



St Joseph's Church

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Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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26th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter

Noah's Ark mystery deepens as underground tunnels found in Turkey mountain match Bible blueprint

<https://www.dailymail.com/sciencetech/>

High in the mountains of Turkey, a mysterious geological formation sits that some researchers believe could be the remains of Noah's Ark. According to the Bible, **the massive vessel** saved humanity and every kind of animal from annihilation during a catastrophic flood more than 4,300 years ago.

Now, a team of American researchers working at the Durupýnar Formation near Mount Ararat has uncovered evidence of hidden tunnels as described in the biblical account.

Andrew Jones, an independent researcher with Noah's Ark Scans, used ground-penetrating radar to uncover a network of 'corridors' converging on a hollow central chamber he dubbed the atrium. Jones linked the **discovery to the Bible's description of the Ark**, which states the boat contained three internal levels built to shelter Noah, his family and pairs of animals. 'God told Noah to bring the animals in. And so these animals would have stayed there, plus Noah and his family,' Jones told GB News. 'What's interesting is that these voids are lining up below the ground - and they're not just random. These tunnels also follow a pattern. GPR is just a way to look below the soil using radar.' He added **further studies using** infrared thermography (IRT), a heat-sensing technology that can uncover hidden structures underground, have also suggested the presence of a ship-shaped hull buried deep in the soil.



Located just 18 miles south of Mount Ararat, Turkey's highest peak, the Durupýnar Formation has only been known to the modern world for less than a century. According to local reports, heavy rains and earthquakes in May 1948 washed away the surrounding mud, revealing the mysterious formation. It was then discovered by a Kurdish shepherd. The Bible states that Noah's Ark came to rest on the 'mountains of Ararat' after a 150-day flood that **drowned the Earth and every living creature not sheltered inside the wooden vessel**. What's intriguing is that the formation sits near a mountain with a peak that some believe matches the ark's shape and dimensions. According to biblical measurements,

the ark was '300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high,' roughly 515 feet long, 86 feet wide and 52 feet tall. The idea that the ark landed on Mount Ararat has long sparked debate. While many scientists argue that the formation is a naturally occurring geological feature, others are convinced it points to something far more extraordinary. The team at Noah's Ark Scans firmly believes the latter.

Jones told **GB News** that he and his team collected 88 samples from inside and outside of the ship in 2024. Soil testing in the area showed extremely high levels of potassium, consistent with massive amounts of decomposed lumber. 'However, due to the extremely cold climate, many parts of the Ark are still intact and petrified. It spends almost six months out of the year completely frozen,' Noah's Ark Scans explained in an X post. In 2024, Jones revealed that he and his team uncovered angular structures as deep as 20 feet beneath the surface, features that could represent rooms below a deck-like platform. In Genesis 6:14, the Bible describes the ark: 'Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.' 'This is not what you'd expect to see if the site were simply a solid block of rock or the result of random mudflow debris,' Jones told The Christian Broadcasting Network.

According to the Bible, the massive vessel saved humanity and every kind of animal from annihilation during a catastrophic flood more than 4,300 years ago 'But it is exactly what you'd expect to find if this were a man-made boat, consistent with the biblical specifications of Noah's Ark.' The team has also performed soil testing, uncovering what Jones described as 'some interesting things.' 'We noticed that the grass growing within the boat-shaped formation is a different color compared to the area just outside it,' Jones said, suggesting this could point to a man-made origin rather than a natural one. William Crabtree, another member of Noah's Ark Scans, added that a tunnel appears to run from the tip of the formation toward the middle, and it is large enough to walk through. 'The ultimate goal is not just soil test, which is great, or GPR scans, but to get inside the ship somehow,' Jones told Patterns of Evidence. 'Core drilling, getting samples deep inside of it to where we see the substructure, these voids, put a camera in it. This is an opportunity coming up that possibly will allow us to do that next season. 'Whatever happens, whenever God opens doors, we will continue working on the site.'

