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Upcoming Events

Propagation of the Faith—June

THIS SUNDAY

3:30 pm HOLY HOUR CANCELLED

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Mum's

Look for your sweet treat after Mass



Upcoming Holy Days:

- St John of Avila May 10
- Our Lady of Fatima May 13
- St Matthias the Apostle May 14

Youth groups

Quinns Place is BACK!

CANCELLED THIS WEEK
Encounter Group is BACK!

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday

ALSO CANCELLED
5PM YOUTH MASS

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Jane Payne, Michaela Gabriel, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Terry & Helen Roberts



Audrey Tunks, Therese Summons

Death Anniversaries: Ron Allen, Phillip Hackett

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5105010>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am
[1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

Every Friday & every Saturday from 9:45
(after 9:15am Mass)

3:30-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

9:45am: Wed & Saturday (after 9:15am Mass) or by appointment 59752200

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House & Hall

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass
2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House



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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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

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.'

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
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.'

Communion Antiphon

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



Have you thought? Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, "I give them eternal life." He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

Gospel reflection

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dis-

missed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights. In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds. Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

Gospel Focus – Eternal life

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12th General Congregation focuses on necessary qualities for a future Pope

The day before the beginning of the Conclave, the twelfth and final General Congregation of Cardinals focuses on various qualities important for a future Pope, including being a shepherd, bridgebuilder, and promoter of reform.

By Vatican News

On Tuesday morning, 6 May, the day before the beginning of the Conclave, 173 Cardinals, including 130 Cardinal electors, participated in the twelfth General Congregation, explained Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, during a subsequent briefing with journalists. As always, he noted, the Congregation began at 9am with a moment of prayer. There were 26 interventions, addressing a wide range of topics.

For instance, discussion focused on the reforms of Pope Francis that need to be carried forward: legislation on abuse, economic issues, the Roman Curia, synodality, work for peace, and care for creation.

The theme of communion was emphasized as a calling for the new Pope to be a Pontifex, a builder of bridges, a shepherd, a master of humanity, and the face of a Samaritan Church.

In times of war, violence, and deep polarization, it was said, there is a need for a Pope of mercy, synodality, and hope.

There was discussion of Canon Law and the power of the Pope, of divisions and the role of cardinals in the Church, of the proximity of the Solemnity of Christ the King and the World Day of the Poor - which should be considered together - and of the need for meetings of the College of Cardinals during Consistories.

Other topics included Christian initiation and formation as missionary acts, the memory of the witness of martyrs of the faith in areas of conflict and where religious freedom is limited, and the urgent issue of climate change.

The topic of the date of Easter, the Council of Nicaea, and ecumenical dialogue was also mentioned.

Bruni also explained that the Ring of the Fisherman has been made void, and that an appeal was read to the parties involved in various conflicts for a permanent ceasefire and negotiations, calling for a just and lasting peace.

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Details regarding schedule

The Director of the Holy See Press Office also explained some concrete details regarding the schedule. Tomorrow morning, there will be the Mass the Mass pro eligendo Pontifice. Then at 3:45pm, the Cardinals will be transported from Casa Santa Marta to the Apostolic Palace in choir dress for the entrance into the Conclave.

On Thursday morning, at 7:45am, the Cardinals will depart from Santa Marta to the Apostolic Palace, and at 8:15 AM, they will celebrate Mass and Lauds in the Pauline Chapel. Afterward, at 9:15 AM, there will be mid-morning prayer in the Sistine Chapel and they will begin voting.

He clarified that possible timing for smoke could be roughly after 10:30am if there were to be white smoke, and after 12:00pm. Then at 12:30pm, they return to Santa Marta for lunch.

That afternoon, at 3:45pm, they will return to the Apostolic Palace and will resume voting in the Sistine Chapel at 4:30pm. For afternoon votes, Bruni noted that possible smoke could appear after 5:30pm, if there were white smoke, otherwise around 7:00pm.

At the conclusion of the votes, there will be Vespers in the Sistine Chapel, and at 7:30pm, they will return to Santa Marta.





Cardinals prepare for their most sacred responsibility, the conclave to elect a new Pope

The upcoming papal conclave—beginning 7 May and expected to be the largest in history—will be the latest expression of a venerable tradition and an institutional safeguard designed to protect the Church when the See of Rome is vacant. Contrary to some popular representations, this process is steeped in prayer and focused on seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a religious ceremony ‘subject to liturgical law every bit as much as canon law’.

