



4th Sunday of Easter - Year C 7th & 8th May 2022

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A Mother's Prayer

*We offer our prayers to you, O God, for our mum.
May worry be eased from her mind and replaced with peace
in her heart.*

*May the creative work of her hands
be recognised and her thoughtfulness be met
with gratitude.*

*May times of pain and loss
be made bearable by the love
and care of those around her.
And may she know that as much
as she loves her children,
she too is loved.*

Amen

Wishing all woman a blessed day.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
Pope Francis tells us:

*There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for
the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the
young. Do 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 consecrated life or priesthood.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 2022

Monday 9 May 2022

07.30pm Vinnies Meeting

Tuesday 10 May 2022

09.00am Mass and Adoration/Rosary

07.30pm Praise and Worship/Prayer Group - GA

Wednesday 11 May 2022

11.00am Mass

01.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday 12 May 2022

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Friday 13 May 2022

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday 14 May 2022

09.00am **NO** Mass/Confession

11.00am Baptism

05.30pm Mass

Sunday 15 May 2022

09.00am Mass - Morning Tea after Mass - GA

10.00am 1st Eucharist Program - Lesson 2

11.00am Mass

05.30pm Mass

Remembering Our Community

Sick

Pat Nitz, Peter Smyth, Kathleen Barr, Rachel Bransby, Patricia Simpson, Frances Murray, Marian & Stephen McQuinn, John Anderson, Bernice Collins, Raymond Anderson, Rae Barrett, Lynn Fleming, Will Coghlan, Geoffrey Jones, Nancye Simpson, Chris Roberts, Sarah Narajowski, Barbara Walters

Anniversary

Vittoria Carnovale, Maryann Muir, Michael Truong Thanh Thao, Theresa Nguyen Thi Nam, Daminh Pham Duc Toan, Fr Rom Murphy, Charles Corfield, Ronnie Wimer, Gladys Stannard, Steven and Clentina Paino

Recently Deceased

Walter Di Marino, Elizabeth Story, John Frankcombe, Anna Binh

Temporary Changes to Weekly Masses

As there will be supply priests assisting us over the next few weeks we have to make a few minor changes to the weekly mass schedule. Please be aware that:

- **There will be no Saturday 9am Mass**
- **There will be no Novena, Rosary and Benediction on Wednesdays.**

We hope that these changes will only be until the end of the month however we will keep make parishioners aware of any updates.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: The monthly food collections will be held this weekend the **7th & 8th May 2022**. The most useful items are the staples such as: Pasta & pasta sources, rice, baked beans & other canned food & soups, canned fruit, spreads such as vegemite, peanut butter and jams and also breakfast cereals and long-life milk as well as canned fish such as tuna and sardines.



Donations can also be made to the Poor Box which is situated near the entrance to the Gathering Area. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are now due back. Please put your boxes either on the collection plate or hand them back into the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity.



Fr Think's New Contact Details

A number of parishioners have requested Fr Think's new contact details. Fr Think can be contacted at:

Fr Think Nguyen
Ministry to Priests
199 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, Vic, 3053
Ph:9412 8400

Help Required - Special Ministers

We are looking for volunteers to help as Special Ministers for the 11am Sunday Mass. The commitment would be to serve as a special minister once per month on a rotating roster. As a volunteer of the parish you must be vaccinated, have a Working with Children Check and sign the Code of Conduct. If you are able to assist in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

St Scholastica's acknowledges that we gather, pray and live together on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations.