April/May



Sun 26th April

Tue 29th April DVD group @ 11:00am Sunday,

Sat 2nd May Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 2nd to 3rd May 2026

Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Ryall	A Dzieciol	G Jaune
READERS:	M D'Cunha	L Pepi	T Marchei
COMMS:	P Antoni	I Kendall	T Pavy
E/O Minister	M D'Cunha	H Kendall	K Jaune
SERVERS:	S Laurent;		
	H Louise		J & N Jaune
Counters	Team 1 - G.Vincent, F Netto		
Cleaners	F Loc		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 25-Apr 6:00 PM RS-Mary Leong, Natalie Jean Louis,
RS-Zita D'Cunha, Rosita Fernandes,
RS-Leonora Gaillard

SUN 26-Apr 7:00 AM RS - Holy Souls
9:00 AM RS-Ellie O'Sullivan, Agyar fam
RS-Derek Rowe, Ken & Samuel Hulbert

TUE 28-Apr 7:30 AM SP-Andrew D'Cunha, Anton Sontag

WED 29-Apr 7:30 AM

THU 30-Apr 9:00 AM RS-Anna Lee

FRI 1- May 7:30 AM TG Olive Carvalho

SAT 2- May 7:30 AM TG-Olive Carvalho

6:00 PM

SUN 3- May 7:00 AM

9:00 AM RS-Maria Cuc, Peter Thang,
Maria Tinh & fam

Pray for :-

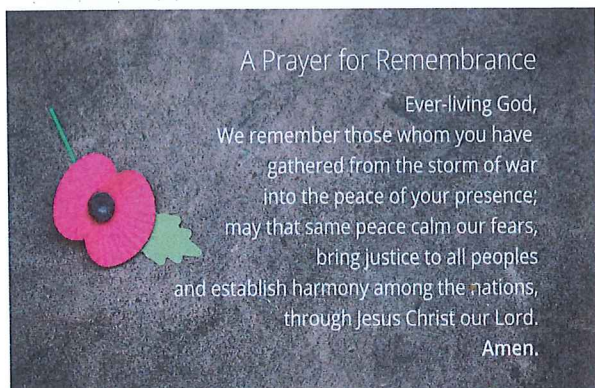


Those who are suffering in wars in Middle East, in natural diasters, in religious persecutions and the sick in the parish: Rebecca Reed, Francisco Sorgiovanni, Cameron Merifield and Ermelina Vescovo.



Francois Nahas – RIP

Our prayers and condolences to Pierre, Maria & Michael Nahas on the passing of their brother and uncle, Francois Nahas. May he, along with all the souls of the faithful departed rest in Eternal Peace. Amen.



Vocation Sunday

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched the Vocations Sunday, which since then we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called as Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 26 April 2026, which marks the 63rd Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pastoral Letter

The recent death of a very good friend has made me think once more about vocation. Julie, who I had known for almost 60 years, had a very strong vocation to be teacher. That was her wish from a young age, and she stayed committed to teaching through a long career both in Catholic and community schools until retirement. Then she went on to teach adults in a voluntary capacity especially those

people who had never learnt to read and write as children. God had called Julie to be a teacher and she responded wholeheartedly. Such a powerful example has made me reflect on my own vocation especially as I have now retired from full time ministry.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Alphonsus Liguori, we pray for an increase in holy vocations.

Call forth men and women with hearts dedicated to serving You and Your people with unwavering courage and conviction. Inspire a yearning in their hearts for the fire of Your love.

Fill Your Church with devoted disciples whose witness of faith, hope, and charity inspires others to follow You. May their lives be a beacon of Your love and grace.

Come, Holy Spirit. Make my parish, my family, and my heart fruitful ground for vocations for the good of Your Church and salvation of souls.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



You see, I never had the same strength

of conviction as Julie. It would be at least an exaggeration and probably downright wrong to say I knew I had a vocation to religious life and priesthood when I was a teenager or a young adult. In fact, my vocation dawned on me just few months before I entered the Dominican novitiate, and even then, I was not sure that I had made the right move. Due to the patience and kindness of my Dominican brothers who put up with when I was unsettled and who helped me with my studies when I wasn't doing as well as my contemporaries I got through. But most importantly my vocation grew and firmed up. Now as a retired archbishop I still find that my vocation is growing as I answer God's call in a different way.

So, my message to you on Vocations Sunday is a very simple one. Be brave and try your vocation. We are all called by God to a life of holiness; a life with God at the centre of what we do, but the way that works out is very different for each of us. Some people have a certainty about their call, others like me are prepared to take cautious steps along the way but in both cases the important thing to remember is our calling is more about God and the people we serve than ourselves. May God bless you as you discern God's will for you.



