator: Debbie Worm
 Money Counters: S & S De Lai

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 14th May

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 14th May 5:00pm
 Friday 16th May 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 17th May 5:00pm
 Sunday 18th May 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 21st May 9:15am
 Friday 23rd May 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 25th May 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 28th May 9:15am
 Friday 30th May 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 31st May 5:00pm
 Sunday 1st June 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

The next shared Parish Lunch in St Mary's Hall is on Sunday 25th May following the 10:30am Mass

BUCKET COLLECTION AFTER MASS TODAY FOR SEMINARIANS ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

Plate Collection and Envelope

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.
 May God bless you always.



Last week: \$573.00

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.

The next one will be on Wednesday 4th June.



My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

John 10:27-28

Shared parish lunch. The next one will be on Sunday 25th May.

Good Samaritan Sunday - There will be a bucket collection after Mass today for the Seminarians.

SAFEGUARDING – WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

All volunteers who are rostered to carry out Ministries (e.g. Readers & Special Ministers) at our Parish Masses and PPC & PFC members are required to have a current WWCC, linked as a volunteer to the Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura. It is necessary that the details be registered at the Parish Office. Please see Debbie Worm or Debbie Turvey to complete this process or if you require assistance. Thanks in advance for your prompt assistance with this.

Pope Leo XIV greets the world for the first time to grant his Urbi et Orbi blessing. Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected as the 267th Successor of Peter by the 133 Cardinal electors on Thursday, May 8.



The 4th Sunday of Easter Year C invites us to reflect on Jesus as our Good Shepherd. We are reminded to listen to His voice, share the Good News, and embrace His inclusive call. By doing so, we join the great multitude of believers, united in faith and guided by His love. By listening to His voice, we can find the path to eternal life.

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to hear Your voice and follow You. Give us the courage to share Your message with others. Guide us in our daily lives and lead us to eternal life with You. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

Turn Debt into Hope

Some countries are spending more repaying unjust debt than on healthcare or education.

Sign the petition today!

caritas.org.au/debt



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The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Committee (PFC) have met to discuss the up and coming Bishop's Visitation to the Sacred Heart Tatura Parish. There is a great deal of work and preparation taking place in preparation. They are looking at the strengths, challenges and goals for the Parish for the future and will collate a report for the Bishop based on requirements for the Visitation Program.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound Training

For those who have indicated that they would like to take Holy to the Sick and Housebound and anyone else who might be interested, training will be held in the Church after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 8th June. For more information contact Denice Bourke on 0408572112.

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