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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
1975 - 2025

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Tuesday: 10:00 – 1pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Monday – Saturday:

9:15 AM - Good Shepherd

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6:00 PM - Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:00 AM - St Carlo Borromeo

11:00 AM - Good Shepherd

5:00 PM - Good Shepherd

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

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

MARIAN NOVENA

Wednesday at 6:30 PM preceded by
Adoration/Confession at 6:00 PM

CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Wed-Fri: 8:40 AM - 9:00 AM

Wed: 6:00 PM – 6:20 PM

Saturday: 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM,
or by appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

WEDDING PREPARATION

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

The God of Relationship

Fr Samuel Pearson

A while ago, I remember reading an article by a journalist who had spent some time with refugees who had just been released after more than eight years in our country's immigration detention scheme.

One particular moment resonated deeply. A young man was trying to get his brother, deeply traumatised from long years in detention, to leave their room at their new temporary accommodation, even though they had been free for two weeks. He was trying to coax his brother out by bringing something back whenever he returned – a takeaway kebab once, a piece of cheesecake on another occasion. He was trying to introduce the outside world, bit by bit, into the small room they shared. He thought it was working, slowly. But it was hard to tell.

It was so sad and terrible, that this stayed with for some time after. But it got me thinking; Why is it that, when we hear of the injustice and misery of others, we care? Psychologists, social scientists, anthropologists, teachers and so on, would all say something along the lines of; that we are social creatures, we've lived in tribes for thousands of years and seek identity and meaning in relationships etc. But what would a theologian say? What does our faith teach us?

We believe that the basis for human dignity is that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Through Jesus, it is revealed that this God, is the God of relationship. The God who in himself is a communion of relationships; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is the deepest meaning of 1 John 4:8; "God is love". The uniquely Christian claim is that not only is love what God does, it's also what God *is*. There is no love without relationship. So there is a lover, the beloved and shared love. There is the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We are created in the image and likeness of this God, this divine love. So, even though we may not be Christian, there is in the deep recess of our being some connection, a relational sense, to others. Often the plight of others stirs at this foundational connection.

On this Trinity Sunday, let's resolve to ardently live out our belief in the God who is relationship. Let's do it by making present his divine love through our love of God and neighbour. To do so is to be like that young refugee loving his brother, but instead of earthly food, let's nourish others with the 'fruits of the spirit' (Galatians 5:22-23) in our lives and let's do it in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of
God, and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful
love.

First Reading **Proverbs 8:22-31**

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:
The Lord created me when his
purpose first unfolded, before the
oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth
came into being. The deep was
not, when I was born, there were
no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the
countryside, or the first grains of
the world's dust. When he fixed
the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the
surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds
above, when he fixed fast the
springs of the deep, when he
assigned the sea its boundaries –
and the waters will not invade the
shore – when he laid down the
foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master
craftsman, delighting him day
after day, ever at play in his
presence, at play everywhere in
his world, delighting to be with
the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 8:4-9**

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful
your name in all the earth!*

When I see the heavens, the work
of your hands, the moon and the
stars which you arranged, what is
man that you should keep him in
mind, mortal man that you care
for him? **R**

Yet you have made him little less
than a god; with glory and honour
you crowned him, gave him power
over the works of your hand, put
all things under his feet. **R**

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes,
even the savage beasts, birds of
the air, and fish that make their
way through the waters. **R**

Second Reading **Romans 5:1-5**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by
faith we are judged righteous and
at peace with God, since it is by
faith and through Jesus that we
have entered this state of grace in
which we can boast about looking
forward to God's glory. But that is
not all we can boast about; we can
boast about our sufferings. These
sufferings bring patience, as we
know, and patience brings
perseverance, and perseverance
brings hope, and this hope is not
deceptive, because the love of
God has been poured into our
hearts by the Holy Spirit which
has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation **cf Revelation 1:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit: to God who is,
who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel **John 16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to
you but they would be too much
for you now. But when the Spirit
of truth comes he will lead you to
the complete truth, since he will
not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has
learnt; and he will tell you of the
things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he
tells you will be taken from what
is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said: All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

Communion Antiphon **Gal 4: 6**

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the
Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who
cries out: Abba, Father.

11th Week in Ordinary Time **-Year C**

Monday 16th of June

2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Ps
97(98):1-4, Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday 17th of June

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Ps
145(146):2,5-9, Matthew 5:43-
48

Wednesday 18th of June

2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Ps
111(112):1-4,9, Matthew 6:1-
6,16-18

Thursday 19th of June

2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Ps
110(111):1-4,7-8, Matthew 6:7-
15

Friday 20th of June

2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30, Ps
33(34):2-7, Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday 21st of June

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Ps
33(34):8-13, Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday 22nd of June

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Genesis 14:18-20, Ps
109(110):1-4, 1 Corinthians
11:23-26, John 6:51-52, Luke
9:11-17

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Foutina Asmar

Those who are ill: Nicola Di Sipio, Angel Belcsyro, Imelda Martins, Mila, Frank Busuttil, Jan De Keizer, Rick Costabile, Frank Pereira, Jacob Gatt and Pressy Abdilla.

NOTE: Names for prayers of the sick will be listed for 4 weeks and will then be removed, please call the office to relist.

And for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Wilfred Silva, Teresa Tabet (1st), Daphne Friskin (1st), Cathleen Keoghan (6mths) and Giuseppe Infantino (1st).

Deceased Birthday: Barbara Beale and Herbert Thomas.

Parish News:

Playgroup is every Friday in the parish hall from 10am to 1130am.

This weekend there will be a collection for the **Propagation of the Faith Appeal**. This **singular**, vital Parish Appeal focuses on supporting vulnerable mothers and newborns in Zambia, where many women lack proper medical care even after walking three days to give birth.

Senior's Highlands Buffet Lunch

Monday July 7th at 10:30am. \$23pp.

This includes scones, jam & cream, coffee and tea, followed by a buffet lunch. Please rsvp to the parish office.

Lots of fun for all!

The Good Shepherd Social Group is organizing a trip to Olivia's Place in Drouin which supports single mums and struggling young families.

Please donate newborn nappies and clothes. Items can be brought to the Parish Office or see Rita Cumbo.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

1000 HOURS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR!

We warmly invite you to come together in prayer at the Adoration Chapel of Good Shepherd. From

May 11, 2025, to May 11, 2026, we aim to collectively offer 1,000 hours of prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith, support one another, and seek spiritual growth. Let us unite in devotion and make this year a memorable journey of faith and fellowship.

Fr Dishan Candappa

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic?

Our 2025 RCIA program will be starting this Monday 16th of June at 7pm.

This will be a fortnightly program to prepare candidates for Easter 2026.

Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes will be available in the foyer at Good Shepherd from next weekend, 21st of June.

The Thanksgiving envelopes will also be available at the 9am St Carlos Mass from the 22nd of June.

CHILD SAFETY

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is committed to child safety, guided by national and state safeguarding standards. Our Parish is in the process of auditing compliance, including training, Working with Children Checks, and signed Codes of Conduct. Volunteers will be contacted if any safeguarding actions are outstanding. Thank you for supporting a safe and caring community for all, especially our children and elderly.

If you are new to the parish or are in need of a refresher, please attend the parish office on -

TUESDAY THE 1st OF JULY AT 6PM. PLEASE CHECK YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CARD EXPIRY AND RENEW IF NEEDED (THIS IS A REQUIREMENT TO VOLUNTEER). THANK YOU! RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP!



June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Amen