OUR PARISH FAMILY



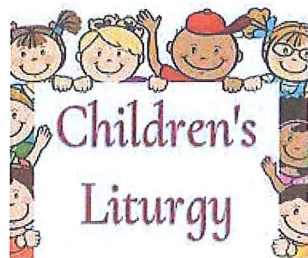
****The 6th National Count of Attendance**

for Catholic Mass in Australia is occurring in May 2026, marking 25 years of data collection. In 2021, approximately 417,300 people (8.2% of Australian Catholics) attended Mass on a typical weekend, a decrease from 2016's 623,356 attendees due to Covid 19. The count covers parishes, hospitals, prisons, and online.

Please be aware that the 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place at the parish for four weekends starting next weekend on 2/3 May 2026.

Children's Liturgy back on

We are delighted to announce a wonderful team of women who will be leading the Sunday Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass, starting this Sunday.



We warmly welcome

Theresa Macaulay, Geraldine Vincent, Tehillah Wal, Tamika, and Talisha Fernandes as they step into this important ministry.

Though they are new to the role, they come with enthusiasm and a spirit of service, and are committed to helping the parish children grow in faith, hope, and love of God.

Please bring along your children and grandchildren to the Sunday 9am Mass for the Children's Liturgy.

**** Drop Off Request** - Do you attend 9am Sunday Mass? If so would you be available once every 6 to 8 weeks, to take home an elderly couple? A volunteer driver will drop them to Mass, but a lift to return home is required. The couple live in Redgum Way, Morley - just off Bottlebrush Drive. If you can assist please call Tina 0419 004 944

And, if you attend Sat 6pm Mass and would like to give a lift for a senior who lives close to Altone Road near Lockridge Optus, kindly gives a ring to the parish office 9379 2691.

ST CHARLES SEMINARY OPEN DAY

The St Charles Seminary Open Day invites men aged 18+ to explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood in a welcoming and prayerful environment. Experience seminary life, meet current seminarians and formators, and spend time in prayer and reflection while discerning God's call.

• Sunday 3 May, 9:30am - 2:30pm, St Charles Seminary, Guildford.Mass, brunch, Q&A, a guided seminary tour, and Holy Hour with Benediction.

1. May Crowning - To honour Our Heavenly Mother-

To show our love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother, there will be crowning Our Blessed Mother at the 9:00am Mass next Sunday.



“ Oh Mary, we crown Thee with Blossoms today. “ Please bring your kids and grandkids for the special occasion.

2. Family Rosary - We encourage our parish families to pray rosary at home daily.

Kids who grow up praying with their families (and doing other faith-related activities with their families) are far more likely to continue practicing their faith in adulthood because their faith comes to form their identities and decision-making. When you pray as a family, the Holy Spirit can bring feelings of comfort and a spirit of love to your home. Family prayer can ease tension and bring lasting happiness to your family. It can help you and the rest of your family become more patient, kind, forgiving, and humble.

THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE



Perpetual Adoration at St Joseph's has been sustained for 22 years through the love, commitment, and faith of devoted adorers like Rose De Souza. After many years of dedicated service, Rose is now stepping down from her 5pm Saturday Holy Hour due to health reasons.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to you, dear Rose, for responding so generously to Our Lord's invitation: "Could you not watch with Me one hour?" May God bless you and your family abundantly with His peace and grace.

If anyone feels called to continue this beautiful commitment by taking over Rose's hour, please contact Tina Russo, 0419 004 944. Consider dedicating an hour of your time to be with Jesus in His real presence—the spiritual blessings are truly out of this world!

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

26 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*
or

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

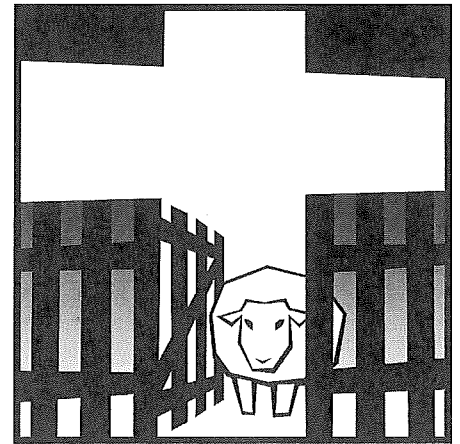
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be
safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his
sheep and willingly died for
his flock, alleluia.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!