



# St Bernadette's Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year C

8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Parish Staff

Fr John Taliana MSSP	Parish Priest
Miss Amanda Browne	Pastoral Worker
Mrs Joyce Cutajar	Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs Bev Tessari	Office (Tuesday)
Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



## Weekday Masses

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.15 am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

9.15 am

6.30 pm Novena, Rosary followed by

7.00 pm Mass

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** Sts Nereus & Achilles, St Pancras

9.15 am

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Our Lady of Fatima

9.15 am

## Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday - 8.30 am,  
9.45 am (Polish) 11.00 am, 12.30 pm (Vietnamese)  
and 7.00 pm.

## Reconciliation

Saturday - By Appointment

## Baptisms

By Appointment Only  
Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month  
at 11.00am



## REFLECTION

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

*Jesus, our Good Shepherd, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfill my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## Prayer for Vocation



O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build Your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen



**Please Pray For**  
**All who have died**  
**recently, for all whose**  
**Anniversaries occur at**



**this time and for all those who are sick and dying.**

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our Scripture reflection sessions are on  
Thursday evenings.



These sessions are via ZOOM video platform so you do not need to leave the comfort of your own home to attend.

If you haven't already attended these sessions, but would like to, please send Amanda an email to [brownieab75@gmail.com](mailto:brownieab75@gmail.com) and she will send you the ZOOM link weekly.

These sessions focus on reflecting on the scripture for the following Sunday and they are a chance for you to connect, not only with the Word of God, but also with the other Parishioners that join.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

### Working with Children Checks

Ministers who have not yet done so, please apply for your Working with

Children Check or update the organisations where you volunteer at as soon as possible.





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After praying the novena to Our Lady of Pompeii, during which I asked her to help me discern God's will for me, I felt strengthened to decide to become a priest.



## Prayer for the Canonisation and Beatification of the Servant of God Joseph De Piro:

Heavenly Father, in your great mercy you have raised up your Servant Joseph De Piro and filled him with your Holy Spirit to be a model for all people of our times: a citizen who loved his country in an authentic way, a priest totally dedicated to the needs of the local and universal Church, a father who cared for the poor and the oppressed and an ardent witness of the Good News. Through his intercession I/we ask you to grant me/ us the favour I/we request and, if it is your divine will, may he be recognised as one of your saints. We ask this through your Son Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

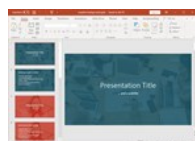
## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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

## MASS POWERPOINT HELPERS



The Mass PowerPoint is an important part of our weekend celebrations as it helps us to participate in the Mass by responding to prayers or singing our hymns.

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to learn how to run the PowerPoint during our weekend Masses. This Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> May), at 6.30pm, Amanda will facilitate a session on how to start up and run the Mass PowerPoints. You will not be required to create the PowerPoints – we just need helpers to run it during Mass. If you are interested in helping our Parish with this Ministry, please come to this session. Even if you do not want to be allocated to a specific Mass, if it is still beneficial that we have a number of people who can step in and help out when there is a need.

If you have any questions about this, please give Amanda a call on 0438 514 304.



## CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY - SUNDAY, 29 MAY

Join us for our College Open Day and enjoy a tour of all three campus's, meet and greet our students and staff, have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our College, plus hear from our College Principal.

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We look forward to seeing you at our College Open Day!

## MASS COUNT

Will be conducted during the month of May, for four consecutive weekend Masses.

## MOVIE NIGHTS ARE BACK

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month

Come along for an evening of faith, fun and friendship.

Our first movie night after more than 2 years will be on **Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in our Church. The DVD is called "Overcomer"



Life changes overnight for Coach John Harrison when his high-school basketball team and state-championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, he and his wife Amy meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John becomes the least-likely coach helping the least-likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.



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## MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral  
Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

## ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for students who are in Year 3 or above who would like to become an Altar Server. Altar Servers help set up for our Parish Masses and assist our priests during Mass. Being an altar server is an admirable ministry which encourages children to participate in the Mass in a special way.



If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, there will be a meeting in the Church on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at 11am. We hope to see you there.

## ST GEORGE PRECA FEAST DAY



The feast of St George Preca will be celebrated on Tuesday, 10 May at the 9.15am Mass. All are invited after Mass for refreshments at Preca House, 82 Westmoreland Road, North Sunshine

**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 the 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 has 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

**Second Reading:****Revelation 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.

**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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## EDUCATION IN FAITH

For many of us today who live in cities and housing estates, we don't often see many shepherds herding their sheep to market! The language and images in the gospel can seem a bit strange to us today and may even be outside our experience altogether. In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe himself and his relationship with us. At the time of Jesus, shepherds were a part of daily life for many people. When Jesus uses the image and symbol of the shepherd, the people to whom he was speaking would have understood what he was talking about immediately. But what does the image of Jesus the shepherd mean for us today? While sheep all look the same to us, a shepherd knows each of them individually. When a shepherd calls a sheep, the sheep recognises the voice and responds. Just as the shepherd knows the sheep, the sheep knows and trusts the shepherd. The shepherd guides and protects the sheep. The sheep go where the shepherd leads them.

We are not sheep! But the Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals. We are not all the same to Jesus. He loves each of us personally and intimately. The Prophet Isaiah has a beautiful image of this when he writes, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.' If a shepherd cares for his sheep with great love and devotion, how much more does Jesus love and care for each of us?

Jesus does not force us to listen to his voice when he calls us. He invites us to follow him freely. The choice whether or not to respond is ours. We may take our time in responding, but Jesus will never stop calling us by our name; he will wait until we do respond.

Jesus does not call and ask us to follow him just for the sake of it. He offers us not only the fullness of life; he offers us the fullness of his life. Jesus came so that each of us may have life and have it to the full. This fullness of life is offered to us here and now, not some time in the future.

As we continue our journey through Easter in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, may each of us realise how deeply and personally Jesus loves us. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith, gratitude and gratefulness. May we follow where he leads us.

Michael Moore OMI

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