

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

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.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30

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.'



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 10th/11th MAY, 2025

*Gracious God,
bless our mothers,
that their love may be
deep and tender,
and that their prayer for us,
their children,
will help us to
know and do what is good,
encouraging us to love You
and one another.
Amen.*



The characterisation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd points to the relationship Jesus has with those who follow him, as well as the relationship he has with God. The image of Jesus as shepherd implies intimate knowledge on the part of both Jesus and his followers and unquestioning trust on the part of the followers. Jesus promises that he will give eternal life to his sheep, and that he will not allow anyone to take them away from him. He can promise eternal life, because he has power over death. Jesus consistently calls God Father, the Trinitarian designation that signifies distinction in divine union. It is clear that all that Jesus says and does is the actual embodiment of God's will and not just behaviour that is in conformity with it. The shepherd who cares for the sheep is indeed one with God.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGGETT

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday	[St Agnes Church]	6:00 pm
Sunday	[OLA]	9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Tuesday	[OLA Church]	6.00 pm
Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Thursday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Friday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [\[OLA Church\]](#) 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9:45 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.30 am

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C – 10th/11th MAY, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Pat Scott, Brett Steenholdt, John Martin,
Danny Doyle, Bill Pedrazinni,
Crispina Salavarez, Dionne Thompson,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Joan Owens, Kevin Byrne,
Kathleen Blair, Rita Thomazios,
Tim Bukasongo, Michael McGannon,
Rita Herft, Vladimir Gazdik, Tom Kelly,
Alberto David, Robert Gormley,
Francisco Aureo, Wilfredo Rubia,
Lorna Harold,

...and all who we remember at this time.

*...additionally, we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from
Year C in the Lectionary cycle.**

Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to generously support our
parish i.e. through their contributions to both our
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the
assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working
on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to
Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.



HABEMUS PAPAM... We have a Pope!
We pray for **Leo XIV**, our newly elected
Pope, that he may be a faithful witness to Your
truth, a shepherd to all in need, and a unifying
presence in Your Church and in our world.

**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY
APPEAL** Thank you from CatholicCare
Victoria. CatholicCare Victoria is deeply
grateful for the support of our parish during last
week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.
We raised a total of \$1,933.40. The
generosity of our parish community means that
CatholicCare Victoria can continue the
mission; to create transformational personal
impact and empower every individual to reach
their full potential and live life to the full.
Thank you for helping those in need!
For more information about CatholicCare
Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au
**CatholicCare thanks you once again for
your ongoing generosity.**

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT
COMPASSION** A HUGE THANK YOU for
your generous support of the 2025 Lenten
Appeal. A total of **\$3,034.55** has been raised.

**FYI: THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
MASS COUNT** continues this weekend and
will be conducted each weekend, throughout the
month of May.

**SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY OF THE
SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH** are delighted
to invite you to the following reflection day as an
opportunity to nurture one's spirit. The program
is an invitation to all to nourish the soul and offer
moments of deep stillness, insight, and
connection to support your spiritual journey.

The Ripple Effect

Reflection Day: Wednesday 14th May
9.30am - 3.30pm
Facilitator: Liz Lewis

For more information, call 9926 9300 or email:
admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday we celebrate Good
Shepherd Sunday – the World
Day of Prayer for Vocations.
Pope Francis reminded us that:
*There can be no greater joy than
to risk one's life for the Lord!* Let us 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 the consecrated life or to priesthood.

**CAN YOU HELP? Nepean Welcoming
Immigrants and Newcomers with Dignity
(Nepean Wind)** is a group made up of
parishioners from our parish of Christ Our
Light and the parish of St Mary of the Cross,
Mordialloc/Aspendale. In support of a Syrian
refugee family (2 parents, 3 young daughters)
who will arrive in Australia at the end of May,
we are seeking short-term rental
accommodation for them (ideally for about 6
weeks or more). If you or anyone you know
can assist with short-term rental accommod-
ation, please get in touch.

Contact: Theresa Thomas (0400 126 010) or
Joan Kenny (0428 584 327).

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF
VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA** are
conducting a Pray and Paint event on **Saturday
14th June, from 9am – 12.15pm.**

Venue: **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
& Hall, 631 High Street, East Prahran.**

Program: Commencing with Mass at 9am,
followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Dean
Mathieson and a painting session.

No painting experience necessary!

All materials will be provided.

Tickets: \$30 (\$20 for CWLVWW members)

RSVP by 10th June (or unless sold out)

Register at www.trybooking.com/DATEx or via
email at: info@cwlvicww.org.au