

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 (JB)

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. 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. **R.**

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

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

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17 (JB)

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.

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 (JB)*

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

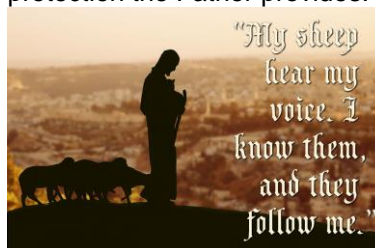
and no one will ever steal them from me.

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.'

Jesus and the Father are one

Throughout his gospel John carefully coordinates certain events in the life of Jesus with particular Jewish feasts, e.g., both the multiplication of the loaves (John 6) and the death of Jesus, who is the Lamb of God (John 1:36), take place at Passover. John sets chapters 7-9 during the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths). Two major symbols of this festival were the lighting of four lampstands and the ceremonial drawing of water at Siloam. In chapter 9 Jesus declares 'I am the light of the world' (9:5) and he sends the blind man to the waters of Siloam (9:7). This Sunday's passage unfolds during the Feast of Dedication (10:22) which today we know as Hanukkah. It commemorates the victory of the Jews, led by the Maccabees, over Antiochus Epiphanes in 164 B.C. That evil ruler had made the practice of Judaism illegal and punishable by death. In the Holy of Holies of the Temple he set up a pagan altar to offer sacrifice to the Greek god Zeus Olympios. The Jews rebelled, defeated their enemies, purified the Temple, and rededicated it. For Jews the Temple is the visible sign of the presence of God in their midst. There is no holier place. The worship of God alone is the greatest commandment and idolatry is the worst sin. The desecration of the Temple was a grievous offence and its rededication a cause of great joy. God could dwell among the people again. Against this background Jesus in this gospel claims, 'The Father and I are one' (10:30). According to John the Temple's function as a visible sign of God's presence is taken over by Jesus. To see God, one need not go to the Temple; as Jesus tells Philip, 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father' (14:9). This identity between Jesus and the Father is suggested in another way in this gospel. The protection Jesus provides for his sheep is the same protection the Father provides.



Welcome

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday

St Brendan's: 15th May, Lay Led @ 9.30am

Minister: L McGuane

Commentator: J Miller

Reader: B Allatt

Leaders: P O'Shea & L Darcy

St Joseph's: 15th May @ 10.30 am

Family: T&D Ryan

Minister: D Ryan

Leaders: M Finn & M Gorwell

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES: May

St Brendan's: H Holland & J O'Dowd

St Joseph's: A Convery & A Osborne

Counters: 8th May: L Darcy

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Ryan, Brendan Wangler,
John Armstrong, Norah Russell, Damian Black, Jill Tucker,
John Gorwell, Tim McCarthy, Frank Monaco, Br Kevin Tuck,
Pat Murnane, Margaret O'Shea

Those seeking our prayers for healing and well being.

Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson.



Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

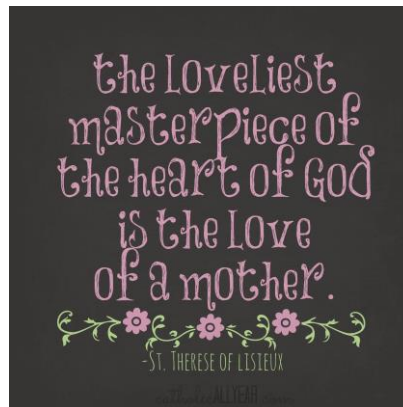
The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May. Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.

Pope's intention for May:

For faith-filled young people: **We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.**

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Meeting 19th May@5pm

St Brendan's Feast Day. This year the students and staff will attend the 10am mass on the 20th May at St Mary's Colac, to celebrate the feast of St Brendan. We invite you all to join us as we share the story of St Brendan.



National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine.
We pray for peace and the
laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
That your Spirit of comfort would
draw near to them.
We pray for those with power of war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your
precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen