



The Partnered Parishes of  
**Our Lady of Lourdes** & **St Peter's**  
**Armadale** & **Toorak**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B**

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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**A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep....The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again."*

Today's Gospel. John 10: 11, 17

Saturday week ago at the Shopping Centre in Bondi Junction the frenzied stabbing attack by one mentally unstable man caused the death of six people and severe injuries to others, including a nine months old baby. On Monday Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel of the Assyrian Church in Sydney was also stabbed by a teenager whilst preaching in his church.

This Thursday is Anzac Day, which commemorates the landing of the Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915 in the First World War, "the War to end All Wars". With benefit of hindsight we now know that that was a vain hope. But as the first engagement of our nation's troops in an international war it was memorable.

What is the connection between these three examples of violence? The first is the result of a single offender, a loner in a big city. As the urban population grows so do people evade the safety nets of smaller communities. They move freely and anonymously and sometimes with tragic results. The stabbing of the Bishop is local, in the church of his parishioners, but it seems to be related to grievance over the wider conflict between Israel, Gaza and now, Iran.

There is no war to end all wars. We have learned that. We have also become very thoughtful about the motives of these local tragedies, some of which have long arms.

In the face of such violence, our faith in the final victory of life over death is challenged but also emboldened by the message of Easter. Jesus Christ appeared on this earth with a message of tolerance, peace, forgiveness and love of God and neighbour and self. As shepherd of the flock he freely laid down his life and was loved by his Father for that. The effects of that action continue in ourselves, the Church, members of his Body in this weird and wonderful world and, in our country, Australia.

The Father loves us because in our own struggles and successes we are constantly laying down our lives and taking them up again. We have a vision of hope not despair.

*Fr Hayes*

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**St Peters**  
**Saturday Vigil** 6.00pm  
**Sunday** 9.30am

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Sunday** 11.15am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Tuesday** 9.30am  
**Wednesday** 9.30am

**St Peter's**  
**Thursday:** 9.30am **Anzac Day**  
**Friday** 11.30am

**RECONCILIATION**

**St Peter's** Saturdays 5.15pm  
**OLOL** Tuesdays before Mass

**BAPTISMS – MARRIAGES – FUNERALS**  
**Please ring the Parish Secretaries to make arrangements**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### THE SICK

Jane Mooney Bongiorno (in USA), Patricia Webb, Margaret Daniels, Marianne Parisi, John Gibb, Gary Woodruff, Dymphna Brady, Brendan O'Donnell, Mohan Paul, Ranjan Gregory, Anna Rallistan, Julie Mahony

*If you would like to add names to the list, please ring Delisa at the parish office.*

*P.N. The privacy legislation requires us to have permission from an authorized person before any sick person's name can be included in this section.*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Beryl Taylor, Barry Waddell, the six people of Bondi Junction.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mgr Gerry Cudmore (2004), Orfeo (John) Bergamin, Fr Bob (Robert) Maguire, Les Twentyman, Fr Michael O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup> PP of OLOL) and the deceased of World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan

### ROSTERS

#### ST PETER'S 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Lectors:** 6.00pm – Clare Pettigrew  
9.30am - Joseph Bounader

**Special Ministers:**  
6.00pm Sandra Ficarra  
9.30am Deirdre Heffernan

#### OLOL 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

**Lector:** 11.15am Peter Moon  
**Special Minister:** Manique Corteling

#### READINGS – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

First reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31  
Psalm: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32. R. v.26  
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24  
Gospel: John 15:1-8

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

| Thanksgiving                   | <u>St Peter's</u> | <u>OLOL</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection     | Env. \$735        | \$110       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April         | Cash \$382        | \$150       |
| <b>Presbytery (for Clergy)</b> |                   |             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection     |                   |             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April         | \$1,441           | \$301       |
| <b>Mass Count</b>              | <b>174</b>        | <b>52</b>   |

## SACRAMENTAL AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

### ANZAC DAY

Mass at St Peter's  
this Thursday – 9.30am.  
All welcome



### ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

Next Friday 11am. All welcome

### BAPTISM WELCOME AT OLOL

Congratulations to **Lorna Crehan** and to her family.

### BAPTISM WELCOMES AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to **Lily and Pippa Harkins** and to their family.

