













Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

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

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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.

So long, farewell! Adieu!

There's a moment when you're driving down Mickleham Rd from Greenvale, over the hill toward Gladstone Park and another moment, as you cross the top of the Camp Rd bridge driving towards the Broady hospital, where you can look out over the vast vista of Melbourne's northern suburbs. The houses seem so small, nestled among the trees, as do the undulating hills that surround us. While driving, only for a moment, if you look carefully amidst this beautiful scene, you can see the spire of our parish church. It emerges confidently above the houses and trees and seems to piece the sky, like a little bridge between the earth and heavens. It seems to simultaneously draw attention to where Jesus's presence in the church is amidst everything, while pointing upwards to where our thoughts are called to be; higher things, holy things, heavenly realities.

I've always loved this scene and instinctively my eyes seem to look for the spire in my many travels down those two roads. I can't help feeling that our church building itself, is a kind of symbol, a sacramental even, a physical sign of invisible realities. In Jesus, God comes to live amongst us, as John says; "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." A more literal translation is; 'pitched his tent among us' or 'tabernacled among us'. I've often thought our church embodies that! The Church itself, from a distance, seems to be a visual summary of the heart of our faith; Emmanuel, God with us, amongst us, dwelling and 'tabernac-ling' amidst our daily lives as Jesus did for thirty or so years while on earth among us.

I've enjoyed the time that God has given me to dwell with him and serve his presence and his people, here, amidst Tulla, Gowanbrae, Gladdy, Westmeadows, Attwood and Greenvale. The unique and eclectic mix that is our parish, has been a rich source of many blessings and many more opportunities to learn and grow in my priesthood. From Masses, rosaries and quiet prayers in Adoration, to morning tea's and Alpha dinners; from honouring Jesus as Good Shepherd, to honouring him as Infant of Prague; from weddings, from funerals, from baptisms, to our parish hall, to cemeteries and to hospitals; from schools, to nursing homes; from our young, to our elderly; from office admin, to hitting the road; from church, to presbytery and back again. I could go on! Each of these people, events and places have to come to embody little worlds of communities, relations and friendships. Like our church amidst the hills and surrounds, I've enjoyed being nestled amongst it all!

Thanks to all you for the different ways, both small and great that you have enriched, challenged and nourished my life; they've all been opportunities to grow as a man and as a priest. In particular I want to thank our Parish Priest, Fr Dishan, our Deacon, Rev Poukesi and our core Parish staff; Cathrine, Soph, Anna, Melissa, Jess and Cyril for all the guidance, support and good times we've shared.

As I begin a new chapter, please keep me in your prayers, just as I will keep you in mine and your new assistant shepherd, Fr Jean! We younger priests, need lots of prayers and support! May our loving God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.
With every blessing and much, much affection,

Fr Samuel

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