

# 4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

## 11th - 12th May 2019

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

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 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 converts were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 99:1-3.5. R.v.3

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

**Second Reading:** Apoc 7:9, 14-17

*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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 10:14

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

**Gospel:** Jn 10: 27-30

*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

**“Vocations are born in prayer  
and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.” Pope Francis**



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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C 11th - 12th May 2019, Good Shepherd Sunday

### “The Sheep that belong to me, listen to my Voice”

The image of a Shepherd leader has a long history in many cultures. Reaching back into the history of the people of Israel, God was identified as the True Shepherd of His people. The role of ‘shepherd’ was also associated with the leaders God called forth to unite and lead the People by safe paths: Abraham, Moses and David from boy shepherd to King uniting the tribes of Israel as one people.

The everyday life of a shepherd was by no means idyllic. His was a lowly state, on a par with tax collectors, swine herds. Tending sheep was done in deserted and unsafe places and on hillsides away from regular living areas, at the mercy of the elements, wild beasts and raids by rustlers. When danger loomed some shepherds would abandon the flock for their own self preservation.



However, a good shepherd was one who knew his sheep individually, gave each a name, identify their vulnerabilities and the dangers they faced. To the shepherd no one sheep was of less value than another. The shepherd became one with his sheep, sensitive to the injured one, carrying the helpless one, looking out for the stray, and providing a safe environment for the flock to thrive. He would lay down his life for them, as a loving parent would give his or her all for a child. Jesus, in identifying himself as the Good Shepherd, stressed that he was one with God the Father and one with the people in his care. All were One.

Jesus’ image of the good shepherd pointed also to how authority was to be exercised in the community of his followers. Those who aspired to leadership were to be shepherds of people in the model of the Good Shepherd. We might recall last week’s words to Peter “Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.” Today we pray for all in the church and our community in positions of leadership.

The Latin word for “Shepherd” is the root word of “pastor”, which is often used to describe the priest who leads the community and from which we derive the word “pastoral council” and “pastoral care”, all of which imply a duty of love and care towards others. We pray that young people will be inspired to respond to God’s call to leadership in our church and for all who, whether in the home, parish, local community and broader church, are called and challenged to be shepherds of others.

**On this Mothers’ Day, let us express our gratitude to our mothers,  
who in their nurturing care for us have exemplified the devotion and  
unconditional love of the Good Shepherd.**

**Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers!**



#### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

#### Priests in Residence:

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#### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

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#### Parish Mass Schedule

##### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

##### Weekday Masses:

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

##### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

##### Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

**Thanking Our Mothers**



Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to thank our mothers and to reflect on the distinctive contribution that mothers make to society through their care of their children. The day forms a triptych with Fathers' Day and Family Day in expressing gratitude to people who shape our lives as children. Each of these days celebrates relationships that bless us as human beings. Mother's Day is not simply a celebration for the family but for society. It is a chance for society to recognise the importance of mothers and to honour and facilitate their contribution. This poses a dilemma today because the premise on which our economy is built is that people are valued by the economic contribution they make to society, and so are expected to work in the market. But no value is put on the mother's contribution at home. This puts a heavy burden on single mothers, who are often already burdened by not being able to share the care and nurturing of young children with We often meet vulnerable young people who have been deprived of a caring mother early in their lives. We meet others who have been taken from their homes and confined in justice centres. Their lives are marked by this deprivation. We know what a difference that adequate support for their mothers and carers in their early years might have made. Mother's Day is a day to thank our own mothers and to acknowledge the debt we all owe to people who accept the responsibility of mothering. It is also a time for asking how as a society we can encourage mothering.



**Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments**

Enrolments for the 2020 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

**Dates to Remember**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May:**  
Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal

**Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal**

To support the vital work of Catholic Chaplaincies in our Archdiocese - next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Last Week's Collection: 05/05/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1100.55  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$660.20  
Help for Church in Sri Lanka: \$831.45

Thank you for your kind generosity!



**Thank You Fr Alfonsus!**

Our sincere thanks to Fr Alfonsus who has been serving in our parish during Fr Jan's surgery and recovery time. Fr Alfonsus agreed to come to Melbourne on a very short notice and ministered here during the busy Lent, Holy Week and Easter time. He will now move to his new assignment - to Santa Teresa, Central Australia. We wish him all the best in his new parish and pray for him and his Aboriginal, Arrernte parishioners. Terimakasih Father!

