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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

29 & 30 AUGUST 2020

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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THANK YOU

Many of us could not believe that this term will be the last term of Mr Jeffrey Parker as Principal at Holy Eucharist School. It is a sad news for many our parents, students, staffs and the parish community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Parker for what he has contributed to our school, and wish him all the best for taking up a Principal role at St Dominic's School in Melton.

We also would like to thank the willingness of Mr Michael Bonnici to be acting the principal during the term 4.

Every blessing.

Vincent Long Pham, C.S.s.R

Parish Priest

SUNDAY MASSES

St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass (live) via online streaming and also on C31 (digital channel 44). Broadcasting Sunday Mass on television and online continues to enable the faith community to gather and pray remotely, during the COVID-19 lockdown.

In particular, the television service is essential, especially for those in our community with limited internet access.

Sunday Mass at 11am will continue to televised free-to-air. All daily Masses however, will be available online via the Archdiocesan website and YouTube channel.

For more details, please visit: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au>

To access Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral via live streaming, please visit <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

- Monday – Friday 1.00pm.
- Saturday – 8.00am.
- Sunday – 11.00am OR Sunday – 11am free-on-air C31 (digital channel 44).

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

by St Alphonsus de Liguori, Founder of the Redemptorist

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive

You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to

You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

Neither Peter nor we, reading it centuries later, would appreciate being called Satan by Jesus! Jesus had just explained to the disciples that he was destined to suffer grievously and die. In response, Peter had remonstrated with him, arguing that this must not happen. But, after all, Peter wanted the best for Jesus; he didn't want him to suffer and die. Perhaps Peter, more than anybody else, was also acutely worried that if the master suffered passion and death, then the fate of the disciples would be no better.

Peter was a fisherman and for him life was to be enjoyed to the full. For his family and for himself he dreamt of a life without much pain. Suffering was not in his wish list. Later in Matthew's gospel (19:27) we find Peter asking Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Having given up so much, Peter expected a better life by being in the company of Jesus. No wonder the gospel projects Peter as a stumbling block in the earthly life of Jesus. Whenever Jesus mentioned his passion and death Peter tried to stop him even from talking about it. "Never, Lord!" Peter said. "This shall never happen to you." Yet Peter gave the most faith-filled and insightful answer to Jesus's question, "Who do you say that I am?" But Peter disappointed Jesus several times. One moment we see him saying insightful things about Jesus and the very next moment the contrary.

Peter reminds us of the current culture. We want only pleasure and not pain. Suffering is certainly not in our wish list either. We ourselves don't want to suffer. We don't want our children to suffer or to experience hardship or disappointment. But suffering is not something to be avoided. Jesus is very clear when he teaches us: "If anyone wants to follow me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." So, as his followers, suffering is to be expected and faced. It is to be endured with faith and hope. And, when it is, it can be a source of grace and redemption. We have the example of Peter himself and the apostles, all of whom, except John, surrendered their very lives in suffering and martyrdom in witness to their faith in Christ's death and resurrection. So too have many Christians through the ages, including our present age, suffered persecution and suffering on account of their faith. While we are not called to suffer martyrdom as they did, we are called to follow Jesus through thick and thin, in good times and in hard, facing whatever suffering besets us in our lives with faith and hope.

By Manoj Kunnath CSsR

OFFER GOD YOUR IMPERFECTIONS

It is through our broken, vulnerable, mortal ways of being that the healing power of the eternal God becomes visible to us.

We are called each day to present to the Lord the whole of our lives—our joys as well as sorrows, our successes as well as failures, our hopes as well as fears. We are called to do so with our limited means, our stuttering words and halting expressions. In this way we will come to know in mind and heart the unceasing prayer of God's Spirit in us. Our many prayers are in fact confessions of our inability to pray. But they are confessions that enable us to perceive the merciful presence of God.

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL: MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

The Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, on the critical subject of mental health, in the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday on August 30.

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us

to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. The Statement highlights the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison.

