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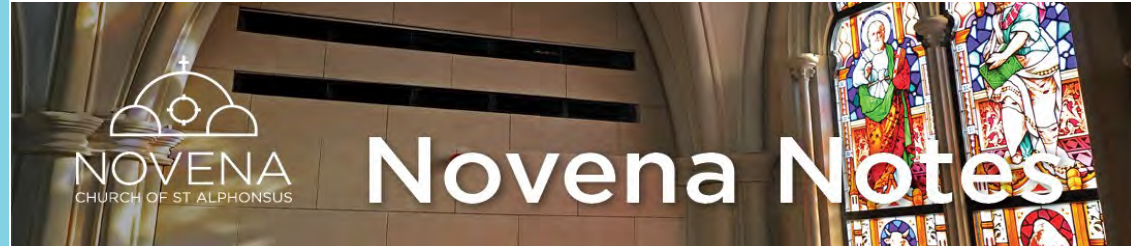
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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Good Shepherd and Sheep.

The shepherd metaphor has often appeared in the Bible to represent God, care, guidance, protection and wayward or righteous leaders. Fittingly, Scripture readings on Good Shepherd/Vocations Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter) teach us about faithfully following Jesus and not be easily led astray.

The Gospel Acclamation clearly tells us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd: *"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and mine know me"*. The Gospel of John elaborates on the need to follow Jesus: *"I am the gate of the sheepfold... Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture...I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full"*. Indeed, Jesus is the true gate to salvation: *"...anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand"*.

The *thief* and *brigand* are deceitful shepherds who mislead people. Unlike the Pharisees who had rejected the teaching of Jesus, St Peter accepted Christ as the Good Shepherd and convinced 3000 people on Pentecost Day to repent, be baptised, to receive the Holy Spirit and to save themselves *'from this perverse generation'* (1st Reading Acts of the Apostles).

Those who save themselves are the sheep that stray but return to *'the shepherd and guardian of your souls'* (2nd Reading 1 Peter). The good sheep suffer patiently and devotedly adopt Jesus' example of not retaliating against unjust treatments, such as when insulted, tortured and crucified for doing nothing wrong.

The good sheep in the Responsorial Psalm also testify that *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"*. This is because Jesus grants us love, peace, guidance, protection, comfort, blessings, kindness and His eternal kingdom.

As loyal sheep who listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, pray also that the Church would have an abundance of true shepherds among the clergy, religious brothers and sisters plus lay volunteers.

Lay shepherds can co-responsibly help the Church with pastoral care, faith formation and Christ-like living. Through prayer groups, bible sharing, spiritual retreats, mission projects and community outreach, our God-led voices can be heard by sheep who might be misdirected by false shepherds and sinful people looking for followers.

I pray that we would always be Good Shepherds like Jesus and faithful sheep who obediently listen to His voice, trust His leadership, follow His direction and sincerely help others along the way.

Reflection by Peter Ling

Readings & responses for the week

4th Sunday of Easter

Sun, 26 April Good Shepherd Sunday	Acts 2:14,36-41, 1 Pt 2: 20-25, Jn 10: 1-10 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Monday, 27 April	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18 My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life.
Tuesday, 28 April St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr	Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30 O praise the Lord, all you nations.
Wednesday, 29 April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor	Acts 12:24-13:5, Jn 12:44-50. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Thursday, 30 April St Pius V, Pope	Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20 God goes up with shouts of joy,
Friday, 1 May St Joseph the Worker	Gen 1: 26-2:3, Mt 13:54-58 Give success to the work of our hands, O Lord.
Saturday, 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	Acts 13: 44-52, Jn 14:7-14 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

PRAYER FOR CHURCH IN CHINA

Join us as we pray in various languages

World Day of Prayer for Church in China



English Mandarin 中文 Tagalog
Tamil தமிழ், Bahasa Indonesia
French Français Vietnamese Tiếng Việt

普世为中国教会祈祷日


让我们以不同的语言同声祈祷

DATE/日期 May 22, 2026
TIME/时间 7.45pm-9.30pm
VENUE/地点 St. Alphonsus Church(Novena Church)



LABOUR DAY PH
1st May 2026, Friday
Mass at 9am & 6.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration

“
Whatever you do,
work at
it with
all your
heart,
as working for the
Lord, not for human
masters.”

(Luke 5:13)

8th May 2026, Friday
7.30pm
Main Church


All workers and migrants are especially invited.

Come and rest in the Lord who sees your labour
and blesses the work of your hands.




RCIA JOURNEY FOR ADULTS
For those who are interested to know the Catholic faith, we are starting English RCIA class on 6th and 7th July and Chinese RCIA class on 4th July. Please kindly get the application form from the brochure stands or the reception lobby.
The closing date is 31st May 2026.

ST GERARD DEVOTION



ST. GERARD DEVOTION
THE LIFE & SPIRIT OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

The Mother's Saint



DATE: Friday, 15th May 2026
TIME: 7.30pm
VENUE: Novena church

CHILDREN MASS
3rd May 2026, Sunday
2 pm, Formation followed by Mass

ASCENSION - DAY OF OBLIGATION
13TH May, Wed, Vigil - 7.30pm
14th May Solemnity, Thur, - 12.15pm, 7.30pm