

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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*Fourth Sunday of Easter, YEAR A  
25 - 26 April 2026*

## Reflection

By Fr Vipin Edward IVD

Asst Priest, St Patrick's Parish, Pakenham

The Gospel of John 10:1-10 is one of the most comforting and foundational passages in the Bible because it speaks to our deep human need for direction, protection, and belonging. We often feel like just another face in the crowd, but the parable of the Good Shepherd in John 10 reminds us that we are deeply known and loved by our Lord Jesus Christ. In the time of Jesus, a shepherd didn't drive his sheep with a whip; he simply called them. The sheep followed because they recognized his specific voice among a thousand others. Today, our world is incredibly noisy, filled with voices on social media and TV telling us how to act or what to buy to be happy. This Gospel passage tells us that amidst that chaos, there is one voice that truly cares for our souls and calls us by name and that is the voice of Jesus.

To understand the difference between knowing *about* God and truly *knowing* Him, we can look at the story of a famous actor at a dinner party. He recited the 23rd Psalm ("The Lord is my shepherd") with such perfect, dramatic flair that everyone cheered. There was an elderly priest in that room; however he also recited the same words with a shaky, tired voice. When the priest finished, the room was silent and people were in tears. Afterward, the actor went over to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I know the Psalm, but you clearly know the Shepherd." That is the heart of today's message: our faith is not about memorizing facts or following a religion from a distance; it is about a personal relationship.

Jesus also calls Himself "the gate." In ancient times, shepherds would sleep across the entrance of the sheepfold, literally becoming the door to keep the sheep safe from wolves. Jesus is that same protection for us. He isn't a fence meant to trap us, but a gate that leads us to "green pastures." He promises that He came so we could have life "more abundantly." Following Him isn't about a boring list of restrictions; it's about stepping into a life that is full, rich, and protected.

The "abundant life" Jesus offers starts the moment we stop trying to lead ourselves and start following and listening to Him. If you feel overwhelmed today, remember that you don't have to figure everything out on your own. We have a Shepherd who goes before us and a Gate that protects us. By listening His voice and following his directions, we will find the path to true peace and a life that is truly worth living.



## PARISH CALENDAR

**25—26 April:** Good Shepherd Sunday collection, all Parish Churches

**3 May 10.30am:** First Sunday Cuppa, Filipino Community, Cathedral

**7 May 5.00pm:** Serra Club Mass

## PARISH NEWS

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** Next weekend, Sunday 3 May, the Filipino Community will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

**COLLECTION FOR FR ANEESH** Thank you to all our very generous Parishioners as we raised **\$2,515.00 to support Fr Aneesh.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM:** We are desperately in need of a team of two people who will help with preparing families and their children for the sacrament of baptism. This is mainly for infant baptisms. There's currently only one team and the work load is really heavy on them since the retirement of the second team. The requirement is that you are Catholic who is passionate about the faith, and has a WWCC. A brief training session will be provided. Please if you are keen to assist the parish in this regard, reach out to the parish office or to Fr Francis.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 7 May** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Claire Everard.

**31 CLUB REMINDER:** 27 April - 3 May. At Saturday morning Mass we pray for vocations.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL** Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax-deductible donation will support the educational costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians. You can donate at <https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/> or <https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>. **Please donate online if you would like a receipt.** We will have a leaving collection on **25 and 26 April** to support this worthy cause—receipts cannot be issued by the Parish.

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100. No baptisms during Lent.

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 10.30-11am before Mass.

**At Other times:** Available on request

**Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Available on request.

**MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Thank you to all those who have donated. We have donated **\$1,564.15** as at this week. If you have not returned your project compassion money please return it by **this weekend 18—19 April 2026.**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** & your receipt are available for collection at your church from **last weekend 18-19 April.**

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**PRAY AND WORSHIP** will be held on **Sunday 16 May at 9.30am to 3pm** at St Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha. Refer to the flyer on the opposite page.

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS** We invite you to join in supporting those newly initiated into the Catholic Church. As they reflect on their RCIA journey, we pray for the grace to deepen their Christian faith and become more fully integrated into parish life. When: **Sunday, 17 May at 2:00pm**  
Where: **St Joseph's, Warragul**

## OTHER NEWS

**WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU** The Catholic Church in Australia is gearing up for a nationwide measure of Mass attendance. In May, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research will conduct the 6th National Count of Attendance. This year marks 25 years of collecting valuable insights into long-term trends within the Catholic Church. According to the 2021 National Count, about 8.2 per cent of Australia's Catholic population attended Mass on a typical weekend in May. For more information: Visit the National Centre for Pastoral Research website.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Live Your Best Life in Love...A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We are currently offering 2 weekends in 2026. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

Email: [Vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:Vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

## PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,  
for your people and your Creation.  
Nourish us by your daily  
Word and Eucharist.  
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.  
Strengthen us with the spirit  
of your mercy and grace.  
Make us grateful for your gifts as we  
journey through our lives together.  
May we be a welcoming  
and serving community,  
always discerning and  
doing your will for one another.  
We make this prayer through  
Christ Our Lord.  
Amen*

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

2026

FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 4.30 - 5.30 PM  
ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE CHURCH,  
LEONGATHA

MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 5.15 - 6.15 PM  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, WONTHAGGI

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 4.30 - 5.30 PM  
ST AGATHA'S CHURCH, CRANBOURNE

APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 4.45 - 5.45 PM  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH,  
NARRE WARREN

[MORE DATES TO FOLLOW.](#)



Join us in  
praying for  
more  
vocations...

**ZAHRA HANRATTY** a collection will be taken up at **5.30pm Sunday Mass on 3 May** for Zahra's Mission.

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$708.00
Presbytery:	\$1,528.60
Credit Cards	\$40.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,710.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$510.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A  
25 - 26 April 2026**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 25 April</b> <i>ANZAC DAY</i>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 26 April</b> <i>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 20 April</b>	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
<b>Tuesday 21 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 22 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 23 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 24 April</b> <i>Benediction and Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 2 May</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale Cathedral
<b>Sunday 3 May</b> <i>Ist Sunday Cuppa - Filipino Comm.</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

**Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.


Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 25 April 5.30pm	Sunday 26 April 9.30am	Sunday 26 April 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharists</b>	Claire L, Carmel W	Abi U, Jennifer F,	Len & Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary W	Please offer	Please offer
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 2 May 5.30pm	Sunday 3 May 9.30am	Sunday 3 May 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Mildred Semodio	Please offer
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Burditt	Maya Useni-Vowell	Claire Everard
<b>Eucharists</b>	Jenny G, Tim M	Brenda B, Dr Salle	Len & Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary Webster	Abi Udiano	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Len & Lyn Althaus (Happy 60th Wedding Ann.)		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat 25 April 9.30am:** John Pritchett (A); **Sun 26 April 9.30am:** Shirley Callaghan (A),

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who died **Michael Lazzaro**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **John Thomas Pritchett**, **Shirley Callaghan, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Wendy Adamo, George, Rochelle, Meraya, Suzanne O'Doherty, Hayden, Shama, Manel, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**



**Your Gift  
Discern it  
Receive it**

( Pursue love , but earnestly desire the Spiritual gifts )

Pray + Worship  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
9.30am - 3.00pm

Bring Yourself + something to share ( Food )

St Laurence O'Moole  
On Oglivy and Brunley Streets  
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presented by CCR Sale Diocese

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

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

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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

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:**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:20-25

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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10

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



### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, Alleluia.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am**

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

1st Reading: **Acts 6:1-7**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 2:4-9**

Gospel: **John 14:1-12**

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm

**Saturday:** Rosedale - 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

**Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.**