ROSTERS

<u>Mass Time</u>	2nd Sunday of the Month 07/08 May 2022	
	<u>Readers/Musician</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
Sat 5.30pm	Janice Silvana Pauline	Charlie Mellican Noela Corby
Sun 9.00am	Juancho Natividad Judy	Betty McDonald Joy Guinane
Sun 11.00am	April Lewis Henry	April Lewis Tam Pham
Sun 5.30pm	Shenuk Perera Sean	Netty Solomon Marie Serophim

ROSTERS

<u>Mass Time</u>	3rd Sunday of the Month 14/15 May 2022	
	<u>Readers/Musician</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
Sat 5.30pm	Stephanie Rozario Pauline	Franklin Rozario Melan
Sun 9.00am	Sylvia Chua Judy	Daniel Leong Dominic Coniglio
Sun 11.00am	Clare Gately Sumo	Willard Lewis Tam Pham
Sun 5.30pm	Geetha Jayasuriya Henry	Monika Vidot Marie Serophim



NOTICEBOARD

Baptism at St Scholastica's

It is a requirement of the parish that a Baptism information night must be attended prior to having your child baptised. Contact the parish office on 9808 1006 to make a booking into one of the monthly sessions. Next session: **Thursday 2nd June 2022** at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.

Thanksgiving Program - Ways to contribute

- Envelopes (weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly)
- Credit cards
- Direct debits (set up by the parish office)
- Direct deposits to the parish account details can be found below.

Account Name: St Scholastica's Parish
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You can set up your direct deposit or credit card contributions yourself. Please always use your envelope number. Or Amelia and Dominique can assist with this. Please pop in to see us, send us an email or call us, lots of ways to help you out.

When receiving your new credit card please contact us with the new details if you wish to continue to contribute. We are thankful for all the support you give our parish especially during these challenging times.

Piety Stall:

Religious statues as well as other items are still available at the Piety Stall. The statues have been made available on consignment and include "Divine Mercy", "Mary of Lourdes", "Holy Family" and many others. The Piety stall is open every first weekend of the month after the 5.30pm mass on Saturdays and the 9.00am and 11am masses on Sundays.

Safeguarding Check

Don't forget if you volunteer in the Parish the office must have a copy of your:

- Working with Children Check
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Vaccination Status

Please contact the Parish Office for further information or for us to assist you with this process.

Quote of the week

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

Joke of the week

Magnet or mother? A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I? "When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word "Mother".

Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During The Covid Pandemic

Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

Mass Details: Sunday 22 May, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Pledge to Pray

'Pledge to Pray' - is an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. Please 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au. This site is dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

Thank you Fr Thinh (a message from a parishioner)

We have been so very blessed to have you Fr Thinh as our 6th parish priest at St Scholastica's. Usually a priest's stay is measured in 6-7 years - but your time has been completed in 15 incredible months, and our prayer life and relationship with God has been impacted for the rest of our life. You modelled for us how to love our neighbour in word and action, living the Gospel and leading us to Jesus, while helping us realise God's unconditional love and mercy for us, and growing closer to him through the sacraments and an ever deepening prayer life. We treasured all your homilies, each one like a precious pearl. In Persona Christi, you have cared and listened and walked with us, called us by name, encouraged and worked along side us. You have truly been the face of Christ to us, and we will always be grateful for this gift of yourself you have given, every day you were our Parish Priest. We will continue to hold you in prayer as our Good Shepherd leads you and the Holy Spirit guides you with Wisdom, ministering to all the priests of the archdiocese.

From today's Book of Revelation reading:

"I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue."

Reflection:

In a competing and divided world, the Book of Revelation gives us a vision of our mutuality. We are interdependent; our present and our future are entwined. We cannot live lives of indifference and isolation; not if we plan to go before, "the one who sits on the throne" and be fed together at the same eternal banquet table.

So, we ask ourselves

- Do I share John's vision of the future unity of all peoples?
- What am I doing to heal divisions that I perceive around me?

St Scholastica's Parish is committed to creating a child safe culture that safeguards children and young people including the safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children and young people, children and young people with a disability, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



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the Unborn*



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



4th Sunday of Easter Year C - 7/8 May 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

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

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading: Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

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.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



**5th Sunday of Easter
Year C
14 & 15 May 2022**

First Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**

Second Reading: **Rv 21:1-5**

Gospel: **Jn 13:31-35**

Scripture Commentary for 4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

Last Sunday we saw Simon Peter commissioned to take up the pastoral office ('Feed my lambs; feed my sheep') previously exercised by the Good Shepherd himself. The Gospel for today, even though it comes from an earlier part of the Fourth Gospel (10:27-30), carries on from that commission in that it pursues the sense of the members of the community as 'sheep' belonging to the flock of the risen Lord. Though the context of Jesus' discourse is new (it is now that of the Jewish feast of the Dedication, celebrated in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple under the Maccabees), the sense of Jesus as Good Shepherd remains implicit as other aspects of the pastoral image are developed.

