



St Patrick's Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year C)

Entrance Antiphon

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

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the 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 has 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3, 5

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

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

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

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

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

Second Reading: Revelation 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: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am-9.10am

Saturday: 8.30-8.55am – 10am-11am

Anointing of the sick: By appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six months' notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

Parish office: Please call 0448 658 418

St Vincent de Paul: If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

Care group: Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Fr Michael Mulcahy,
David Wiggins, Pasqua Di Gregorio

Anniversaries: John Wright, Salvatore & Maria
Sabatino, Francesco Di Natale, Felicia Di Natale,
Marianna Di Vicchia, Domenico Di Natale, Franco,
Zianni, Mary Anthony

Sick: Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Anne-
Maree Sullivan, Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham,
Claudette & Gilbert Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John
Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel
O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy

Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Emma, Wayne,
Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos,
Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Stephen, Gael
Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose
Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen
Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, John Phillips, Justin
Calle, Michael Di Ciero, Jennifer Berridge, Shayne,
Carole Wright, Susan Lee, Jos Vandersman, Carmel
Calabro, Frances Lamonica, Joy Layton, Blake, Val
Bailey, Leanne Trusler

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Lilydale		Healesville
Tuesday	9.15am	Thursday 9.15am
Wednesday	9.15am	Sunday 8.30am
Friday	9.15am	
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	
Sunday		10.30am

Holy hour 8am -9am

Confessions from 8.30am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

**Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction** every Friday following 9.15am Mass.

Rosary Group

Each Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of
the Rosary, concluding at 10.30am.

Italian Prayer Group

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the
church concluding 10.30am

Christian Meditation: Saturday morning at 9.15 am
in the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre.

For more information please contact Mary on 0457 638
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WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

**Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish
(Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50**

1st May 2022

Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 1038.00
Presbytery	\$ 523.80
Restoration	\$ 293.90

If you would like to make a donation:

Running expenses of the Church
St Patrick's Church Account
083-347
63931 6508

For Fr Francis living expenses
St Patrick's Presbytery Account
083-347
48642 4857

ROSTERS

Prayers of Intercession & Readings

7/5 & 8/5

6.00pm – Ann Burrows

10.30am – Matthew Burow

14/5 & 15/5

6.00pm – Mary Dowling

10.30am – Louise Fitinghoff

21/5 & 22/5

6.00pm – Patrick Bennett

10.30am – Mary Dowling

28/5 & 29/5

6.00pm – Ann Burrows

10.30am – Monica De Knecht

4/6 & 5/6

6.00pm – Mary Dowling

10.30am – Frank Feltham

11/6 & 12/6

6.00pm – Patrick Bennett

10.30am – Matthew Burow

18/6 & 19/6

6.00pm – Ann Burrows

10.30am – Louise Fitinghoff

25/6 & 26/6

6.00pm – Mary Dowling

10.30am – Monica De Knecht

If you would like to join our reading roster please let the office know.

4th Sunday of Easter – ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday



“The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.” (John 10:11)

The fourth Sunday of Easter is designated “Good Shepherd Sunday” and has been used for many decades now to promote vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated religious life. The pastoral mission of the Church relies upon generous souls being willing to offer their lives in service. The act of consecration or ordination gives a permanence to the gift of self. Since God himself is the author of the ‘call’ this is not an initiative one takes upon oneself but one is personally invited, as each of the apostles was called by Christ. Since the mission of the Church is foremost God’s own work we trust that he will continue to raise up faithful shepherds to guide and pasture the Christian faithful.

Although we can think of vocations in terms of the broad categories or priesthood, religious life and marriage, there is at the same time a great specificity in the call. In personality, temperament and capabilities St Peter was nothing like St Paul. Each of the apostles and indeed all who came after them is unique. In two thousand years we see that there are no two priests or bishops who are identical. The Church is not a sausage factory! Each priest is invited to live the mystery of the priestly vocation in his own unique way, offering his gifts, talents and energies. Catholic priests include such diverse personalities as Antonio Vivaldi (the baroque composer), Georges Le Maître (the physicist/astronomer who first proposed the ‘big bang’ theory), Erasmus of Rotterdam (the Renaissance humanist and philosopher), Julian Tenison-Woods (palaeontologist/geologist/explorer) and Robert Hugh Benson (novelist).

The same could be said of all of the saints. Each saint is an unrepeatable original masterpiece! This is a



POSTPONED – Due to Debbie being unwell we will “Farewell” Debbie at our June morning cuppa. May Cuppa will still go ahead in the community centre.

A card will be in the foyer of the church over the next few weeks for us all to sign. If you would like to contribute to a gift please see the office.



Wishing all our mothers a very happy mother’s day

reminder that Christ calls each of us according to our own gifts, capacities and limitations, to serve him in a unique way. The call to serve is certainly not limited to priests or religious! We all have a part to play in building up the Body of Christ.

With this thought in mind, I take this opportunity to invite each of you to consider how you might be called to serve in the Church, especially locally in the parish. In the wake of the COVID lockdowns our volunteer base has seriously dwindled. This has meant the burden of caring for the parish all too often falls to the same people. Ideally the running of the parish should be a shared responsibility – we each have our part to play! This is a chance to invite everyone to consider the various ways you might be able to give of yourself. If you've never been a church volunteer feel free to try out a few areas and see where you can best serve. Be adventurous!

Below is a list of possible areas you might be able to consider serving in:

Church cleaning
Grounds-keeping
Building maintenance
Volunteering for periodic working-bees
Parish hospitality (morning teas, BBQ's etc.)
Parish social committee
Parish Office support
IT technicians/support
Mass collectors
Money counters
St Vincent de Paul society
Home visitation of sick/house bound
Bereavement support
Providing meals for parishioners in need
Leading the rosary before Mass
Reading for Mass
Choir
Organists
Altar servers
Catechists

...and the list goes on. Everyone's situation is unique. Whether you are young or old, retired or working, active or contemplative, prefer working front-of-house or behind-the-scenes, there is bound to be some special way you can serve with your time and talents that will enrich the life of the parish.

Yours in Christ
Fr Francis Denton



We are a child safe Parish

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, 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 book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

A Mothers' Day Prayer

Loving God, we pray:

*for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;*

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding

Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au

Latest Guidelines from the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>