

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

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

GOSPEL

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE BEAUTIFUL SHEPHERD

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally from John 10, about the 'Good (or, literally, 'beautiful') shepherd'. Today's selection focuses on the image of the *gate* of the sheepfold. In our culture, gates and doors are important. They provide us with security and access to what is inside—a house, a building, a room. And through entering the door or gate, we come to be with others, with whom we (usually) identify or know, perhaps family members and friends. In the Gospel, the one who enters this gate is the shepherd of the flock—an image familiar to John's Mediterranean audience and in a world where shepherds were male and female. The shepherd is a protecting and loving figure who is familiar with each sheep—calling each one by name. The shepherd leads the sheep who follow because 'they know his voice'. This image of the sheep 'knowing' the voice of the shepherd accentuates the deep and abiding intimate relationship between the sheep and shepherd.

In the final part of the Gospel, Jesus reaffirms his mission of protection and his intent to bring freedom to those who listen to his voice. Perhaps, by the time of the Gospel's writing, the community was already experiencing division, difficulty and others presuming to speak in ways that claimed authority but were in fact 'thieves and brigands'. The Gospel concludes: Jesus has come 'so that they may have life and have it to the full.' This desire for the fullness of life echoes in each of our hearts as we allow the voice of the 'Beautiful Shepherd' to guide, protect and nurture us.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

26 APRIL 2026

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (or Alleluia!)

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**



4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

■ The word of the Lord.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 11pm

Friday: 4pm, 8pm

Saturday: 1pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

St Peter Chanel Feast Day. Tuesday 28 April. On the Feast Day, 28 April, Refreshments and fellowship in the foyer after the 7pm Feast Day mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Weekday Roster. Readers and EO Ministers of Holy Communion please check the new Weekday roster (two-weekly schedule) in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

CatholicCare Victoria. We will have a special collection all weekend masses next week for Catholic Care Victoria. This year, the Appeal focuses on homelessness. Together, we can build thriving communities where everyone belongs.

1st Friday Vigil 1 May 2026, after 7pm mass to be concluded with the mass at 12:00 Midnight.

Healing Mass. Sunday, 3 May 2026. Praise and Worship at 2.30 pm followed by Healing Mass at 3.00 pm Fellowship after the Mass. All welcome. Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

Good Shepherd Sunday.

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.

SPC Youth Group and SPC Sunday School. SPC Youth Group meeting will Resume on Tuesday, 28 April at 6:30pm SPC Hall. **Contact: Sr Lawrence, LHM 0405190286.** SPC Sunday School with LHM Sisters will resume next Sunday, 3 May at 11am, Marian House. **Contact: Sr Catherine LHM 0425157651.**

Project Compassion Unite Against Poverty. Project compassion boxes are still available in the foyer of the church for those who are still willing to donate. All Project Compassion boxes must be returned on 31 May 2026 Thank you for your donation

Sacramental Classes First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion And Confirmation for children attending State Schools. Every Monday, 6:45 PM SPC Primary Classroom. Thank you

English Prayer Group ongoing "Life in The Spirit Seminar", Thursdays, 7.30 pm. All are welcome Contact Hilda on 0450 006 316.

Next Week: 3 May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter - A

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!

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Ann Cremona, Emanuel Attard, Mary Borg, Izzul Isaac, Pamela & Rudolf Snell, Gioan, Maria, Phero, Giuse, Maria Teresa Evangelista, Nina & Josephine Bugaja, Victoriano Gonzales Jr, Fe Cristina Uy, Roko, Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Teresa Rittano, Navaratham Subramaniam, Lirio Numa Bozzachi, Antonia Pettito, Chim Sen Sin, Pedro Sim Saldanha, Leong Nhuc Mui, Juanito Mendez Jr, Emilio Simpao, Angelo & Joseph Debrincat, Dolores Zamora, Jolly Augustine Arackal, Joe & Rita Bajada, Zvonko Krulic, Jaiden Lay, Brjijima Lal, Mary Camilleri, Yolanda Miranda, Maria Tirotta, Mike & Margaret Agius, Michael Caruana, Marie Nemusa, Joe Nemusa, Urbano Roque, Charlie Ventura, Aurea Descallar, Kingsley, Iris Roney & Loretta Yavasekera, Charlie Agius, Russell Davey, Nonita Somodio Gulmatico, Casey Bayens. All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Adoracion Villegas Austria, Joe Muscat, Braille Nichole Kwek, Remedios Acab

SPECIAL INTENTION: Wilfredo Barsa, Joel Selvarajan, Jevin Joe, Nobin Joe Joel, Gordon Fabijancic, Mira Fabijancic, Sandra Saliba, Jane Saliba, Jeremy Orchard, Daniela Brand, Bernadette, Rodolfo Roque

HEALING: Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Delia Ocampo, Fabian Koprivanac, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Mirafior Bermo, Gale Manugas, Crystal Gangemi, Juan Antonio Ladoray, Anty, Ivana & family, Leunie, Reynaldo Salvador, Jack Berro, Carmen Schembri, Leonor Beloso, Vernon Alon

THANKSGIVING: Veronica Hickman, Luke Rushbury, Ronald Descallar & family, Diljo, Maria Pasa, Michelle Mathew Kochery, Euardo Rodriguez, Maria Davin

THIS WEEK: 26 April 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Alister R	Hilda D S	Eva O	Gloria T	Driaa D
1st Reader	Colleen D B	Susan C	A Huang	Maria Mizzi	Kirk D G R	Sophia P
2nd Reader	Gregg S	J Mabalot	Lorraine B	Teresa Tan	Mel O	Samantha D G
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan S Paul M Nick S L Ernesto Co	Alister R Stefan P	Shirley T Roland D Cedric B M Alice	Roger S J Anna C Marilou S J Nonie G	Oliver T Jacqueline R Candida D S Diana T	Teo C Michael D Perly C Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Butch Eleazar	CFCA	Exxemoz	MMWF with LHM Sisters

NEXT WEEK: 3 May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Della J	Richelle C	Frances R	Julie Ann M	Toniette S	Annika D
1st Reader	Gynn D	RJ Baculo	Kumudu M	Nelissa D	Gloria T	E K Cas
2nd Reader	Grace S L	Aaron A	Divina N	Jennifer G	Tami M	Sophia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Diana T Nick S L Antonietta C Marie E	Alister R Stefan P	Wynna D Rukmal M Shirley T Thi Pham	Alvin G J Maria Mizzi Nelissa D ?? Joe M	Jacqueline R Rafael V Kirk D G R Tami M	M Diaz Maria Sulfaro Joe C Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielle
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