

DAMASCUS PARISH BULLETIN

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4th Sunday of Easter

A vibrant community, journeying with Jesus

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Damascus Parish is a welcoming and inclusive community that is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Damascus Parish acknowledges the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St Christopher's Church

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 9.30am Mass

St Therese Church

Sunday 9am Mass

Sunday 5pm Mass

Wednesday 9am Rosary

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Friday 9am Rosary

9.30am Mass

followed by prayers of adoration

Nazareth Church

Sunday 11am Mass

Thursday 9.30am

CONFESSION

St Christophers Church

Saturday 5.30pm–6pm

Nazareth Church

Sunday 10.30am–11am

St Therese Church

Sunday 4.30 pm–5pm

HOME VISITS

If there are any parishioners who are sick or housebound and would like to receive communion or a home visit please make contact with the parish office: 9412 8444



Synodality is about mission

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.



Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: *Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.*

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.

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

On this **ANZAC Day**, we pause to honour and remember all who have served, both past and present. We give thanks for their courage, commitment, and sacrifice, and we acknowledge the impact of their service on families, friends, and communities across our nation. As we reflect, we are reminded of the enduring values of resilience, mateship, and service. Lest we forget.



Sunday Rosary

The Legion of Mary is hosting a Sunday Rosary prior to Mass at Nazareth Church, offering a dedicated time to honor the Blessed Mother before every Sunday Mass starting at 10.30am during the month of May.

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, all are encouraged to renew and deepen their devotion to the Holy Rosary—a prayer richly rooted in the Gospel and a source of spiritual strength.

This initiative reflects the Legion of Mary's commitment to promoting the Rosary, which is central to their devotion to Mary and to the life of the Church. All are warmly invited to join this weekly act of faith.

Sunday BBQ After Mass

Fr Joel will be hosting a BBQ this Sunday evening at St Therese Church, following the 5pm Mass. All are warmly invited to stay and enjoy a relaxed time of food and fellowship with the parish community. Everything will be provided—just come along.

Acacia Passionist Family Group Grovedale

Annual planning meeting

Above meeting is to be held the Shanahan's on Sunday 26th April at 2PM.

We need to plan our Program for Events and Activities for the rest of the year.

Please attend with some ideas and a small plate of afternoon tea to share. New members or friends of members are most welcome.

Address 80 Rossack Dr Waurm Ponds --Jenny 0447 280 067.

Faith and Light - Geelong Community

A Christian gathering for people with disabilities, their families, and friends.

You are warmly invited to our next gathering:

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2025

Time: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Venue: St Mary's Parish, Hibernian Hall

Theme: Sharing our Easter stories

Join us for an afternoon of friendship, faith, music, and afternoon tea.

RSVP: Please contact Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267 by 27 April. Thank you.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

menALIVE (a national Catholic Ministry for Men)

May 2nd - 3rd, 2026. Cost: \$50 pp - includes workshops, morning & afternoon tea, lunch & dinner on both days. Register by April 27th. For more information and details you can visit: <https://bannockburn.menalivevic.au>

Parish groups - what has your group been up too lately, do you have any news to share with the parish? Please submit any pieces by Thursday to have it included in the weekly bulletin.

Receive your bulletin via email

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First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10



Daily Readings

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries who are at this time:

Peter Renkin

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our thoughts are with those who are unwell at this time.

Please submit a consent form to have a loved one prayed for.



Parish Presbytery

For any urgent pastoral need outside of office hours please call the presbytery on 9412 8443

Office Hours

Our hours are: **Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm. Closed Public Holidays**

Outside of these hours, please leave a message and one of the staff will contact you when they are next in the office.