

**SINGER URGES SUPPORT TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S MOST MARGINALISED DURING COVID-19**



Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert on Saturday, May 9 for Project Compassion, bringing Australian



and international music stars direct from their lounge room to yours. Gary is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19 globally, during Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

The line-up will be announced over the coming weeks, but Australian stars, Diesel, Matt Gresham, Carmen Smith, Nashville-based Bobby Lee Stamper and many others are expected to be among those generously putting on the show.

Gary is an ARIA award-winning and multi-platinum selling record artist and a musical mentor to the stars.

Whilst each of us is facing our own challenges, this year Caritas Australia is asking the Australian community to Go Further, Together and continue their amazing support in raising much-needed funds for vulnerable communities in these challenging times.

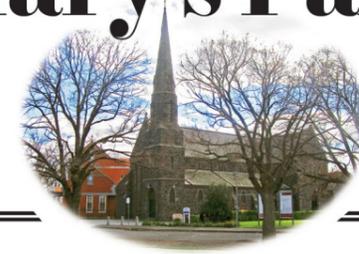
Last year thanks to all our supporters, including thousands of schools and communities across Australia, Caritas reached 1.52 million people directly. Each year Caritas Australia holds its annual fundraising and awareness campaign during the six weeks of Lent, to raise money for emergency and long-term development programs that transform lives.

Gary, who before the lockdown has been working on The Voice, has mentored many of Australia's recording artists. He has also worked as X Factor Australia's Vocal Director for the past six years, as well as on Dancing with the Stars. Gary wrote his poignant song "Walk with me" for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion before COVID-19 became a global crisis. It focuses on walking in solidarity with those most marginalised and celebrating the dignity of every person globally. You can find a link to the song at <https://bit.ly/walk-with-me-snippet>

There are some great ways to fundraise while at home. Go to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) for some great ideas to set up your fundraising page or call 1800 024 413 to donate or set up your page.

To donate to Project Compassion or find out more about the upcoming lounge room session visit Caritas Australia's website, [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413.

# St Mary's Parish



*A community where we bring together our gifts and talents*

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3rd May, 2020

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

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Tuesday 8:30am - 4pm  
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Friday 8:30am - 4pm

### Wednesday Secretary

Kylie Skinner  
8.30am—3.30pm

### St. Mary's School

Principal  
Anthony Hockey

### Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.  
Saturday at 6:30pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

### Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Wednesday

### Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly  
7.00pm at Parish Centre.  
Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

### FIRST READING:

Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

### SECOND READING:

First letter of Peter 2.20b-25

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

### GOSPEL: JOHN 10.1-10



"Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear

his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all of his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger, they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

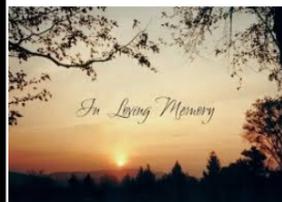
Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Charlie Fenech who died recently and for Michael Taylor, Les Murray, Crispin Bevington, Rose Pattison, (Sr.) Eileen Carr, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Alicja and Jan Oruba, John Fewster, George Olsen, Gerald Laws, Michael Burrows, Ron Murphy, Ivica Ostrugnai, Bishop Joe O'Connell, Natalino Meilak, Giuseppe Pungitore, Joan Gallivan, Patricia Mary Dumble, Ivy May Jones, Pat Raffle, Josephine Fisher, Nanette Gloury, Eugenio Scolaro, Emmanuel Taliana,

