

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

26 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

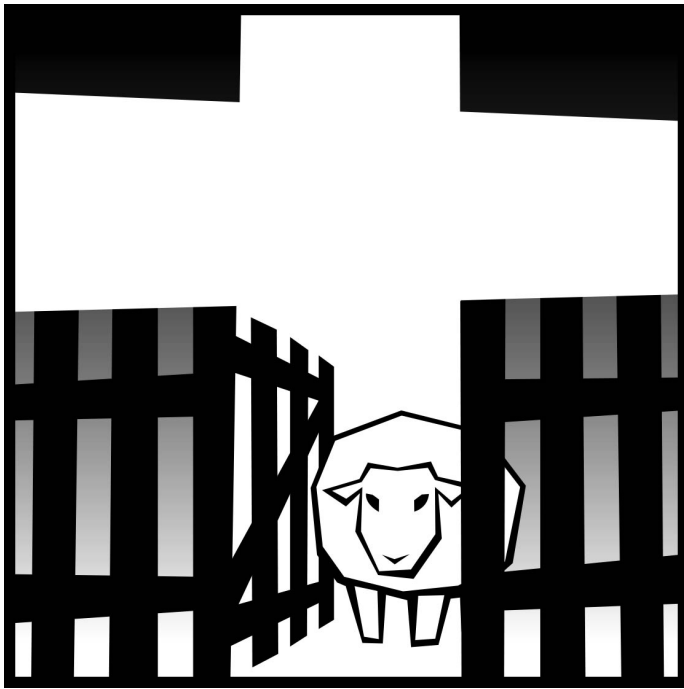
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.



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 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

‘I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be
safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.’

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In Jesus’ time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as ‘thieves and brigands’.

In John’s gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: ‘Feed my lambs, feed my sheep’.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd’s voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

26th of April 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday 2026

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

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.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 2 May 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, **but if you forget, then just turn up** on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025, 10.00am–11.30am

Venue: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne



Synod Corner: Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

THANK YOU!

This will be our last weekend with Fr Isaac in our parish. Fr Isaac has been assisting in our parish for the last month and a half, and the parish and schools have welcomed him with enthusiasm. On behalf of our parish, thank you Fr Isaac for your pastoral guidance and your warm smile and support. We wish you all the best as you enter the next part of your journey, as assistant priest at Epping.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. **Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore

Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore

Wed 9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms,
Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

8.15am, Tuesday to Saturday before
9am morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am
(Kilmore)

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and Priests, scan the QR
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First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

**St. Patrick's Parish is committed to
safeguarding the safety, wellbeing,
and dignity of children, young
people, and adults.**

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 25 Apr : SATURDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER—

ANZAC DAY

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 26 Apr: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Mon, 27 Apr: MONDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

8.30 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Tue, 28 Apr: FEAST OF ST. PETER CHANEL

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Funeral of Gavan Zoch, St Patrick's Church

Wed, 29 Apr: FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way

Thu, 30 Apr: THURSDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Funeral of Dorothy Yarwood, St Patrick's Church

Fri, 1 MAY: FRIDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Memorial for Jacob Scerri, St Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation 1st lesson, Parish Office

Sat, 2 MAY : FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 3 MAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's
12 noon Baptisms, St Patrick's

ANZAC Day Prayer

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Source: <https://anzacday.org.au/prayers-for-anzac-day-services>)



Easter Collection—Many people wanted to give an offering to the church at the Easter Vigil Masses, however due to an oversight, no collection was taken. We are leaving Easter Offering envelopes out, for those who wish to contribute to the Church loose collection for Easter.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>25/26 Apr</u>	<u>2/3 May</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	25 Apr	2 May
Reader	D. Mercovich	P. Donovan
EMHC	C. Rowe	A. Donovan
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	25 Apr	2 May
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	J. Jain	C. Clancy
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	26 Apr	3 May
Reader	P. Hutchinson	N. Ryan
EMHC	M. McGowan	P. Hutchinson
EMHC	V. Lawrence	S. Buckley
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	26 Apr	3 May
Reader	K. Archer	L. Pellicori
EMHC	L. Dunlop	C. Dodd
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	M. Fleischmann	P. Duff
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	H. Clancy
	TBA	P. Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier	L. Beaumont & C. Eid

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Dorothy Yarwood. Gavan Zoch and Jacob Scerri.

Anniversaries

Norman Rowe, Lindsay Robert Cameron, Kevin Mclaughlin, Gwen Cleve, Desmond O'Toole, Jim Fennell, Bryan Minogue, Carman Sant, Sheila Desira, Mary E. Young, Kate Austin, Peter Thomas Zoch, Joshua Hutchinson, Barbara Hutchinson and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Daisy Aguinaldo, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield, John Riggall and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks. If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Thanksgiving Envelopes: Please do not split your Thanksgiving envelopes in half. Please keep them intact and write the amount on the front. Thanks

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer.

St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.