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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 10 & 11 OCTOBER 2009

"God's life is with us and our life is with each other"

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am, 6pm

12:30pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

1st Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm (Fr Lois)

2nd Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm
(Fr Michael)

3rd Sun: Malibar Mass 4:00 pm
(Fr John)

RECONCILIATION: (English)

Sat: 10.00am - 10:30am

5:15pm - 5:45pm

Thurs: 7.00pm - 7:30pm

Sun: 12 noon - Vietnamese

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every month during a Mass. Preparation session - Thursday evening beforehand 7:30pm in the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made prior to making any other bookings.

Dear Friends

THANKSGIVING

It hasn't been a good start to the renewal of the Thanksgiving. The promise of \$7,350 a week has not happened. Other renewals, the pledged amount begins well and slows down: ie it decreases over time, but in our case, it has fallen away from the start.

Maybe it would be easier, simpler to pay by credit card or direct debit. Choosing either way saves the remembering each week of putting our gift to the Parish in an envelope. Another thing may have occurred; you didn't get envelopes. If that has been so, please contact the Parish Office open from Monday to Friday. Envelopes will be given or sent by post.

WORK

A woman with two small children has moved into the Parish Emergency House. She is from Ethiopia, via New Zealand. Her problem: no money. She is ineligible for Australian welfare, only her children receive payments.

She is young and more than willing to work. She speaks English well. Would you know of any type of employment? She is prepared to do any job.

PARKING

Last Sunday an elderly person collapsed in the Mass. Ambulance called, but couldn't get near the Church, because of cars parked in the wrong places. The time wasted trying to enter the Church grounds could have been the difference between life and death. As it was, the person went to hospital and as I write, he is at home.

What happened on Sunday is what I have dreaded. People park where they are told not to. The signs are ignored. The exits are blocked because cars are wrongly parked. I am tired of telling you. If some continue to park where it is clear that you are not supposed to, a note will tell you and your car number named in the Mass. If that is not enough there will be a fine. Disabled stickers must be displayed. Most cars are parked correctly. Why do some make it hard for others?

Peace

Fr. Peter



An excerpt from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.'



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THOUGHTS ON GIVING

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25
Jesus came on this earth to serve. Anyone who wishes to follow Him must also be willing to give time, talent and treasure to serve God's people, just as Jesus gave His very life for us. True disciples are true stewards, giving service and sacrifice, just as Jesus taught us to do.

Rosters next weekend

October Activities

Other News

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 17/18 OCTOBER

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM

Readers: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Violeta Montoro
Head Spec Min: Charlie Busuttill
Spec Min: Charlie Bartolo
Delia Ryan
Janie Gatt
Marlene Bartolo
Carmen Camilleri
Mario Zammit

9:00 AM

Readers: Christopher Creo
Kevin Singh
Head Spec Min: Mary Farrugia
Spec Min: Marianne Schembri
Josephine Grixti
Monica Lomen
Mini Eddy
Edith Gauci
Ana Brkljacic

11:00 AM

Readers: Helen Maddela
Frank Carreon
Head Spec Min: Akok Kiir
Spec Min: Sr Helen Mary fcJ
Judy Croos
Wally Antonowicz
Toni Antonowicz
Johanne Dajic
Maryanne Craker

6:00 PM

Reader: Lani Laririt
Head Spec Min: Sharon Perena
Spec Min: Ralph Perena
Tess Elano

PIETY STALL 6 pm J Gatt;
9am A Naidu
11am L Disco

CHURCH CLEANING

Week Beginning 12th October:
Group 6 So & Phung Mai Ung
Xuan Dung Huynh
Ngocan Truong
Nguyen Doan
Thuy Nguyen

LOAVES & FISH ROSTER

17 Oct - Nanette
18 Oct - Charlie

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues 13 Oct 9.00am Mass
Wed 14 Oct 9.00am Mass
Thurs. 15 Oct 9:00am Mass
Fri 16 Oct 9.00am Mass
Sat 17 Oct 6:00pm Mass

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Lk 11 : 29-32
Tue: Lk 11: 37-41
Wed: Lk 11 :42-46
Th: Lk 11:47-54 St Teresa of Avila
Fri: Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Lk 12:8-12 St Ignatius of Antioch

WORLD MISSION DAY

Next weekend – Annual Special Collection. This year’s theme “Reach Out, Give Life”.

