

4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday 24th - 25th April 2021, Year B

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the key-stone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

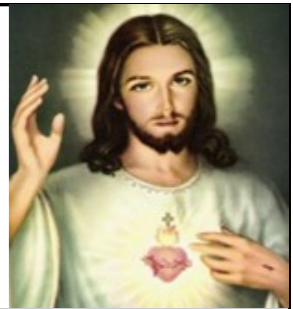
"I am the Good Shepherd"



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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)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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They Know Me by My Numbers

Everyone, it seems, is interested in my numbers. I go to the grocery store to buy some groceries. After the checkout woman rings up my bill, I pull out my cheque book and write out the cheque. She takes it from me. She looks at the information. Numbers tell her where I live. Numbers tell her how to reach me on the telephone. "Is this information correct?" she asks. "Yes, it is," I reply. "May I see your driver's license?" she asks. She looks at my driver's license and writes some more numbers on my cheque. Finally, I am approved. The numbers are all there. I can eat for another week.

One could wish it were a bit more human and personal. So, the Tax Office



knows me by my tax file number. My state knows me by my driver's license number. My bank knows me by my bank account number. My employer knows me by my mobile number. On and on it goes for you, for me, for everybody. Everybody knows my numbers. I am not sure that anyone knows me!

The numbers game that is played in our culture is one symptom of loneliness and alienation that surrounds us today. "All

the lonely people, where do they all come from?" That is a refrain from "Eleanor Rigby," the 1966 Beatles' song (Google, <https://genius.com>). Loneliness. Isolation. Alienation. These are the realities of contemporary civilised life.

"I am the Good Shepherd." These are Jesus' words in our reading from John's Gospel text for this sermon. "I am the Good Shepherd; I know My own and my own know Me..." Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus knows us personally and loves us.

Fr. Anthony Kadavil (edited)



Welcome to our Parish!

We welcome to our Parish, Rachel Costa, who has been appointed to the position of Parish Secretary. Rachel comes with years of Parish experience, as she is also the secretary of St. Raphael's Parish in West Preston.

We pray for God's blessings upon Rachel. May her time at Sacred Heart Parish be fulfilling and grace-filled.

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

On behalf of the Parish, we thank Catherine Zanatta for her dedication and commitment in her leadership role and service, as Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. At the recent PPC meeting, Gerard Grant was appointed the new Chairperson; our congratulations to Gerard.

Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3sNC1W1> where you can listen anytime!



Sacred Heart Primary School 2021 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open as of Monday 1st March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make.

Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021

Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome *Xavier Michael Harris, Estelle Mileto, Alessia Jayde Millar and Ethan Lucas Nguyen* into our Parish family



Last Week's Collection: 18/04/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1059.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$765
Easter Offering: \$50.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Today is Anzac Day

In recent years, the public celebration of Anzac Day has been a little overblown. There has been a tendency to see in Anzac Day a symbol of the power of Australia, and a demonstration of its virtues and military prowess. It has been invested in contemporary Australians and their leaders unearned qualities built on make-believe.

That emphasis on Anzac Day as a celebration of an imagined heroic Australian identity obscures the death and loss both of soldiers and of their relatives and friends, the cost to families and to Australian society of their loss, and of the responsibility of their dependents to turn from war.

This year, Anzac Day will not be seen against a canvas screen showing idealised figures in warlike poses or sportsmen looking mean, but against harsh contemporary experience of fires and the Coronavirus.

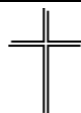
We have seen the reality of bushfire with its devastation of forests and impoverishment of local people in the areas that it touched. We have also seen the ash and smelled the smoke that drove away the comfortable illusion that climate change was unreal, and if real, that it was harmless. We have seen our leaders aimless in the face of fire and, like the rest of us, struggling to comprehend the Coronavirus pandemic, and the vulnerability of an economy built on debt. We have seen also the courage and generosity of many Australians, the self-seeking of others, and the cost that fire and sickness have brought to many individuals and the strain they have placed on communities.

When seen against the events of the year, Anzac Day can be a remembrance both of things past and things present. We can remember and stay with the pain, loss and grief of those who died and returned from war wounded in body and spirit. We remember also the pain of those who grieved their deaths and sometimes suffered their return, and whose lives were changed forever by their wounding.

This year, too, the isolation and anxiety in which we celebrate Anzac Day will echo the frequent experience of soldiers in war. It will be a time to remember and stay with the pain, loss and grief of those who have died through bushfire and illness, and the loss of those whose lives have been disturbed by them. As we remember Anzac Day and the trials of this year, too we remember and are grateful for the simple, humble and self-sacrificing lives hidden like pearls in the darkness of each event.

This year, the celebration of Anzac Day will necessarily be modest in its exclusion of marches and gatherings. It should also be modest in its rhetoric, forsaking any glorification of the day that would make the acts of generosity and bravery displayed in battle typical of the nation today or of its leaders. It should focus on the grief of the day and the more domestic virtues displayed in the aftermath of war and the flu that followed it.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19

Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Updated as of 5:00pm Thursday 8 April 2021:

Full guidelines can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3uBL1io>

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Pope Francis' Message

World Day of Vocations 2021

Good Shepherd Sunday - 25th April

Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation

'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.'

'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'

"I know the Psalm, but this preacher knows the Shepherd."

In London, a crowd had gathered to hear a famous Shakespearean actor recite some of Shakespeare's dramas. The crowd was very entranced and entertained by the actor's abilities, and they gave him frequent standing ovations. An old preacher in the audience encouraged the actor to recite the 23rd Psalm, using his Shakespearean style. The actor agreed on one condition that the preacher also should do so after he finished. The actor used much expression and voice inflection and all of his acting abilities, and when he was finished, the crowd gave a resounding standing ovation that lasted for several minutes. Then the old preacher started reciting the same Psalm. As he began, his voice was shaky because of his reverence for God's Word. When the preacher was finished, nobody clapped. They couldn't. There wasn't a dry eye anywhere, and all were busy wiping their tears. The Shakespearean actor slowly stood, and he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, there is obviously a difference between this preacher and me. I know the Psalm of the Good Shepherd, but this preacher knows the Good Shepherd of the Psalm."

<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum and Bronislawa Slobodzian
We Commemorate
John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini, Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin, Teresina & Valter De Stefani, Carlo, Duilio, Livio & Pasqua Trentin and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertonecello & Carlo Trentin families



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Ministers and Readers

At present, only one Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist has been allocated for each mass if required. This will depend partly on numbers of attendees at each mass and ongoing circumstances related to Covid-19.

If you are continuing or are no longer available for these ministries or for a mass time, please advise the office, Jessy or myself as soon as possible and the roster will be adjusted.

The Parish Safe Standards committee is currently updating its record of volunteers who hold current Working with Children Checks, as it is now compulsory for all Clergy, volunteers and employees.

If you need to apply for a WWCC, update your currently held Card or add Sacred Heart Church to your list of organisations in which you work as a volunteer, please ask for clarification by contacting the presbytery office or myself. Teachers who hold current VIT cards will nominate organisations in which they undertake volunteer work via VIT and the Parish will be advised via the WWCC Unit.

Thank you for your ministries past and present to our Sacred Heart community.

Pauline O'Day - Parish SS Committee

Roster for weekend of 1st - 2nd May 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Peter Bourke
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Catherine Zanatta Judeline Wadhvani	George Mc Brien
Sun 6.00pm	Robert Dullard Ylenia Useli	Damian Casamento

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 1st April 2021

Pauline and Dale
Thank you for your help!

