

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

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 any-
one, and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, “Are you the Messiah?” Jesus responds by saying, in essence, “If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep.” Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.



Happy Mother's Day 2025

Morning Tea on Mother's Day 11th May 2025

Bring your mother to the Holy Mass 9:30am Sunday

And have a cuppa after the mass!



Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of EASTER, Year C

10/11 May 2025

*I give my sheep
eternal life.*

‘I KNOW MY SHEEP.’

The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 13:14,43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and his friends 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.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 99:1-3,5

Response:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.’

The word of the Lord

Pope Leo XIV

Cardinal Robert F. Prevost has been elected as the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church, taking the papal name Pope Leo XIV. His election was confirmed on May 8, 2025, following a two-day conclave that began on May 7. Born in Chicago in 1955, Pope Leo XIV is the first American to hold the papacy. He is a member of the Order of Saint Augustine and has extensive experience in missionary work, particularly in Peru, where he served as a bishop in Chiclayo. He also held leadership roles within the Vatican, including serving in the Dicastery for Bishops

In his first public address, Pope Leo XIV expressed messages of peace and divine love, paying tribute to his predecessor, Pope Francis, who passed away on April 21, 2025. He delivered his remarks in Italian and Spanish and imparted the Urbi et Orbi blessing in Latin. Let us pray for our new Pope Leo XIV and the Universal Church.

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM
Parish Priest

The Community of St. Francis of Assisi, Newton Parish, invite you to celebrate



25TH Jubilee
OF ORDINATION
FR. ANTHONI ADIMAI SdM

Join us as will gather to give thanks for his years of faithful service and dedication to God's work.

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

6.30 PM | ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
59 NEWTON ROAD, NEWTON

After Holy Mass, there will be a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Your presence would be a great blessing as we honour Fr. Anthoni and offer our prayers for his continued ministry.

25th Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM

Dear Parishioners,
It is with great joy and gratitude I invite you to join me in celebrating a very special milestone in my life. On the occasion of my 25th Jubilee of Ordination, we will gather to give thanks for my years of faithful service and dedication to God's work. This occasion will be a time to honour my journey of spiritual leadership, my love for our Archdiocese and the parish family. I invite you to celebrate this joyful occasion with me on FRIDAY, 16TH MAY 2025 AT 6.30PM with the Holy Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Newton followed by reception in the parish hall. Your presence and prayers would be a great blessing for me. Continue to keep me in your prayers and thoughts.

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM
Parish Priest

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
Principal - Adrian Grbin
Ph: 8217 8300

Knights of the Southern Cross
Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

Parish Pastoral Council
Chair – Alan Tyson

Parish Finance Council
Chair -Edward Konieczny

Child Safe Contact Person
Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 17/18 May 2025
5th Sunday of EASTER

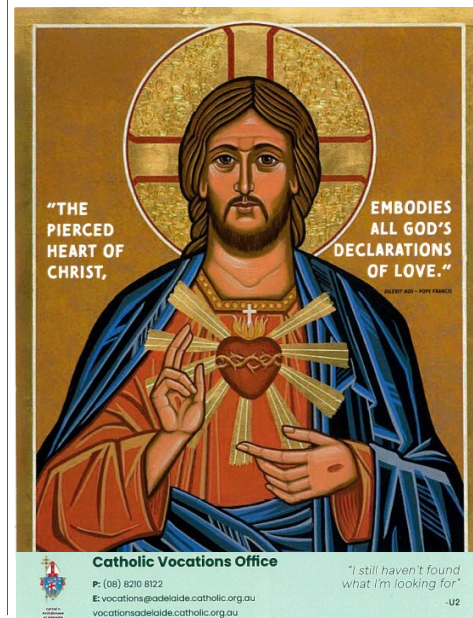
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Thilini Silva Stephanie Roach
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Alan Tyson Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	3/4 May 2025
Open Plate	\$529.10
Planned Giving	\$358.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$887.10

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$819.20

Tranmere Parish's donation to Catholic Charities (2024)
September Appeal: \$122.80
Christmas leaving collection: \$1,149.15



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Elias Chima Emejulu
Maureen Keane
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Alpha @ Hectorville / Tranmere 2025

When: Every Thur for 11 weeks
1 May to 10 July, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Where: Tranmere Parish Hall, 1 Birkinshaw Avenue, Tranmere
Cost: Free

Alpha is an opportunity to explore faith in a fun, safe welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short video, and have a chat about what we think, feel and believe. At Alpha we encourage open and honest conversations and you can expect to laugh, share food, and journey together with people who are wondering about some of life's BIG questions. This is an Alpha for adults (i.e. 18 years and older). **Please RSVP and more information:** For catering and dietary purposes, please complete the online RSVP form using the QR code or this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ryddwll> or contact Mark at hectorville.alpha@gmail.com or 0421 617 244.