First of all, members of the community listen to the Shepherd's voice. They are aware that he is constantly addressing them (in the Scriptures and the sacramental life of the Church) and they attune their hearing to the sound of his voice and the message it imparts.

Secondly, there is knowledge. They are confident that the Good Shepherd, like reliable Palestinian shepherds at the time of Jesus, has intimate knowledge of each one of them – knows their strengths and weaknesses, their capacities and liabilities. This leads to trust and readiness to follow whenever and wherever the Shepherd calls.

The image begins to move in a fresh direction when Jesus presents himself as the one who gives the sheep 'eternal life'. In the Fourth Gospel, 'eternal life' refers to human participation in God's own eternal being and communion of love (1:4, 12-13) – something that begins here and now. Since it is indeed the life of God, it will ensure that the flock will not be lost (from eternal life) or stolen from the Good Shepherd. The grasp that binds the flock to this gift of life is not simply that of Jesus. Behind him is the grasp of the Father, 'who is greater than anyone'.

The strength of these assertions might suggest that once people become believers they gain an automatic assurance of salvation. I do not think the evangelist, if pressed, would be quite so absolute as the formulations make him sound. We are dealing here with a biblical way of speaking where absolute statements are used to inculcate great confidence in God's love and power. The gospel is exploring and exploiting to the very limit the richness of the image picturing the relationship between the believing community and the Lord as sheep and Shepherd. In the everyday pastoral world from which the image is taken, sheep get lost and sheep get stolen. Those most vulnerable are those whose shepherds are not strong. The Christian community need have no fear in this regard. Their Shepherd is strong with the strength of God – indeed, since 'the Father and I are one', their ultimate Shepherd is in fact God.

This final statement stressing the complete unity between Father and Son takes us back to the sublime christology of the Prologue at the beginning of the Fourth Gospel: 'No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is ever in the heart of the Father, who has made (God) known' (1:18). The sense of intimacy, of knowledge, of self-sacrificing love that attends the Good Shepherd image in reference to Jesus applies just as much to the disposition of the Father in our regard as well.

In the First Reading, from Acts 13:14, 43-52, the lectionary continues the sequence begun on the Second Sunday of Easter presenting 'snapshots', as it were, of the life and mission of the post-Easter church. Here it would be important not to interpret the account of Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia in an anti-Jewish way. It is interesting that after preaching to the Jews in the synagogue – the reading omits Paul's sermon – Paul and Barnabas exhort them to 'remain faithfully in the grace God had given them'. This is not the language of conversion from one religion to another. It is only a minority of Jews who make trouble and cause Paul and Barnabas to turn to the pagans. But in so doing they are actually fulfilling the destiny of Israel to be 'a light to the nations', according to the prophecy of Isaiah (42:6; 49:6; 51:4; 60:3), taken up by Simeon at the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:32).

The Second Reading presents one of the great visions of the Apocalypse (7:9, 14-17), depicting the ultimate triumph of the faithful. Not all the faithful are in view but those in particular who have suffered persecution, even death, for their fidelity to the faith. The reading links thematically with the Gospel in its insistence that the Lamb (= the risen Lord) will be their Shepherd and lead them to springs of living water.

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Since returning from graduate studies in Oxford in 1977, Brendan Byrne has been Professor of New Testament at Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, Australia, of which he was Principal (1992-97). He was Rector of Campion College, Kew (1979-84) and a delegate to the 33rd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus in 1983. He was a visiting professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, in 1993 and has also taught in East Asia and East Africa. He was a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission (Rome) (1990-96) and President of the Melbourne College of Divinity (2000-01). He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1999. Brendan Byrne is the author of nine books, edits the theological journal *Pacifica* and regularly gives workshops on scripture to clergy and parish communities.