

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
PARISH OF BURNLEY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

26th April 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God;
during the service, let God speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Bartholomew's,
Christ is Risen.

He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The recent refinery fire in Geelong is likely to add to the current anxieties about the availability of fuel, also adding to the cost-of-living challenges faced by many in our community along with the increases in prices for food including the necessities of bread and milk. While it is true that not everyone is struggling those on low incomes or a pension or benefit and with rising rent and mortgage costs many are feeling the "pinch" and doing without to ensure their families are adequately fed, housed and kept warm over winter. The Richmond Food Bank needs our support currently to provide for a growing number of local residents needing assistance with food. Please bring along each week staples such as flour, tinned food, pasta and soups.

Yesterday our nation observed Anzac day, remembering those who fought for peace and many who gave of their lives. While there has been a growing awareness of the contribution Australians gave in both the 1st and 2nd World Wars, in Vietnam and other places the current conflicts in the Middle east are a reminder of the fragility

of our planet and the behaviour of political leaders who are too willing to send young men and women off to war for dubious reasons and a lack of accountability.

Next Sunday we are asked to observe the issue of Domestic Violence and in particular against women and children on the feast day of Philip and James, I suggest those who would like to stay after morning tea to discuss the matter please let me know.

Fr. Ray

Mass Setting Dudman

INTROIT Hymn AM 357 All People that on Earth do Dwell

Sentence 'I am the Good shepherd', says the Lord. 'The Good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

The priest says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us Pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

PENITENTIAL RITE

Risen Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Silence is kept

Lord, like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Like the disciples behind closed doors, we fear to be seen as your followers. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe and to trust in you. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Absolution said by Fr Ray

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Kyrie eleison sung

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

The Gloria is sung

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on
earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

At the time of choosing an incumbent {we say together}

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments.
An encourager who will equip your people for
ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord

ALL Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

GELINEAU PSALM 23

(♩ = ♩ of psalm)
Response 1 UNISON

11
Psalm 23

Joseph Gelineau
1920-

My shep - herd is the Lord, no - thing in-deed shall I want.

(♩ = ♩ of psalm)
Response 2 UNISON

Anthony Gregory Murray
1905-92

His good-ness shall fol - low me al - ways, to the end of my days.

e of the responses is sung first by the cantor, small group or choir and then by the congregation.

The image shows a page from a music book with two musical settings of Psalm 23. The top setting is by Joseph Gelineau (1920-), titled 'GELINEAU PSALM 23'. It features a treble and bass clef staff with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'My shep - herd is the Lord, no - thing in-deed shall I want.' The bottom setting is by Anthony Gregory Murray (1905-92), titled 'Response 2 UNISON'. It also features a treble and bass clef staff with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'His good-ness shall fol - low me al - ways, to the end of my days.' The page number '11' and 'Psalm 23' are centered at the top. A note at the bottom indicates that the responses are sung first by the cantor, small group or choir and then by the congregation.

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; [a]

3 he restores my soul. [b]
He leads me in right paths [c]
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, [d]
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.^[g]

A Reading from 1 Peter 1.2-10

2 Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.^[a]

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built^[b] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,^[c]

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,^[d] in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

ALL Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John Chapter 10.1-10

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead

of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me^[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD: Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

For the Leaders of the world that they will end conflict and seek to bring harmony and justice to the whole of creation.

FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE Bruce, Jack, Nanette, Liam, Craig, Helen, Marilyn, Marcus, Alan and Lee, Jean and family

*FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: John Sloman, Sue Chapman
FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK. William
Ling, Zadie Harrison, Alfred Duffy, Kent Small, Nicholas
Heywood, David Wells, Gertrude Chan, Sylvia Thornton, Natalie
Leckie, William Wall*

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers,
**grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your
grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

**OFFERTORY HYMN AM 794 The King of Love my Shepherd
is.**

*During the singing of the Hymn a collection will be taken.
Electronic giving is available at the entrance to the Church.*

THE EUCHARIST

*We now lift up to God the world and the church as we offer
prayers and thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you,
faithful God, always and
everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought
from nothing a universe of
beauty and splendour, bringing
light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in
your image, and endowed us with
creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and
searched us out, making a
covenant of mercy,
giving the law, teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every
time and place, singing the eternal song:

sung

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all
things, even to death on a
cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with
his friends, his companions on the
way.

