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## April 30 — 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)



On this *Good Shepherd Sunday* and the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians. The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by receiving Baptism in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded.

In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life. *(frtonyhomilies)*

### IV Domenica di Pasqua (Anno A)

Gesù si presenta come il Mediatore tra Dio e gli uomini. Egli è "la porta" dell'ovile.

Non ci è dato di incontrare Dio in modo immediato. Non possiamo stabilire noi il modo in cui comunicare con lui.

Dio si rivela e si dona a noi attraverso il Cristo che vive nella Chiesa. Raggiungiamo la comunione con lui mediante la strumentalità della Chiesa in cui è presente e opera Cristo.

Gesù non è soltanto il Mediatore del disvelarsi e dell'offrirsi di Dio a noi. È la realtà stessa del Verbo divino che ci raggiunge, ci illumina con la fede, ci trasforma con la grazia, ci guida con la sua parola, i suoi sacramenti e la sua autorità.

Egli è la "porta" e il "Pastore" che "cammina innanzi" alle pecore.

Gesù, come Buon Pastore, ci conosce per nome, ci ama e per noi offre la propria vita in una dilezione che si spinge sino alla fine.

Noi credenti siamo chiamati ad "ascoltare la sua voce" e a "seguirlo" senza porre condizioni.

Egli ci conduce al "pascolo". È la croce, dopo la quale, però, giunge la gioia senza limiti e senza fine: una gioia che ha le sue anticipazioni anche nell'esistenza terrena.

*(lachsia)*

### St. Vincent de Paul collection

Please be advised that there will be a special collection for St. Vincent de Paul on the weekend of May 6th and 7th.

Vinnies helps ease the pressure for families with practical support.  
 Vinnies provides housing support to thousands of Australians every day.  
 Vinnies provides food hampers to families struggling to make ends meet.

Your support can transform the lives of struggling Australian families.

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**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Lori, Catarina Calvi, Aiden Agius

**Upcoming funeral:** Rosaleen Stagnitta, Monday, May 8, 10.30. Rosary followed by funeral mass

**Recently deceased:** Amelia Testa, Rosaleen Stagnitta, Anna Sicilia, Gaudencia Bonachita, Vincenzo Tumino (Italy).  
 Rev. Bob Maguire

**Anniversaries:** Venera Maiorana, John Iapozzuto, Carmela and Vittoria Lanza, Luigi and Maria Rosa Mandanici, Pauline De Francesco, Angelina, and, Santo Butera, Fortunata Renda, Carmela Muraca, Francesca Mete, Orlando Victuelles

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

#### Mass times

##### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

##### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

#### Mass times

##### St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

##### Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

##### Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm

Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

### Rosters for weekend masses (May 6/7)

**Lectors:** Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud ; Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake ; 10.30 am: C. Di Giulio

**Bus driver:** B. Tajhano

### Statue of Our Lady

The parish statue of Our Lady has resumed her pilgrimage of our parishioner's homes after an extended pause due to COVID. Our Lady spends two weeks in each home and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to come and pray the rosary with you; for our parish and your own intentions.

If you would like to be added to the roster, please call Anna 0402741258 who will drop off and collect the statue.

### Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal (29-30th April)

You are invited to make your contribution to the training of seminary students for the Catholic priesthood. The Bishops of Victoria and Tasmania have established an annual Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal and invite donations that will support the education of students at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne. Over several years of academic and ministry training, seminary students strengthen the human, spiritual, pastoral, academic and missionary dimensions of their vocation, with the support of expert mentors, lecturers and supervisors. Donations can be made via the web site below:

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/#1-donate-online>

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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