Continue reading:

[Cardinals prepare for their most sacred responsibility, the conclave to elect a new Pope](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/)

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PRAYER FOR ELECTION OF A NEW POPE

O God, who in your wondrous love watches over your Church,
fill the cardinal-electors with your Holy Spirit to strengthen and
inspire them as they choose a new Pope to lead us.

May they choose a shepherd for your Church who will please you in his
holiness and guide his flock with love and watchful care,
especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable.

We pray that your Holy Spirit may be with the one who is chosen to strengthen
him to be a messenger of love, peace, and unity in our world.

We offer our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen



Bipartisan pledge of \$60 million to restore Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has welcomed a bipartisan pledge of \$60 million from Australia's two major political parties to kickstart the restoration and revitalisation of Melbourne's historic St Patrick's Cathedral and the surrounding precinct.

First Aid in the parish.

The parish recently contributed to a number of parishioners in attaining their first aid qualifications through St Johns. The parishioners are now able to assist in providing first aid to those injured or ill at parish events, assessing injuries and illnesses, administering appropriate first aid treatment and arranging for further medical assistance if needed.



We are in the process of organizing first aid tabards so they can stand out in the crowd.

The parishioners are:

Jody Kerrins, Esme Higgins, Richard Jolly and Tim Lambourne. Kate McInnes, Youth Group Leader for Encounter is now also qualified.

Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told 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.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Just a reminder to return all Project Compassion boxes to the Parish Office or Sacristy in the next two weeks. We will need to collect, and count the funds

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Terry Roberts is still leading our competition after last week. Terry is 2 in front of Teresa and another one back to Kathleen and James. Last week 1 astute tipper was our best with 8/9. Well done Irene Hackett .

Last Weekend Hawthorn celebrated their 100th anniversary as an AFL/VFL Club. How well do you know them?

What was their nickname until 1943?

How many years did it take for them to feature in the Finals?

Which former player's name features in the AFL "anthem"?

Who are their 6 Brownlow medallists? and

What are the 7 venues where they have played for premierships?

If you have any queries please email or call:

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Mum

A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.

Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.





Jokes of the Week



#1: The young pastor was teaching the 23rd Psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep, then who is the shepherd?"— obviously indicating himself. A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?" The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

#2: A man in an Armani suit, Ferragamo shoes, the latest Polarized sunglasses and a tightly knotted power tie emerges from his shiny silver BMW, approaches a shepherd guarding his flock, and proposes a wager: "Will you give me one of your sheep, if I can tell you the exact number in this flock?" The shepherd accepts. "973," says the man. The shepherd, astonished at the accuracy, says, "I'm a man of my word; take the sheep you have won." The man picks an animal and begins to walk away. "Wait," cries the shepherd, "Let me have a chance to get even. Will you return my animal if I tell what your job is?" "Sure," replies the man. "You are an economist for a government think-tank," says the shepherd. "Amazing!" responds the man, "How did you deduce that?" "Well," says the shepherd, "you drove into my field uninvited. You asked me to pay you for information I already know, answered questions I haven't asked, and you know nothing about my business! Now put down MY DOG!"



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Phone: (03) 9926 5621

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ROSTER

4th Sunday of Easter – 10/11 May 2025

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Brian Scantlebury
Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird
9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino
Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Rosemarie D'Silva
11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Esme Higgins
Eucharistic Mins Gabriella Failla, Sheila Goddard

5th Sunday of Easter – 17/18 May 2025

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Joyce Ward
9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, John Azzopardi
Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Frank Crea
11.00am Readers John Rowe, Joan Clements
Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil

6th Sunday of Easter – 24/25 May 2025

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Mairi Duyvestyn
9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Kathleen Ronchi
Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas
11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Esme Higgins
Eucharistic Mins Terry Roberts, Sue Fletcher

The Ascension of The Lord – 31/6 -1 June 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw
Eucharistic Mins: Fay Murphy, Christina Llopart
9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino
Eucharistic Mins: John and Mary Lewis
11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Iris Hallinan
Eucharistic Mins: Rosina Di Petta, Sue Fletcher

Those wishing to volunteer contact Jody 045 0096 210, or via email:

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