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to **Christian Wijeratne, Frankie Kennett and Leonardo Perri** and to their families.

### SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*For all Volunteers, please note:*

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is currently updating its Safeguarding Framework. As and when this happens, we will endeavour to update our Parish website with the changes and all Volunteers will receive an email with the new documents.

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2024

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis tells 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.



## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

### PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Pizza Night after 6:00pm  
Mass in the Parish Centre (Located next door to St Peter's Church)



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Prayers for Christian Unity at 10:00am at St Peter's Church (581 Toorak Road, Toorak) Light refreshments provided afterwards in the Parish Centre.

*These Parish Activities/Events are open to everyone from both Parishes.*



### EXERCISE CLASSES

A chair-based exercise class is held **Every Thursday** at 10.30am in St Peter's Parish Centre. \$5 per person, payable on the day.

### EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES (Easter Dues)

Are in the pews, for the support of your parish priest. A percentage of this Offering also supports some priests of the Archdiocese whose own parishes cannot fully support them.

I thank you for your customary generosity and thoughtfulness.

*Fr Hayes*

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

Warmly invites you to a half day retreat led by Fr Trevor Tibbertsma, at St Peter's Toorak

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June - 9.00am to 12.15pm**

The theme is **The Seeker of Souls: Understanding God's Intense Search for You!**

Commences: 9.00am - Holy Mass

Morning tea provided.

For catering purposes please register for this event at

[www.trybooking.com/CQACG](https://www.trybooking.com/CQACG) or

[info@cwlvicwv.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicwv.org.au)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### FRIENDS OF THE CARMELITE NUNS OF KEW

Invite you to a Film Nigh

**THE WAY, MY WAY**

*Miracles happen on the Camino*

Palace Balwyn Cinemas

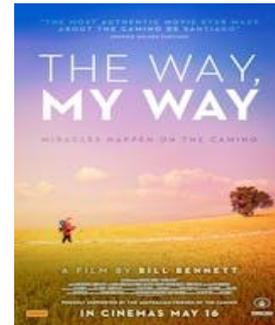
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

R.S.V.P. 15<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets \$35 with supper afterwards

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/>

Enquiries: **Janine Burgess 0408 111 605**



### KINROSS ARTS CENTRE (PART OF TOORAK UNITING CHURCH)

You are invited to a concert of sacred vocal music by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Rossini and many others, in support of Uniting AgeWell's Music for David program.

**2.00pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Toorak Uniting Church**

**603 Toorak Road, Toorak**

**Admission \$35/ \$30 concession**

**Includes refreshments**

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMGA>

Enquiries: 0429 907 908 or 0437 569 718

Tickets also available at the door.

### KINROSS ARTS CENTRE

Invites you to:

**Art for the Music** – by Bronwen Gibbs – elegantly integrates poetic imagery to complement a musical experience. Bronwen's non-conventional etchings are a symphony of layers and muted hues inspired by Western Port's serene shores.

**29<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

Opening Celebration: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 6-8pm (free)

Artist Talk: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 11am \$10.

Kinross Arts Centre (Part of Toorak Uniting Church)

603 Toorak Road, Toorak

Enquiries: 9829 0340

## FIRST READING [Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12](#)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, R. v.22](#)

*Response*

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

## SECOND READING [1 John 3:1-2](#)

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

*Alleluia!*

## HYMNS THIS WEEK AT BOTH CHURCHES

No. 348: Easter Alleluia  
No. 620: The Lord's my shepherd  
No. 357: Good Shepherd, you know us

## GOSPEL [John 10:11-18](#)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my

Father.'



## MUSIC FOR ST PETER'S

*There's a wideness in God's Mercy*- Ed Bolduc is a contemporary Catholic artist for VAO (voices as one). This particular work was composed around 2015 celebrating the Year of Mercy.

*Brother James's Air*-- Brother James is the familiar name by which many remember James Leith Macbeth Bain who was born in Scotland c.1840 and died in Liverpool 1925. This Air is perhaps the most beautiful of his many compositions.

*Festive Scherzo*- Malcolm Archer -an English conductor, composer and organist. He was formally the organist and director of music at Bristol Cathedral, Wells Cathedral and St Paul's Cathedral.