The Bishops observe that "our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations" which is "completely at odds with the story of Jesus" who "takes on the frailty of the human condition" and "draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised". People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – 'us' and not 'them' – and share equally in Jesus' promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

STANDING TOGETHER

All Victorians are invited to come together in prayer on the last two days of winter to pray for an end to this pandemic.

This Sunday at 2pm, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli – together with other faith leaders from across Victoria – will gather online (Victorian Council of Churches) to pray for an outpouring of God's grace during this difficult time.

Then on Monday 31 August at 7pm, light a candle at home for 'Light in the Darkness', to remember those we've lost, and to look to the future with hope.

The virtual prayer is this Sunday, 30 August @ 2pm at Victorian Council of Churches. <https://www.facebook.com/viccouncilchurches>

SCHOOL NEWS

•IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sunday 6th September - **Father's Day**
- **Tuesday 8th September - Our Lady's Birthday**
- Friday 18th September -End of Term 3
- Monday 5th October - Beginning of Term 4
- Friday 9th October -Caroline Chisholm's Year 7 Enrolments for 2022 close
- Monday 12th October -School Photos
- Mon 19th –Fri 23rd October - Children's Book Week

Please remember to continually check for updates on Class Dojo and to visit our school website to keep up to date with important information in regards to COVID-19.

Please visit:

www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

•REMOTE LEARNING PACKS

During Stage 4 restrictions we have had to cease the collection of Remote Learning Packs from the hall. If your child has completed allocated tasks, these can be uploaded onto Class Dojo or onto Google Classroom. Alternatively, if you are having difficulty uploading the work onto Class Dojo/Google Classroom, you may email these to the teacher by sending the work as an attachment.

•VISITOR ACCESS

Parents/carers/visitors are **not to enter the school grounds**. The school office will be closed and will only be accessible by appointment only. The School Office will only allow 2 parents at any given time to enter. An Administration Officer will be at the door to provide hand sanitiser to these parents. If parents are required to be onsite, they must wear mask, minimise their time and practise physical distancing.

•COMMUNICATION

Please note, that our Teaching Staff may not be able to respond to emails or telephone calls immediately. The school accepts **that a response within 2 working days is acceptable**. Our Parent Code of Conduct Policy stipulates that responses **will not be made outside of working hours or during school holidays, with the exception of an emergency**.

PRECA NOTICE

We are in progress to host more families from the Holy Eucharist Parish on our zoom meetings whether they are sacraments related or not. We are constantly holding catechism classes every Tuesday at 7pm for young people Sacraments and also every Friday at 7pm for both girls and boys who wish to continue their faith journey from 11 years and above youth including their families.

If anyone interested call myself Noel on 0410923291 or Br Anthony on 0419115692 or our email: precastalbans@tpg.com.au

AN INVITATION TO SHARE THE JOURNEY

The discernment of a vocation is a wonderful journey. God desires that you will be happy in your choices. In this sense, Redemptorists would love to meet you, hear your views, and be inspired by your passion to give yourselves in service of others. If you wish to talk with someone about your thoughts of vocation, please contact with one of the Redemptorist priests or write to: vocations@cssr.org.au

A new way of
EXPLORING HER WORLD

Join us online for
a **Talk & Tour**
of our College.

**Applications
for Year 7 2022
are now open**

Applications close 9 October 2020
Limited places available for Years 8-12 2021

For information and bookings, visit:
www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au

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A Catholic Education (Vic) Parish Catholic School for Girls Years 7-12
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LET US PRAY FOR

Prayers For The Sick

Louise Tonna, James Raitmajer, Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Peter Disco, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Mrs Thi Hot Bui

Anniversaries

Luchy Ellawala, Mifsud, Philip Gaudi, George & Angela Bugeja, Wayne Camilleri, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Mary Camilleri & Family, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, Charlie Xerri, Lewis Spiteri, Raymond Abela and All Souls.

Food Bank opens Fridays from 10.30am until 2.00pm. Contact Charlie at the Presbytery 9366 1310

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holy Eucharist parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjer people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.

VOCATION VIEW: "Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

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