CHILDREN CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2025

Workshops: Monday 12th May & 2nd Jun at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
Rehearsal: 15th June Sunday after parish mass
Celebration: 22nd June Sunday 11:00am

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Mass Counts – Month of May 2025
Mass attendance counts are being conducted at every mass on Saturdays and Sundays in May. Information collected will be useful to the Archdiocese office and to our pastoral planning. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Marian Procession
The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18, 2025, beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.
For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

Marian Procession Volunteering
The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 17 (10am – 12pm) and Sunday May 18 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

Silent Retreat Day -The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia (SA) –WCCMA (SA)

Peace be with you: Bonnevaux, Beauty and Community
At St Luke's Anglican Church, 25 Smart Rd, Modbury on Saturday May 17, 2025, 11am – 4pm
With Sandy Andrews, Meditator and Group Leader of 4 Groups. Sandy will talk about her time at Bonnevaux and give us a tasting of this experience. Bring your own lunch, your own cup and water bottle. Suggested donation \$15. Please email chr.med.southaust@gmail.com to register, or to find out more information. Bonnevaux is WCCM's international Meditation and Retreat Centre for Peace near Poitiers in France. More information about the retreat centre can be found at <https://bonnevauxwccm.org/>.

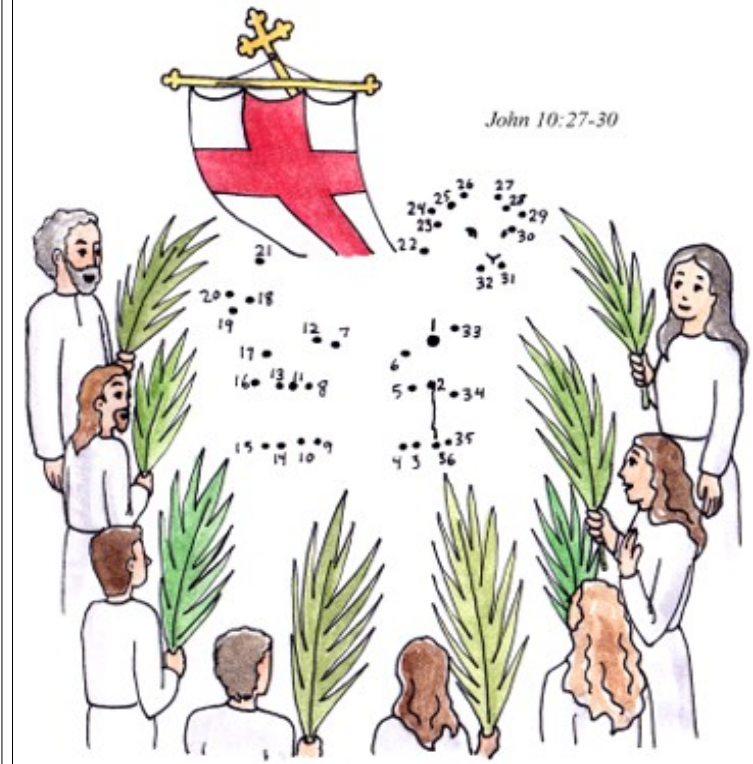
Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop O'Regan in Sevenhill
Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday June 28, where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> or scan the QR code. Reconciliation will be offered from 11am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

Mystagogia Mass for new Catholics
An invitation is extended to all newly baptised and those newly received into full communion into the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese, together with their sponsors and loved ones, to attend the Mass for new Catholics, the Mystagogia Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The Mass will be on Saturday May 24 at 6pm to celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Tea/coffee will follow in the parish hall. Our new Catholics are encouraged to wear white, symbolising their baptism and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance before May 22 through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/LPzdLEXWU8>

SPECIAL APPEAL NEXT WEEK 17-18 May 2025
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th, 2025



In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks. Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus _____⁴
"My sheep hear my voice;
I _____³ them
and they _____² _____⁷
I give them eternal life;
and they shall never _____⁸
and no one can take them out of my _____¹
My Father, who has _____¹ them to me,
_____⁵ _____¹⁰ than all,
and no one can take _____⁶
out of the Father's hand.
The _____⁹ and I _____¹¹ one."

FOLLOW ME FATHER
GIVEN SAID KNOW
PERISH IS HAND
GREATER THEM ARE

Jesus is the

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

