



St Anthony of Padua **Melton South Parish**

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR C

11th May 2025

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Alex Clemente

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Wilford Urmaza

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm

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PARISHIONER'S DONATIONS/COLLECTIONS

Parishioners who wish to donate electronically are now able to go to the link below and make their contributions online. The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj5yAAD>

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Or use the QR code



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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Godwin Barton	0425 734 449
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St Anthony's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people.

For any queries regarding the newsletter please contact Judy Johnson 0414 007 009

Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight please email judyparishnews@gmail.com

Judy Johnson's office hours are Tue, Wed and Thu 10.30-1.30pm

WORSHIP QUARANT-MASS AND DEVOTIONS

MASS TIMES: 12/5/2025-18/5/2025

Monday	12/5	6.30pm	Sunday Masses	
Tuesday	13/5	9.30am	Saturday Vigil	17/5 5.00pm
St Anthony's Novena 9th Week Adoration 6pm			Sunday	18/5 8.30am & 10.30am
Novena 6.15pm Followed by Benediction & Mass 6.30pm				
Wednesday	14/5	9.30am		
Thursday	15/5	9.30am		
Friday	16/5	9.30am	<i>Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass Tuesday–Sunday and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.</i>	
Saturday	17/5	9.30am		

Rosary **9.00am prior to masses**

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 17th & 18th May

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office. Thank you.

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Annonica & Julie **8.30am:** Godwin & Lillian **10.30am:** Godwin & Brandon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Mary Felix & Lisa Marshall **8.30am:** Eva Caliguiran & Anthea Scerri **10.30am:** Niel & Alexandra

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Dolores Turcsan **8.30am:** Roa Seufatu & Geoff Sutton **10.30am:** Frank & Cita Carreon

PIETY STALL

5.00pm: Julie Sequiera **8.30am:** Ineke Allen **10.30am :** Gilles & Josephine

FLOWER ROSTER: May: Lilibeth

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED AND REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH

FAITH FORMATION QUADRANT

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Baptisms will be held at St Anthony's on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11.00am.

Please go to: [Baptism of Infants | St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish](#) . Please contact the Parish Offices if you need any assistance.

ADULT PREPARATION: Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Alex, Fr Wilford or Naim Chdid .

FATIMA STATUE These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Anna Samy 0435 258 230
Nirmala Meegama 0452 200 344
Louise Sciberras 0401 413 439

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 1st Sunday of the month 3pm.

PASTORAL CARE QUADRANT

We pray for the recently deceased: Ludgarda Bonnici & Jerry Ong.

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Taumasina Pela Amoa, Emilia Borges, Annie Bowland, Emidia Buhagiar, WM Campbell, Ivan Cornelisz, Lorraine Doyle, Lance Finn, Evelyn Galea, Josphine Giordamanja, Peter Jones, & Robert Marley.

Please pray for the Sick:

Teresita Arrozal, , Nickolia Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Estela James, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Pam Meier, Damien Michael, Hazel Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Jan Mifsud, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Anna Samy, Samantha Smith, Sina, Saleri, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Uatoa Tuigamala, Clint Abela Wadge, Wai Walsh, Josphine Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.



SERVICE AND COMMUNITY QUADRANT

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

Last weekend we had a special collection for the CatholicCare Appeal. We collected \$643.50. Thank you for your generosity

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. 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.

OUR LADY'S MONTH-MAY

During the month of May, we will recite the rosary every Saturday morning at the Grotto, after the 9.30am mass. This will be followed by a cuppa, please bring a plate to share. On **Tuesday 13th May** we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a cuppa, please bring a plate to share.

ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY- FRIDAY 13th JUNE

Bishop Rene will celebrate mass at 6.30pm, **Friday 13th June**, we will have **Veneration of a First-Class Relic, of St Anthony of Padua** after mass. Please join us for fellowship after our celebration. We will have a special collection at mass, which will cover the Feast Day expenses.