**Homelessness - What Parishes Can Do?**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019, with the onset of Winter, Catholic Social Services Victoria will host a forum "Homelessness - What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. Come and hear what the Australian Bishops have to say about making a home for everyone in our land, what the Christian community is already doing to assist, and join in discussions how you and your parish can help. Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Lucia Brick at [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au), Tel. 03 9287 5566.



**Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion at Mass Workshop**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, 7.00pm to 9.00pm (6.30pm registration/light refreshments)  
Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
During this liturgical formation workshop Fr Tony McSweeney SSS will provide theological insights into the structure of the mass and explore the richness of the four Eucharistic prayers: similarity and difference. Mary Ryan from AOFE will lead participants in discussion and practical training for this most important ministry of hospitality.  
Note: Participants must be endorsed by their parish priest.  
Cost: \$20.00 per person  
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BCINP>

**Oz Rosary Around Australia**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
Last year on 13<sup>th</sup> May, over 250 locations participated in Oz Rosary under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin. Bishop Cremin will continue as our patron this year at a similar event over the weekend of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May - the weekend of the feast day of Australia's patron, Our Lady Help of Christians. Participation is encouraged anytime over the weekend, which provides some flexibility for people. **Flyer:** <https://bit.ly/2Cj4Lib>  
**Enquiries:** Jane Chifley on 0476 535 595 or [ozrosary53@gmail.com](mailto:ozrosary53@gmail.com)

**Prayer for Vocations**

O God, who chose the apostles of all nations, And who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, We implore you to choose from among us, your children, Many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts And will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The French Jesuit, scientist and philosopher, Teilhard de Chardin, once said, "It was in my family that I became who I am. Most of my opinions, of my likes and dislikes, of my values and judgments, my behaviour, my tastes, were moulded by the family I came from." Parents remain the first and most important teachers of the faith, and of ideals. In fulfilling this role they should try to make daily prayer a natural part of life within the home. By so doing, they may sow the seeds of those vocations which will serve the spiritual needs of the next generation.

**Coming Soon to Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Sacred Heart Parish is planning to start a Children's Liturgy during regular Mass times and would like to hear from parents of children aged 4 - 12 years who may be interested in enrolling their children. The Liturgy of the Word is a prayerful celebration of God's Word, reading from a Children's Bible and reflecting on the way we live our lives in the light of God's Word. If you would like to be kept informed of developments, please fill out the expression of interest register in the Church foyer or contact Natalie on 0422 718 681. *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*



children's liturgy

**Cleaning Roster: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**



Dale/Volunteer

Thank you for your help!

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



**WE PRAY FOR:**  
The elderly and the sick  
*Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal, Fr Jan Szweda & Ercolina Zoppi*  
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Those who have died  
*Anna Maria & Francescantonio Bellizia, John Bourke (10th month), Alberto, Antonio & Maria Capretta, Enrichetta Frabotta, Michela Gandolfo, Rosina Loffo, Giovanna Loria, Serafina Marcedu, Mariana Privitelli, Ersillia Regnani, Nicolino Spanu, Antonio & Giovanni Spanu, Fortunata Vorlune and all deceased members of the Paiano, Loffo & Loria families.*  
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



**When the Pope Kissed His Mother's Ring**

Pope Pius X (1835-194) was a very humble man and had a saintly mother, Margarita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a washer woman and a school janitor to earn enough money so that he could go to the seminary. (In those days, the family had to pay for the seminarian's education.) When he was installed as Pope, his mother was present, and as was the custom, she kissed his large papal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, "Now you kiss my ring—for without it, you never would have received yours!"

**Supporting Asylum Seekers**

Thank you to all who continue to donate food items for the Asylum Seekers Sanctuary. Your continued support is very much appreciated and gratefully accepted by all at the Sanctuary. Some lists of items required are available in the porch of the Church for all would like to continue being part of this project.

St Vincent de Paul



**Roster for weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy Peter Bourke	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Tamburrini M.	Gugliotti A. Ilardi L.	Tamburrini M.
Sun 10.30am	Anne Stuart Marilene Fortunata	Vincci Lee Ivana Lo Bello	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Damian Casamento	Sharon Kotz	Jessica Suppiah