

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

**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.

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### CLAIMED BY THE FATHER

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, our Gospel attention turns traditionally to John's 'parable' of the Good Shepherd. Each of the lines in today's Gospel deserves special and lingering attention. 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice': The sheep are the members of John's Gospel household. Listening to the voice of Jesus is what links to the next line: Jesus 'knows' those who listen to him. 'Know' refers not to information about, but an intimate link with. Jesus 'knows' with a depth of intimate love.

This intimacy flows over into the experience of 'eternal life' (the next line). It also brings about a communion that leads to identity and 'being found'. If you have ever felt lost, either personally or in life direction, Jesus offers a centre, an eternal promise of identity that will never be taken away. This is the sense behind Jesus' reassurance to John's audience of never 'being stolen'. Those who follow Jesus are claimed by the Father. They will always be found, and are one with Jesus' God because, as John asserts at the Gospel's conclusion, Jesus and the Father are 'one'.

Today's Gospel is rich and powerful. We celebrate Jesus' love of us, his desire that we 'know' our communion with him and his Father. Through Jesus we are one, eternally, with the Father. He continues to shepherd us.

Fr Michael Trainor

### 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.

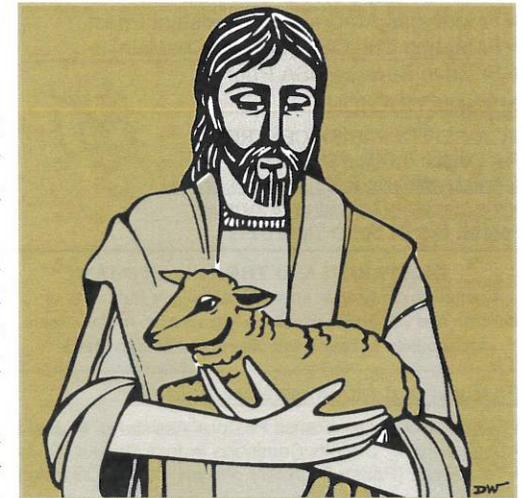
The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected 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.

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3.5

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)**

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

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

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

### SECOND READING

Apoc 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



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 11 May 2025)**  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street**  
**St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street**

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa
- ▶ Joss Honour (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, or by appointment.

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May Sts Nereus, Achilleus, Pancras		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May Our Lady of Fatima	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May St Matthias	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May Sts Alypius & Possidius	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	9.00am Mass	



**ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV (Robert Prevost OSA)**

We rejoice in the proclamation of the successor of St Peter, our brother Augustinian, as newly elected Pope in Rome on Thursday night last. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for our Chief Shepherd in his endeavours to bring the Gospel message to the peoples of the world.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ Finance Committee: Tues 13 May 4pm
- ▶ Parish Council: Wed 14 May 7pm
- ▶ Liturgy Committee : Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**AUGUSTINE – ON GOOD SHEPHERD**



“We have heard the Lord Jesus setting forth to us the office of a good shepherd. He says, I am the good Shepherd and how He is the good Shepherd, He

shows in the words following; The good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. Christ then is the good Shepherd. What was Peter? Was he not a good shepherd? Did not he too lay down his life for the sheep? What was Paul? What the rest of the Apostles? Were they not all good shepherds. All these then were good shepherds, not simply for that they shed their blood, but that they shed it for the sheep. For not in pride, but in charity they shed it.” (Sermon 138 Ben.)

**FR FRANCIS PARK OSA**



Fr Francis Park OSA will arrive in our parish community next week to serve as chaplain to the Korean Catholic community at Mount Waverley and Caroline Springs. We extend a warm welcome.



On 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May SJOS & University of Melbourne, Strive are offering free health assessments 2-5pm and a CPR workshop at 2pm in the coffee Room. Come along and feel free to bring a friend.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos GlouDEMANS, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Tom O'Neill, Florencio Pineda.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

- ✦ Pope Francis
- ✦ Ben Broekman

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Nancy McNamara
- ✦ Jim Barry
- ✦ Lewis W King
- ✦ Roland Frost
- ✦ Sr Helen Frawley
- ✦ Basil Pereira
- ✦ Christine Kerr
- ✦ Nicola D'Andrea
- ✦ Philip Platel

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**

Our celebration of Mothers' Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge those who gave us birth. The month of May is traditionally the Month of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. During our masses this weekend we recall the memory of those mothers no longer with us and ask God's blessing on all those who enrich our lives.



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY  
 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.**

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.



**PARISH FACILITIES FOR HIRE**

Beautiful heritage rooms available for meetings, corporate events, workshops, classes, etc. Please see our parish website for more details.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 4/05/2025**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 853.25
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 624.70
Envelopes.....	\$ 40.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$	1240.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 365.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	