While at the table he took
bread, blessed, and
broke it,
and giving it to them,
said: 'Take, eat; this is
my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, 'This is my blood of the
covenant,
which is poured out for
many. Do this in
remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Sung

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his
command, we remember his life
of obedience to you, his suffering
and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us forever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and our celebration that all who
eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body
and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting
gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in
whom, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.

sung

**Blessing and honour and glory
and power are yours for ever
and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of
the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of
the bread.**

All who wish to come are welcome for this is the table of the Risen Lord.

The words of administration are:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion hymn for Anzac Day

AM 258 O thou who came from above

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God,

make us apostles of the risen Christ.

Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,

and grace to recognise the Lord Jesus when he meets us,

wherever we are on the road.

BLESSING

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn AM 119 Christ is alive!

Rosters

	26th April	3rd May
1st Reading	Greg Scott	Evan Costello
2nd Reading	Michael Mc Girr	Laura Pumphrey
Intercessions	Sandra McMahon	Michael McGirr
Euch. Assistant	Jonathon Harrison	Megan Harrison
Welcomers	Megan Harrison & Ann Czech	Kim Rickett & Anne Czech
Hospitality	Helen Mc Donald	Jenny Scott & Michael Mc Girr

Centenary Year Plans

St Bartholomew's Burnley parish events update for our centenary year .

April 2026

Plans are well underway by a committee of the Parish Council to observe and celebrate the dedication of the current Church on the corner of Burnley street and Boyd Lane on the 25th October 2026. The church was relocated to the present site in 1925 from the corner of Swan street and Burnley street. It was decided that the church should be more centrally located. In retrospect the decision at the time may not have occurred today if events as they were to unfold over the years as the centre of Burnley is now arguably where the church was first established.

A number of events are being planned for the year including the following. Others will be added as they are finalized including a concert and parish dinner.

May 9th

Melba concert at the church, a regular event each year

May 31st at 3pm

Choral Evensong followed by the Launch of the Centenary appeal for \$100,000 for future outreach, worship, prayer life and engagement work in the area. The celebrations are about the past present and future

August 23rd

Choral Evensong for St Bartholomew at 5pm.

September 13th

Creation and environment Sunday with Jo Knight from Anglican Overseas Aid including a seminar on Climate change

October 25th

Choral Eucharist to celebrate the 100 years

Please mark these dates in you diary now. I am also wanting to develop a list of past parishioners to invite to the various events. If you have any names you would like to pass onto me please send them to my email address ray@cleary.au

Further details will be listed on our face book page, web site and parish news as they are finalized.

Pub lunch today @12.15 at the Grand . Please join us if you are able.

Weekly giving, if you prefer not to direct give on Sundays there is now the opportunity to give electronically as well as by cash.

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Marvellous Melba!

Celebrating Melba's 165th Birthday!



MELBA AS "OPHÉLIE"

Photo: Dupont et Cie., Brussels

2026 DAME NELLIE MELBA
BIRTHDAY CONCERT

5.30 pm, Saturday 9 May 2026

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church
300 Burnley Street, Richmond

Stunning programme by arrangement with the Melba
Opera Trust, featuring:

Soprano Sophie Hamer
Operatic Baritone Devon Lake
Mezzo-soprano Aylish Ryan
Accompanist Zachary Hamilton-Russell

Enjoy a glass of Bubbles and meet the artists after
the concert! Pick up a gift for Mum at our Mother's
Day stall outside the church on Burnley Street.

For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/KFMS>
General Admission: \$50 Concessions: \$40
Students \$25 (must show card) Under 16 no charge.

Proceeds in aid of the Richmond Churches Food Centre
and St Bartholomew's Centenary Fund.
There is limited parking in Burnley Street and surrounds.
Public transport: Burnley Station, Trams 48, 70 & 75
For further information: stbartsburnley.org.au
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