



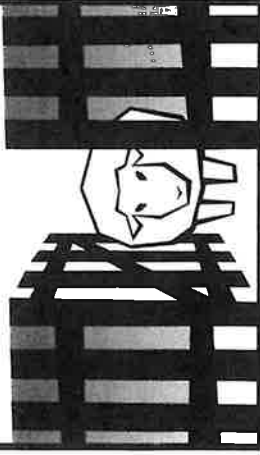
Reflection by Greg Sunter

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 – an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, 'I am the good shepherd'.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

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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

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

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.'

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

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 your 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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

or

(R.) 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 Pt 2:20-25

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 were 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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all the sick, especially those in our parish community

RECENTLY DECEASED

Minnie George Joseph

ANNIVERSARIES

Pope Francis, Italo Inerra, Daniel & John Galea, Joseph Refalo, Giuseppina Micari, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Cesidio Danese & Michele Cornacchia, Vincenzo D'Agostino

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 3rd May 2026

Leonardo John Day

Selena Gauci

Xavier Watson

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL – 2/3 MAY

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Envelopes are available in the narthex to take home. Please return next weekend.

PARISH NEWS

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – 26TH APRIL

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.

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!

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

MONTH OF MAY – DEDICATED TO MOTHER MARY

The month of May is lovingly dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. She is the humble handmaid of the Lord, always leading us to Jesus and teaching us to trust God with faith, simplicity, and love.

As we begin this month of May, next weekend on **2nd and 3rd of May**, we will celebrate a Parish Consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary at all Masses. We entrust this time as a special grace for our parish family.

We warmly invite all parishioners to unite in this Marian devotion. Let us ask Our Lady to intercede for us, to deepen our faith, to protect our families, and to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

“Mary, our Mother, lead us always to Jesus.”



Happy Birthday Father Anil

25th April

Wishing you a joyful birthday, filled with God's love, guidance, and abundant blessings.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Tickets on sale. Drawn on Mother's Day, 10th May after the 10.30am Mass. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Thank you to the generous parishioners who donated some lovely prizes.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Anil, please contact the Parish Office.

ANZAC DAY - 25TH APRIL

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. *Lest We Forget.*

CARTAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of **St Peter's, Keilor East** for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Together, your community raised an incredible **\$3,136.45**, helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

We would like to thank school families for generously supporting the Parish Thanksgiving Program for 2026. May God bless you.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.