

26 April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Year A



Readings: Sunday 26 April 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Readings: Sunday 03 May 2026

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, a reference to the imagery found in today's reading of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The flock that Jesus is to lead – those who have been claimed and redeemed by his death and resurrection – follow because they have heard the voice of Jesus speaking to them, just as Peter speaks to the crowd gathered in Jerusalem at Pentecost.

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.

St Michael's Troops - SATURDAY, 23 MAY, 2026 - Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 18-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event in Melbourne includes Holy Mass, physical activity, a talk, and a shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register now at <https://fitforthe kingdom.com.au/events/st-michaels-troops--096fdddc>

Tap & Go Machine is now available in the Narthex for anyone wishing to make a donation to the church by credit/debit or Eftpos. Thank You.

A Mass Count will take place in the church during the four weeks of May. The annual Mass Count helps to maintain an up to date picture of mass attendance and is important for pastoral planning activities in the Archdiocese and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

ANZAC Day - April 25th 2025

On this day, above all days, we remember those Australian men and women who died or suffered in the great tragedy of war.

On the morning of April 25th, 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli, and it was then and in the violent campaign which followed, that the ANZAC tradition was forged. The elements of that tradition have inspired and offered an enduring example to later generations of Australians.



Next weekend is the **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal** (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering children and young people, strengthening families and individuals, providing safe housing and homelessness assistance, and supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au, call (03) 9967 2515 or scan the QR Code below. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

Novena Day Three to Saint John Paul II

St Leo the Great Parish warmly invites clergy and parishioners from neighbouring parishes to join us for **Day Three of the Novena** to St John Paul II, as we commemorate the **40th Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986.**

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2026
Time: 7:00pm Mass, followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction, and fellowship. The Novena Mass will be led by Fr Kevin Dillon, who served as Victorian State Director for the 1986 visit of Pope John Paul II to Australia. All are welcome.

Liturgy Roster - 03 May 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Anthony Adewale	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Cath Cuthbert	Jessica Duffy
10.30am	Clara Abate	Paul Bugeja
Linen Roster April	Counting this week: Team 3: 26.04.2026	Counting next week: Team 4: 03.05.2026
Volunteer	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono

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Starts at 7pm on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

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St. Mary MacKillop's Daily thoughts....

Hoping that you will patiently do your best to encourage those confided in your care.



Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Charles Schembri; Chris Olszewski; Kevin Galvin; Michael Foy; Annie Shaw; Kevin Galvin; Michael Foy

Prayers for the Sick:

Trish Aitken; Maura McCabe;

Anne Playnsek;

Alfred & Jane Farrugia;

Please mark this date on your calendar - The next Child Safety Training Session will be on Tuesday 12th May at 5.45pm in the Narthex, followed by a light supper. Please attend this session if you are a volunteer who has not done a compulsory training session in the last 3 years. The session will be conducted by Gavin Deller, our Child Safety Co-ordinator. Please ring the parish office on 9398 2964 with your intention to attend the session and let us know if you intend to stay for supper, also please let us know if you have any special food requirements.

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Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"
ACTS-2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response. "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32

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Child Safety Officer:	Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
Principal:	Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
Mass Times:	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
Weekday Mass:	Tuesday 5pm; Wed to Sat 9.15am
	(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)
Reconciliation:	Saturday at 9.45am or by request
Anointing of the Sick and Elderly:	Once per quarter at Mass or by request
Rosary:	After the 9.15 a.m. Mass, Wednesday to Saturday
Marriages & Baptisms:	by appointment

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