MULTI-CULTURAL MASS

Feast of Christ the King 22 November
11am Mass will celebrate the wonderful mix of the parish. Meeting on Wednesday 16 October in the Parish Office from 7pm to plan the celebration. Music, readings, languages, food stalls. Plenty to organize for the day. If you would like to contribute your ideas come over and tell us.

EMPLOYMENT

If you hear of a job – anything at all – please let us know. Many are looking. Please contact Fr Peter.

YOUNG PEOPLES’ CHOIR

Plans are shaping for singing at Sunshine Hospital in December, also hoping to offer a Christmas Carol Service at Holy Eucharist also in December and contributing to the music of the Christmas Masses. Practice dates are Mondays 12, 19 & 26 October, 24 & 30 November and 7 December - all at 3:30-4:30pm. Anyone else interested let Jelica know on 9366 1310.

FOOD BANK APPEAL

The next monthly food bank will be 6th November. Weekly food bank: Wed – Fri. 2-4pm for fresh fruit and vegetables.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2010 Columban Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for \$7.00.

ALL SOULS’ DAY MASS

At Keilor Cemetery on 7th November at 11:00am. Mass will be dedicated to those buried or entombed at Keilor Cemetery. RSVP Friday 31 Oct to Lou Gionfriddo at 9364 0099.

‘GETTING IT RITE’

A preparation day for the Advent and Christmas seasons is taking place on 24 October, Saturday at the Thomas Carr Centre East Melbourne. ‘Getting it Rite’ is a formation day for all those involved in any aspect of liturgical ministry in the parish. The day will include a keynote address by Bishop Tim Costelloe SDB and a range of workshops on different aspects of liturgical ministry. To register call Archbishop’s Office on 9926 5761.

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Many thanks for your generosity - \$4,000 has been sent to Caritas to support the victims of the recent earthquake and tidal wave.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Maria & Miguel Gouveia celebrating their 50th anniversary this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Parishioners are invited to donate Christmas fare, such as shortbreads, chocolates, Wine, Coles/Myers vouchers or gifts of any kind towards the baskets of prizes. Donations may be brought to Mass or left at the Presbytery, suitably marked for Christmas Raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RCIA

Four are to be baptized on the Feast of Christ the King. They are: Calvin, Trang, Gemma and Rachel. They have been with us since early in the year and feel that they are ready to enter into the Catholic Church.

The meetings are each Thursday at 7pm in the Grade 1 classroom.

Sr Maria has a group of 10 adults each Sunday afternoon, who are preparing as well for Baptism.

BIBLICAL PROGRAM WITH SR DENISE HANNEBERY

At Christ the Priest School Hall, 54 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs. Week 1 commencing Monday 12 October 7:30/8:30pm or Tuesday 13 October 10/11am. Week 2 Monday 19 October 7:30/8:30pm or Tuesday 20 October 10/ 11am.

Week 3 – Monday 25 October 7:30/ 8:30pm or Tuesday 27 October 10/ 11am. Continues for 8 weeks. You are welcome for any or all sessions.

MARIAN COLLEGE STUDENT RE-UNION

Class of 1999. Sunday 18th Oct, 12pm, Anglers Tavern Maribyrnong. Contact – buket.ogutucu@semagroup.com.au
Classes of 2007 and 2008. Thursday 15th Oct, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Marian College. RSVP To Andrea Michail – 9363 1711

Andream@melb.catholic.edu.au

MARIAN COLLEGE – OPEN DAY

Sunday 8 November 11am until 11pm and also an information evening for Year 7 2010 students on Tuesday 27 November at 7:30pm.

School Tours 1st Tuesday of each month. Enquiries to 9363 1711.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Angela Costa, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Charles & Lonza Briffa, Baskel Saliba, Viviana Santos, Sam Tabone, Peter Vu, Juliana Cruz, John Hennessy, Cecilia Bozickovic, Tennous Boulus, Jessie Farrugia, Wally Pietrzykowski, Rackad Camilleri, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Ngoc Mai.

Love, Laugh, Listen and Learn

The quality of Love, Laughter, Listening and Learning within a family are the key factors in its happiness and success. These four values are the foundation of any happy, healthy family and society. The family is the most basic and important unit of any society or nation. Without healthy, functioning families, a culture cannot survive.

LOVE

- The three words 'I love you' are probably the most powerful words a person can say.
- The greatest challenge is to put them into practice.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things.

