



SUNDAY 11TH MAY, 2025.
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER. YEAR C
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (10:27-30)

Today's Gospel is amazingly reassuring for those who truly hear the voice of Jesus. He "knows" them. These are the ones who "follow" him, those who live as he lived, caring for the "flock". There is a sense of mutuality in hearing and in being known. The inheritance of the "known" ones is "eternal" or never-ending life. In other words, they participate in God's way of being in the world. Just as the shepherds of the ancient world protected their flocks, so the followers of Jesus are secure in his "hand", secure in the "hand" of God, for Jesus and "the Father" are one.

Later in John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene will hear Jesus' voice and recognise him when he calls her by name. She is one whom Jesus' "knows". Her faithful following of Jesus will find expression in her presence at the foot of the cross and her visit to the empty tomb.

Sisters of the Good Shepherd, founded in post-revolution France to shepherd God's people, especially young women at risk, take their inspiration from the Gospel image of Jesus as shepherd. They continue to shepherd God's people, including women who have been trafficked as sexual slaves. In recent years they have expanded their mission and, together with their associates and partners in ministry, have decided "to shepherd God's creation".

Their foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, understood the ways of shepherds in mid-19th century rural France: "How, in fact, do good shepherds act? They forget themselves and often have to endure hunger and thirst. They are crushed by fatigue and difficulties—no matter! They are happy if their sheep do not suffer and if they find those that are lost. What trouble they take to lead their sheep to good pastures! In summer they seek out places where there is water and shade; in winter they lead them to where the cold is less biting and the grass more abundant. If they notice poisonous plants near the little lambs they hasten to pull them up. Day and night they are on guard against wolves—they never completely relax."

The same respectful stance is needed as we seek to care for our threatened Earth community.

For the earliest readers of John's Gospel, the term "good shepherd" was a contradiction in terms. Shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in their search for feed. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless part of Israel's prophetic tradition.

John's Gospel evokes that tradition. It also evokes the figure of David, the shepherd boy who was destined to become king and to shepherd God's people. For biblical scholar Margaret Daly-Denton, the Israelite understanding of kingship is "shepherding done in the name of the true Shepherd of Israel (Ps. 80.1), the kind of care that reveals the divine 'care-fulness'" (*John: An Earth Bible Commentary*, T&T Clark, 2017, 144). Those who hear the voice of Jesus are called to that kind of care for one another and for our planetary home.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Nicola Muscari, Jean Marks, John Portelli, Rose Phun, Marie Nguyen Thi Sa and Sr. Helen Duffy** who died recently; and for **Elisa Franze** whose anniversary occurs about this time.
May they rest in peace.

To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters
and other women
in our lives that care for
us and love us
unconditionally,
Happy Mother's Day!

Entrance Antiphon— Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

The Word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3, 5.

(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: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

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

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.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

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

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parishes during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

The generosity of our parish communities means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission: to create transformational personal impact and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

If you were unable to donate last week, you can use one of the appeal envelopes in the church and put your donation on one of the collections at Mass today or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

OPEN DAY AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

Date: **Sunday 18 May**. Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm**

During your visit, you will have the chance to:

- Take a guided tour of our facilities
 - Meet our dedicated teachers and student leaders
 - Learn about our academic programs, co-curricular activities, and faith-based values
 - Discover how we nurture students to become confident, compassionate and capable young people.
- Please register your intention to attend.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes and envelopes should be returned as soon as possible to the baskets in the church or placed on the collection plate at Mass. Thank you to parishioners who have returned their donations already.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 1 June 2025, 11am at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following Anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th or 40 years or above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close on Sunday 25th May.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday we celebrate

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 the Priesthood.

MASS COUNT

The annual Mass count at all weekend Masses continues this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION

Over the next two weeks, small groups of children will be making their First Communion at most of the Parish Masses.

Please keep them in your prayers.

CORPUS CHRISTI JUBILEE PROCESSION

Sunday 22 June 2025

Procession begins after 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and concludes at Federation Square. On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, schools and communities are invited to send a group as we joyfully bear witness to Christ in this public way.

ST. VDP WINTER APPEAL

The Vinnies Winter Appeal will take place on the weekend of **Sunday 22nd June**. Funds raised through the appeal will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support people in need to find and maintain secure housing.

KEEP THESE DATES FREE

JUBILEE CONCERT

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE AT 3PM

At St. Augustine's Church Yarraville

This year is the centenary of St Augustine's Church and we are planning our first celebration close to the date of the laying of the Foundation Stone of St. Augustine's Church. It will be in the form of a Concert in the church focusing on Liturgical Music over the last 100 years.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S

On the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Augustine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will be the main celebrant at St. Augustine's. All past and present parishioners will be most welcome.

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DRIVER NEEDED

We are looking for someone to pick up a parishioner who lives in the Footscray area and drive them to the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St. Augustine's Yarraville. If you think you could assist, please speak to Fr. Werner.

PALMS – VOLUNTEER ABROAD

Date: **Thursday 22 May 2025**; Time: **6pm – 7pm**.

Join **Palms online** for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities.

Register at palms.org.au/events. 02 9560 5333;

palms@palms.org.au ; 02 9560 5333

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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation....8.00 am

St Augustine's...9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday 5th June at

11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code below and fill in your details.



STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

From now on, there will be two collections taken up at each Mass.

The first collection will be for the Presbytery.

The second collection will be the envelope collection for the Church. Stewardship envelopes should be put on the second collection.

We encourage people to set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, using these account details.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YARRAVILLE

St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:
BSB 083 347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:
BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN

Corpus Christi Kingsville

Church Account:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account: BSB 083 347

Account No. 638051413

There are census cards at the back of the church for new subscribers wishing to use weekly envelopes. Record your contact details on the card and put the card on the collection plate at Mass.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office. www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(10th & 11th May)

4th Sunday of Easter C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Pat Mc Laughlin

Sam Polzella

Counting..... Phillip Marques

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Mary Vella

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Joe Fusca

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(17th & 18th May)

5th Sunday of Easter C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Tere Tutai

Anna Messina

Counting.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Julianna Barr

Mandy Rodrigues

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Kahn Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.