

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Trieiza Matti, Clare Pree, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Ernest Abraham and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 2nd May — Spanish Community

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

ANZAC DAY PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.



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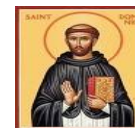
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The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

Lost Items

There are a lot of
lost items that have
been left behind in
the church, please
collect them
otherwise they will
be given away.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

26th April 2026

First Reading: Acts 2: 14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22: 1-6.

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia**

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1 - 12

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 – an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, 'I am the good shepherd'. Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

Historical Context – A line of shepherds -When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.

Scriptural context – Psalm 22 -Today's responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), 'the Lord is my shepherd'. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that *the Lord* is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

Gospel Focus – Life to the Full -John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

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.

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!



MASS COUNT Next Sunday

National Count of Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over the first four weeks of May, with the first weekend of the Count taking place on 2/3 May 2026. Mass coordinators, please help us with the counting including babies. Thank you.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. 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)

Envelopes are available on the pews, please take it and bring it next Sunday.

Sacramental Program 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 16 May 2026 at 6.00pm

The Sacrament for First Holy Communion: Sunday 26th July 2026 at 11.00am

A big thank you to the Vietnamese Community for the Sale of Food last Sunday, Total Amount Raised \$1,700.00

**Next Sale of Food Sunday 17th May
lead by the Island Community.**

Parish Synod Corner ...

37. Synodality and renewal—Renewal does not come from programs alone but from transformed relationships. Synodality nurtures those relationships.

38. Synodality and mercy—Listening with compassion reflects the mercy of Christ, who always began with encounter.

39. Synodality invites responsibility—Being heard also means being responsible for the Church's mission.

40. Synodality and prayer—Without prayer, synodality loses its soul. Every step must be rooted in prayer.

41. Synodality helps the Church grow—Growth in faith often comes through dialogue and shared discernment.

42. Synodality is a gift—It is not an obligation imposed from above, but a gift for the Church's renewal.

43. Synodality and faithfulness—True synodality deepens fidelity to Christ and His Gospel.

44. Synodality is about relationship—At its heart, synodality is relational—walking with God and with one another...