Lisa Dell-Antonio, Bess Whitehurst, Peter Destallis, David Adams, Daniel Keegan, Carmen Duggan, Dorothy Pierik, Jack Lourey, Daisy Cahill, Anne McTaggart, Lorna Patterson, Olive Maguire, Jason Smith, Lisa Garrity, Elizabeth McGuigan, Sue Geddes, Geitano Vella, Kathleen Moore, James Wright, Thomas Telfer, Laurena Becroft, Ivy Hughes, Philip Cronin, Leo Mangan, Catherine Woodruff, Con Gleeson, Richard Sammut, Patricia McBride and (Fr.) Kevin Smith; whose anniversaries are at this time.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and People of Good Will,  
Although we cannot join each other in public worship at this time, I have tried to convey a sermon each week through [fathergreg.online](http://fathergreg.online) (top of address bar), certain other suggestions through the same medium and through this newsletter some general information along with a different aspect or mini-sermon on the scripture readings for the particular Sunday at hand. I know parishioners have been appreciative of the above, although it is not the ideal for all of us. Nevertheless, **it should not be too long before we get back to normality as we are thankfully getting closer to that time.**

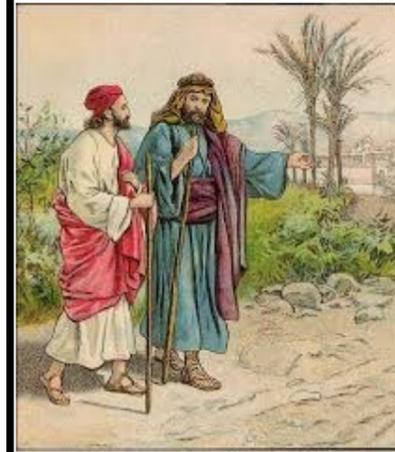


As the month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary, Pope Francis had this to say last Saturday: "Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our mother, will make us even

more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial.....the restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family aspect', also from a spiritual point of view. You can decide according to your own situations whether to pray individually or in groups.....it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow." Pope Francis wrote two prayers to Mary that can be recited at the end of the Rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you." **Pope Francis' prayers also include specific intentions for those who are sick, for those who care for them, for scientists seeking cures and vaccines and for government leaders who must find a way to protect their people.** In the Gospel given for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, although the importance of a shepherd of a flock of sheep is mentioned, it is only in the next few lines in the scriptures that Jesus says emphatically: "I am the Good Shepherd." With this Sundays' gospel in mind and the latter words particularly in mind, I would like to add the following as a mini-sermon for this weekend, even though I will be preaching a different one on this same theme on [fathergreg.online](http://fathergreg.online).



## Sermon Easter 4A



In the early history of the Church, as depicted in the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas are proven to be extraordinary shepherds of the sheep entrusted to them. They climbed hills and mountains all over Turkey in their first missionary journey together to spread the word of God and his Gospel of Good News. I thought I was a good long distance walker but I'm not a patch on these two men! They even got flogged almost to death a few times in their persistent and determined endeavours to be good

shepherds to the flock entrusted to them spanning many countries. In the history of the church, we have no lack of role models who are similar to Paul and Barnabas. Many years ago I bought a book called 'Treasury of Women Saints.' This proved to me beyond doubt, the extraordinary lengths both men and women went to in order to listen to the voice of Jesus and be 'good and kind shepherds' to so many thousands over the years. I am starting this



bulletin on the Feast of Catherine of Siena who lived during the 14th century and was a member of the Dominican Order. In her journeys around Europe, she was manifest in many spectacular conversions of very prominent people of her age. She was not afraid to inform at least two Popes during her lifetime to change some strategies in order to be better

shepherds of their people. In the end, despite her criticisms Pope Urban VI invited her to Rome where she became a great source of inspiration and wisdom to him, at a most difficult political time for the papacy itself. Consequently, I urge others to read a life of the history of the Popes in order to fully appreciate the incredible difficulties many endured to fulfil their jobs successfully as the successors of Peter, and be (in most cases) very good chief shepherds of their people. There will always be exceptions to this rule as Christ himself intimated. As I have said, there are many fine examples of both men and women who have been good, if not great shepherds for their people, bringing them protection from evil and leading them to far greener spiritual pastures. Over the centuries, among these great shepherds have been Kings, Queens, Popes, Bishops, Priests, Brothers, lay people and I am sure many hundreds of women religious who have more than played their part to make both the Catholic Church and Christianity still a serious contender for good in our world.

Fr. Greg