SAVE THE DATE-INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL-15TH JUNE

Parishioners, please save the date for our upcoming International Food Festival. The Festival will be held in Padua Hall on Sunday 15th June after the 10.30am Mass

ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -THORNHILL PARK

Enrolments are filling fast for the 2026 school opening of St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School in Thornhill Park. In particular, places for Foundation (Prep) 2026 are nearly full, with final spots being reserved for Baptised Catholic students only. If you are thinking of enrolling your Prep child at St Padre Pio for 2026, please register your interest as soon as possible at sppthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au, as Prep Enrolment Interviews will be beginning soon and Enrolment Offers to occur shortly after. It is also important to act quickly for Grades 1- 6 also with positions filling at a steady pace.

ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL-MOUNT ATKINSON

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6.

Enrolment enquiries for the 3- and 4-year-old kindergartens will be open soon. *Please note that the enrolment criteria for the Primary School differ from those of the Children's Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and independent.* [Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope](#)

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dr Gerard O'Shea, a distinguished academic and educator specializing in religious education will be giving talks on 'A Brief Overview of the History of the Catholic Church'.

27th May Part 1- The Early Church-The Roman World and Early Church Fathers, Heresies, Creed and Councils, The Contribution of St Augustine & The Byzantine Church.

3rd June Part 2-The Medieval Church, The Reformation and Counter Reformation, The 'Enlightenment' and 19th Century & The 20th and 21st Centuries. **Venue St Anthony of Padua Melton South Time 7.30pm Tuesday 27th May & Tuesday 3rd June.**

Please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer if you are attending—Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY BINGO SPECIAL-THANK-YOU

Thank you to everyone that supported our recent Mother's Day Bingo Special. A special thanks to Rose Ma'ae and all our Bingo Volunteers and our Social Club. It was a great success.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has called the universal Church to this special time of grace, a time to focus on reconciliation and forgiveness, prayer and reflection, sojourn and pilgrimage. A time to focus on hope. For more information, please go to [Hope does not disappoint: Archdiocese of... | Melbourne Catholic](#)



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION-THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

1ST COLLECTION (Supports our Priests, sick and retired Priests, Priests in needy Parishes and our Archbishop) : \$1870.00

2ND COLLECTION (Pays our parish costs and supports the archdiocese and its charitable works): \$2487.00

REFLECTION 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER– Fr Alex Clemente RCJ

"My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me", says Jesus in this Sunday Gospel reading,

It's a blessing to know the voice of one who loves us! On this Good Shepherd Sunday which coincides with the celebration of Mother's Day, let us reflect on how we've been formed by two voices who have surrounded us with love: Jesus and our mothers.

Jesus uses the image of the shepherd, who is present to his sheep from their conception, through the labor and delivery, all the way through their life. The shepherd's voice would be the sound that stands out to the sheep from all of the natural noise that is going on around them. Clear and consistent, the shepherd's voice breaks through all else and is the voice that leads to water, to pasture, to safety. The shepherd's voice leads to life. The mother's voice is also known to us on a profound way. For the nine months we're inside their womb. Even as our inner ears are taking shape, they're reverberating with the sound of our mother's voice. When we're born, we recognize, seek out, and are soothed by our mother's voice. Mothers condition us to use speech, help us to be receptive to words, and teach us to attend to voices.

St. Paul tells us that **"faith comes from what is heard"** (Romans 10:17). Hearing and attending to speech is a gift first given to us by our mothers, without whom how could we hear and have faith? Mothers may not be perfect, but the basic formation we've received from them is incredible.

Indeed, the mother's voice begins our life.

This is also the invitation that this Sunday brings to us. Jesus desires us to know His voice, and we are best at catching the voice of our mother. And so He gave us the Church, which is to be like a mother to us. But unlike our own mothers, we have the choice as to whether we want to be mothered by the Church.

Do we want to be shepherded by Jesus and surround ourselves with the teachings of the Church, our mother and teacher?

In this month of May devoted to Mother Mary, let us be attentive to God's word like her.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the 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 has 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 99

Commentator: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

All: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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

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

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

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING Revelation 7:9, 14-17

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 to me, '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.

Thanks be to God.

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

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 anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

SECOND READING: Rev 21:1-5

GOSPEL: Jn 13:31-35

