



**Accredited Specialists in
Commercial Law,
Property Law &
Commercial Litigation Law**

9304-9500
www.demarco.com.au
demarco@demarco.com.au

Melbourne Office
1404, 470 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Glenroy Office
794a Pascoe Vale Road
Glenroy VIC 3046



Find out what your
property is worth
in today's real
estate climate.

Call **Jason Sassine**
on 9338 6411 or
0419 332 536 today.

THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE
201b Melrose Drive Tullamarine





TOBIN BROTHERS FUNERALS
Celebrating Lives SINCE 1934

24 HOUR SERVICE
13 19 34

111 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy
238 Settlement Road, Thomastown

Adrian Mascitti
& Teresa Lucisano

www.tobinbrothers.com.au





OUR SERVICES

- Conveyancing & Property
- Migration Law
- Family Law
- Wills & Power of Attorney
- Probate & Deceased Estate
- Business - Sales & Purchase
- Criminal Law / Traffic

Anne Dias Perera
PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (L.L.B.)

0410 214 635
or
0393 335 479

51 Distinction Ave
Craigieburn - Vic 3064

Email: info@deelexlawyers.com.au
URL: www.deelexlawyers.com.au



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

**HALL
HIRE**

FOR ALL HALL ENQUIRIES
CONTACT: SOFIJA ARZENTI
0409 186 873

Stay connected with us on
Instagram for the latest
updates on new arrivals.



@GOODSHEPHERD_PIETYSHOP



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
PIETY
SHOP



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park | PO Box 2400 | (03) 9338 2840
gladstonepark@cam.org.au

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

CONTACT DETAILS
Parish Priest: Fr Dishan Candappa
Assistant Priest: Fr Samuel Pearson
Deacon: Rev Poukesi Vaka'uta

OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday: 10:00 – 1:00pm
Wednesday - Friday: 10:00am– 2:00pm

PARISH SCHOOLS
School of the Good Shepherd
88 South Circular Road
Gladstone Park Vic 3043
Principal: Laura Petrie
Tel: 9338 7686
E: principal@sogsgpark.catholic.edu.au

St Carlo Borromeo
5 – 9 Drummond Street
Greenvale Vic 3059
Principal: Kevin Gleeson
Tel: 9333 2572
E: principal@scgreenvale.catholic.edu.au

Mary Queen of Heaven
75 French Road
Greenvale Vic 3059
Principal: Renae Gentile
Tel: 7379 5600
E: principal@mqhgvale.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday – Saturday:
9:15am - Good Shepherd
WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday: 6:00pm - Good Shepherd
Sunday: 9:00am - St Carlo Borromeo
11:00am - Good Shepherd
5:00pm - Good Shepherd

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
At Good Shepherd Church on the first Friday of the month after morning Mass & Wednesday at 6:00pm.

MARIAN NOVENA
Wednesday at 6:30pm preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00pm

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
Wed-Fri: 8:45am - 9:05am
Wed: 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Saturday: 9:45am - 10:15am
5:15pm - 5:50pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION
2ND & 4TH Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm.
Bookings essential.

WEDDING PREPARATION
Bookings to be made 6 months prior to wedding date. Bookings made through Parish Office.

Credits: loyolapress.com
16/08/26