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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. **"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"**

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year B) April 21, 2024

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

First Reading - Acts 4: 8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - John 10: 11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Stewardship Collection: Covering church and parish expenses.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

Presbytery Collection: For the domestic needs of the priests and for the support of retired clergy.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Could you consider gifting it to the “Lifeboat Foundation” a registered charity with tax deductible status? For ten years they have been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder, and have had limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate much-needed funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to “Lifeboat”, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali 0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com.

You are invited to join Resurrection Parish in celebrating their 50th Anniversary, with a celebratory Dinner Dance and live band “After Dark” on 10th May at 7pm. This dinner dance will be held at VTCC Palmyra Hall, 44 Lonsdale St, Dandenong. Contact Hedy Carvalho for more information and to book on 0419 534 862.

Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (Monday to Friday) in May, and invite everyone to join in. During this virtual Rosary, reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. Held Monday to Friday from 2pm. Link to join: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID 893 8798 2280 Password 876574

Caritas Australia’s Plea for help

Sadly, a year after the conflict erupted in Sudan last April, the situation continues to deteriorate with the country now on the brink of famine. Caritas appeals for your financial assistance for the 25 million people, including 14 million children who are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. Please donate via www.caritas.org.au/sudan or call 1800 024 413. Thank you!

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday appeal will be held on the weekend of 4th & 5th May (previously held in the month of August). Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community who are struggling with unemployment, homelessness, family and/or health struggles, grief and trauma. You can donate using the appeal envelope available on the table in the Church foyer or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513 (All gifts \$2 & above are tax deductible).

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.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>. Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate> Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357. (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

The Shepherd’s Voice : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, in today’s Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today’s First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17).

Peter tells Israel’s leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the “builders” of Israel’s temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today’s Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 20th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vigil 5:30pm Giovanni Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Roger & Anne-Marie Dalta (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am George De Donker (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Giovanni & Rosina Cardamone
(*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Giovanni Marotta (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Special Intentions for healing
and Antonio Gigliotti, Pasquale & Angelina Bonaddio
(*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm Healing for Osman Mariampillai

Monday, 22nd April

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 60th Birthday of
Isapela Mulipola

Tuesday, 23rd April

Mass 9:15am William Hart (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Bradley D'Souza (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Wednesday, 24th April

Mass 9:15am Zilah & Benigno Martin - Thanksgiving on
their Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, 25th April - ANZAC Day - [Office closed](#)

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Belinda D'Vaz
and Private Intention & for the souls in Purgatory

Friday, 26th April - Saint Mark

Mass 9:15am Mass for a special intention

Saturday, 27th April

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving Mass on the 50th Wedding
Anniversary of Marcella and Angelo Occhietti
and Lina Occhietti (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday Vigil, 27th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil 5:30pm Winston Perera (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and For the soul of Val Franklin (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Months Mind Mass for Trevor Pereira
(*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am Conrad Chmielewski (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
Mass 10:30am For the good health of Resmi Sebastian
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Krzysztof Borkowski, Elajah Isah Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonati

The recently deceased:

Giuseppe Di Benedetto, Angela Chmielewski, William Fernando, Pamela Fernando, Rudy Pereira, Marie de Chalain, Trevor Pereira

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Giovanni & Rosina Cardamone, Giovanni Marotta, Roger & Ann-Marie Dalta, Bradley D'Souza, Lina Occhietti, Val Franklin, Victor Hutchinson

Church Cleaning

Saturday, April 27

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

Saturday, May 4

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

Reading Roster

Saturday, April 27

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, April 28

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, May 4

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, May 5

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Confession

Confession *will not* be heard on a Sunday or Monday. Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday, from 8:20am to 8:50am, and after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

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Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 22nd to Saturday, April 27th, 2024

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter - 22nd April

Entrance Antiphon: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and mine know Me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - 23rd April

Entrance Antiphon: Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: All you nations, praise the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - 24th April

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter - 25th April - ANZAC Day

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter - 26th April - Saint Mark

Entrance Antiphon: Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We preach a Christ who was crucified; He is the power and the wisdom of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord, alleluia.

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter - 27th April

Entrance Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If you stay in My word, you will indeed be My disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I wish that, where I am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.