

We are a community learning to be disciples of Jesus

Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish 15th May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Times This Week

Saturday 6pm Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday 9am Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday 9:30am St James the Less (LWHC)

Sunday 10:45am The Good Shepherd

Mon 16/05 11.00am Rosary Garden

Tue 17/05 9.30am Our Lady of Mercy

Wed 18/05 12 noon Our Lady of Mercy

Thu 19/05 9.30am Our Lady of Mercy

Fri 20/05 9.30am Our Lady of Mercy

Fri 20/05 6.00pm St James the Less

Sat 21/05 9.30am The Good Shepherd

Sat 21/05 11.00am Rosary Garden



Hear, Know, Follow.

In his catechesis before leading the recitation of the Regina Coeli on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Pope Francis recalled how today's liturgy speaks about the Lord who uses "the tender and beautiful image of the shepherd who stays with the sheep." The Lord's sheep "hear" his voice, they "know" him, and they "follow" him.

The three verbs - hear, know, follow - illustrate the key message in today's Gospel reading, said the Pope. The sheep "hear" the voice of the shepherd, showing how the initiative comes from the Lord and his grace who calls us to communion, the Pope explained, but this requires us to be available and open to this invitation and relationship. Today we can often be overwhelmed with work, families, and personal situations the Pope acknowledged, but we must stop to listen, to hear the Word of the Father like a listening child, curious and with open hearts that allow us to be in communion with the Lord and our brothers and sisters.

"And they experience something very beautiful, that is, that the Lord himself listens – he listens to us when we pray to him, when we confide in him, when we call on him." By listening to Jesus we discover "he knows us," the Pope explained, and in the biblical sense knowing means loving - the Lord knows about us and our inner being, inside and out. Jesus seeks our friendship, trust, love and intimacy, the Pope went on to say, and to help us understand and accept the marvelous reality that "we are always loved by him" and never alone. "Being with the good shepherd allows us to live the experience the Psalm speaks about: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me" (Ps 23:4)."

The Lord sustains us in our suffering, difficulties and crises, times in particular we can discover "we are known and loved by the Lord," said the Pope. He suggested we ask ourselves if we allow the Lord into our lives and if we share with him all our trials and tribulations, so we can experience his closeness, compassion and tenderness as our Good Shepherd.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings for half an hour.

Reconciliation is available during and after Exposition, and by appointment.

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Question of the Week

Jesus said, 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another'. (John 13: 34)

Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Young People: In what ways do you need to change so that your love for friends and family is more like Jesus' love for his followers?

Children: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

Children's Liturgy Activities

This Week: Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another.

Next Week: How can we love and keep God's Word?

The Plenary Council - Walking In The Spirit

The Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign began on Easter Sunday and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

Laudato Si' Week Australia - May 16 to 24

This week is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv of Parramatta, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has provided the attached message for *Laudato Si'* Week 2022.

The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace has created new resources including images for use in reflections, bulletins, presentations and social media and daily reflection and action sheets. Please click here to download [Laudato Si' Week Resources](#) and [Laudato Si' Week Powerpoint](#). Click here for [Bishop Long Laudato Si' Week](#).

Thanksgiving Mass for St Charles De Foucauld – Mater Dei Church (Woodville Park)

You are invited to join with the Little Sisters of Jesus in our Archdiocese, Sisters Cheryl King LSJ and Maria-Bach Nguyen LSJ, at a Thanksgiving Mass the day after the canonisation of the universal brother, Little Brother Charles of Jesus, their spiritual founder. Mass of Thanksgiving for Saint Charles de Foucauld will be in Mater Dei Church, 55 Beaufort Street, Woodville Park on Monday May 16 at 5.30pm, coinciding with the Mass in Rome. The Little Sisters of Jesus lived in Woodville Park for almost 30 years. Any priests who wish to concelebrate please bring your white vestments along and RSVP to Fr Maurice Shinnick E: maurices@senet.com.au.

Laudato Si' Week – Working Together For Urgent Change

Fr Fred Kammer SJ, director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute, will be the guest speaker at an event being hosted by the Adelaide Catholic Council for Integral Ecology to celebrate Laudato Si' Week. Fr Fred's presentation will be held at the Catholic Education Office, Thebarton, at 7pm on May 18. For more details, click here [Fr Krammer's Flyer](#).



Reach out. Give life.



The beatification of Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Propagation of the Faith Society, will take place on May 22 2022. It is 400 years since the establishment of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, 200 years since the founding of the Propagation of the Faith Society, and 100 years since the work of Catholic Mission was granted Pontifical status. Pauline Jaricot created a movement that made enormous change in the world. This was done simply, by asking people to give a penny when they gathered in their small groups (a penny in the early 1800s is probably equivalent to the cost of a cappuccino today). Donations were sent to foreign places to serve the poor of her time.

This year's Propagation of the Faith appeal will be held on Sunday May 22, either as a third collection, or via the QR code below for direct credit funds to Catholic Mission. Parish summary forms are available from the flash drive provided or please contact Tony Johnston (Diocesan director) on P: 8210 8119 or M: 0407 168 002.



<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/ethiopia>

Arty Crafty Stall

THE ARTY CRAFTY LADIES ARE HAVING A TRADING TABLE IN OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH ON THE LAST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF MAY.

WE ARE ASKING FOR ANY DONATIONS OF ITEMS THAT WE CAN SELL ON THE TABLE.

THE PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH GROUP AND THE FLOOD APPEAL ON THE EAST COAST.

JARS OF JAMS AND PICKLES AND HOMEMADE CAKES WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

AND YOU CAN HAVE A GUESS AT THE NUMBER OF JELLY BEANS IN OUR JAR FOR A DOLLAR.

RING BABS ON 0409916356 IF YOU CAN HELP.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis - www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

Project Compassion 2022

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2022.

This Lenten season you have walked with Anatercia, Biru, Janice, Rosalie and Shaniella (the Project Compassion stories) and the people of Ukraine with compassion and love. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities, to lift themselves out of poverty. Your support to provide critical assistance to Ukraine is invaluable. If you need any assistance with banking details for your parish or school, please contact Tracey on M: 0439 810 250.

Sunday Readings

FIRST READING ACTS 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 144:8-13

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**



SECOND READING REVELATION 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

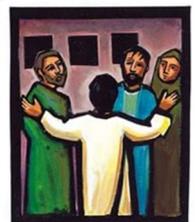
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Week: May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C,

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, Second Reading: Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23, Gospel: John 14:23-29.

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