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." -

Theodore M. Hesburgh

"The love we give away is the only love we keep." - *Elbert Hubbard*

LAUGH

- Of all the goals we may pursue in life, love and happiness are the only ones to have worth in themselves; all the others - health, power, money, work, beauty, success - make sense only as means of achieving love and happiness.
"Children learn to smile from their parents." - *Shinichi Suzuki*
- Laughter is vital to successful parenting. Laughter is vital for your children to have fun and for you to keep your sanity.
- Laughter is the shortest distance between two people and a cheerful heart is good medicine.
- Laughter strengthens family relationships and helps keep you and your children in good health.
- Parenting can be a serious business, but your children will teach you to laugh again if you allow them to.

LISTEN

"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them." - *Ralph Nichols*

- Listening is a learned art form that is rarely practised. When we listen to people we honour them and give weight to their words.
- When we listen to our children we show them our love by our deeds and become more compassionate in the process.
- Each of us has two ears and one mouth giving us a lesson in the necessary parent ratio of listening to speaking.
- To listen to someone is to respect them. What greater honour can we give to our children.
Listening is love in action.

LEARN

"Any man can be a father, but it takes a special person to be a dad." Learning is the joy of children and the privilege of parents. If we are wise, we will allow our children to teach us how to enjoy the moment, laugh and listen. When we mix this with love, we begin to learn the joys of being a successful parent. The stage of life during which we learn at the fastest rate is the first ten years.

at a
glance 

Today's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

Spirit of wisdom
God's word alive
How to find life?

Next Week

Life given for all
Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32
Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



Twenty-eighth Sunday, Year B

11 October 2009

in a nutshell

The author of the book of Wisdom says that he esteemed wisdom more than gold and riches; and that, praying for wisdom, he received all good things. When our hearts are set on earthly riches, we become hardened to the things of the Spirit. With a loving look, Jesus invites us to seek first the kingdom of God, then to follow him and our hearts will be at peace.

Never satisfied?

There's a woman in my tennis group whose life is action-packed. Her year consists of almost back-to-back holidays, usually involving trekking in Europe or Australia. She returns to tennis for a week or two and then jets off again. In the few weeks that she's back, she spends most nights out at movies, a show or dinner, and her days often include a lunch out. She has worked hard over the years, has brought up children, and has invested her money shrewdly. She's now at liberty to live this pleasure-filled life.

When I hear her plans for yet another holiday before the dust has settled from her last, I feel a sense of unease, and start to question my own life. Am I too sedentary? Do I lack a spirit of adventure? Do I feel too guilty? Do I worry that if I have too much fun something bad might happen to my husband and children?

The other week at tennis I described one of my serves as 'unmemorable'. To my amazement, this woman latched onto the word and said, 'Unmemorable. That describes my life.' I asked her how this could possibly be so. She replied that she's bored fifty percent of the time. She also lamented getting older as it prevented her doing all the things she wanted, such as kayaking around the Pacific.

I wondered whether my modest upbringing, where money was tight and talk centred on troubled nations, prevented me ever dreaming big dreams. I never thought much beyond family, friends, education and safety from political unrest. I couldn't help wondering what lay behind this woman's perpetual restlessness, why she never felt satisfied by her holidays and frenetic social life...

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church below the rooftops

True contentment

... I think of her often when I put on the kettle to make another cup of tea and reach for another good book to read or a crossword to do. More and more people seem to be doing more and more things. Everyone I know seems to be stressed and rushing: buying more property or renovating more things or joining committees or boards. I wonder why there aren't more people who like to think and meditate and relate slowly to people and have a quiet cup of tea with a friend. I'm left with one main question: where does true contentment come from?

I know only one thing. My parents, despite having very little in terms of material wealth, never envied anyone with more. They never spoke of money to us. Weekends were spent with extended family, eating, singing, playing cards, and occasionally even doing a tango or foxtrot down the hallway. I am so very, very grateful to them that they taught me how to enjoy simple pleasures. Curiously, I always felt rich. (Anna)



Learn to be still

It is so easy for us to become... just consumers in a materialistic, commercial society... to live our lives in a mechanical way, going through routines each day, but losing the sense of freshness, of creativity, of freedom. As a result, we live our lives in a sort of rush... distracted perhaps for a bit by entertainment, by pleasure, or deadened by the pressure of work or play. To break out of this cycle, each one of us must learn to stop the rush of activity. We must learn the priority of being. We must learn to be still.

John Main (1926-1982)



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