

St Therese's Parish Essendon

7 & 8 May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

Good Shepherd Sunday

Mother's Day



First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

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.

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

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.'

INTERCESSIONS

As followers of Christ, the Good Shepherd, let us come to God in prayer with our needs and those of the world.

We pray for God's blessing on the Shepherds of the flock: for the Pope and our bishops, for priests, and all religious leaders.

We pray for the communities and parishes of Christians who, in many countries, live in fear and under persecution: that the Lamb who is on the throne will be their shepherd.

We pray for all young men and women as they set out in life: may the chosen ones be able answer the call of the Lord

We pray for all mothers. May the care, happiness, and love they bestow on their family be returned to them bountifully throughout their days

We pray for those who are ill, especially Fr Eric Hodgens, Sr Mary Dennett, Dawn Ward, John Stein, Carmela Ozzimo, Rita and Veronica Naylor.

We pray for those who have died recently: Concetta Costantino, Bruno Papparone, Timothy Naylor, Voula Tighe and Maria Mambrino and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Primo Quilang, Celerino Maderazo, Vincenza Luna, Margaret Jenkins, Armando Catania, John Sfregola, Pietrina Giuffre, Frank O'Brien, Barry Nunn, Maria Teresa Quattrone and Kathleen Verbyla

God, the fountain of all joy, you have entrusted your people into the hands of Christ, your son. May we never become separated from Jesus, our shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you, Lord that you fill a mother's heart with love, that you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children.

Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing, teaching them, comforting them, making a safe place and for guiding her children to be all that God has created them to be. Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength, patience and joy. Give them ability to forgive again and again. Enable her to call upon You, because You will give her all she needs. We pray for all natural, adopting, fostering and all mothers that are not able to be with us.

Amen

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY You are invited to make contributions to the training of seminary students for the Catholic priesthood. Donations support the education of students at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne. You can contribute to the appeal online here <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/> or donation forms are available on our entry tables.

CHILD WELLBEING SERIES PODCAST The mental health of young Australians is in the spotlight again with a recent newspaper poll showing one in four young people aged 16 to 24 thought about suicide over the past two years and 15% attempted self-harm. The Age poll reveals a staggering 82% said the pandemic caused their mental health issues. In Majellan Media's new podcast series with Professor Daryl Higgins, director of Australian Catholic University's Institute of Child Protection Studies, Prof Higgins says parents need quicker and more improved access to evidence-based support programs to address these rising mental health problems. Listen here: <https://majellan.media/child-wellbeing-podcast/> or search for 'Figuring out Families' from Majellan Media wherever you usually listen to podcasts.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC Sunday 22 May, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. 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 book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

PROJECT COMPASSION Please return your envelopes and boxes now. Thank you to those who have already returned their project compassion donations, we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT The annual count begins this weekend and will be recorded on 7&8 May, 14&15 May, 21&22 May with the final week being the 28 & 29 May.

JOAN CHITTISTER TICKETS We still have 4 free tickets for 12 May, 7pm-9pm at the Melbourne Town Hall. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to claim tickets.

PARISH DATES		
Saturday 7 May	Annual Mass Count	
Sunday 8 May	Good Shepherd Sunday Mother's Day Annual Mass Count	All Masses
Wednesday 11 May	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:30pm
Saturday 14 May	Annual Mass Count Students present as candidates for Confirmation	6:00pm
Sunday 15 May	RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 2 Students present as candidates for Confirmation Welcoming Mass for Baptism families Annual Mass Count	Cancelled All Masses 10:30am All Masses
Monday 16 May	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Saturday 21 May	Annual Mass Count Annual Appeal: Propagation of the Faith	
Sunday 22 May	Annual Appeal: Propagation of the Faith Annual Mass Count RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 3 RE students present as candidates for Confirmation Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm
Friday 27 May	National Reconciliation Week begins	
Saturday 28 May	Annual Mass Count Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (school candidates) Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (school and RE candidates)	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 29 May	Annual Mass Count Parish Baptisms (extra week)	All Masses 12:00pm

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Mass Online: Follow this [link here](#)

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am **Weekend Masses** Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.