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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

7 & 8 NOVEMBER 2020

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

Fr Oche Matutina CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Parish Secretary

Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

Parish School Acting Principal

Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Deacon George B.P.Meat

FoodBank: open Fridays 10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

St Vincent de Paul: Call Centre is now open. Please contact 1800 305 330. Thank you.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos this year have been postponed a number of times due to the COVID-19. Hopefully our school photos **will be taken on Monday 23rd November 2020**. All students need to wear their full Summer Uniform and black school shoes.

SchoolPix want all students to have the opportunity to have a 2020 school photo taken. They have made a decision not to offer a traditional group photo for the remainder of the year. Instead they will take a portrait photo of each student and then create a "composite" group for each class using the portrait images. This will enable everyone to adhere to social distancing rules.

Please note that some parents have already paid for their photographs online in Term 1. If you are not sure if you have already paid, you can contact SchoolPix on 1300 766 055. If you need any more information, please feel free to contact me (Michael).

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Just a reminder that Grade Prep enrolments for 2021 are almost full. If you wish to enrol your child for Prep next year, please do so as soon as possible. If you know of family friends who are also seeking a placement for their child, could you please let them know to contact the school office on 8312 0900.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE SCHOOL GATES

One way to slow the spread of viruses, such as coronavirus, is physical distancing (also called social distancing). It is recommended that you stay 1.5m away from other parents/carers and children.

GOOD NEWS:

Dear Parishioners,
 With gratitude to our God, our Church is now open for normal times Masses with only 10 people due to the restrictions until further notice.

- Weekdays: Tues-Friday 9:00am
 - Weekend: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9am, 10:30am (online Mass) & 6pm
- Other Masses: 12:00pm Vietnamese, 2pm Samoan, 3.30pm Sudanese.

Please contact the Parish Office to let us know that you would like to attend. Thank you for your cooperation and God bless

ALL SOULS NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES: A remembrance Hard cover book has been placed near the altar so that parishioners can place the names of the faithful departed for prayers throughout this month of November. Donations for charity purposes are appreciated. Thank You.

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

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. 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. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

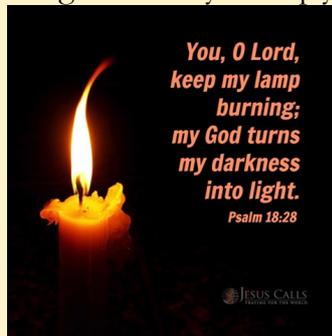
Gospel Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all

drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "Bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those "The bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? There



are times when it matters little whether we are ready or not. COVID-19 is teaching us that sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts a situation where it is of crucial importance to be prepared. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare.

The imminent event in today's parable is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. These young women can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signaled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that the parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish build on sand while the wise build on rock.

The behaviour of the “wise” in today’s parable is as puzzling as that of the “foolish”. The “foolish” fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The “wise” have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there any wisdom, however, in sending their “foolish” companions to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We can identify with the foolish in our inattention to the plight of our planet. We can identify with the wise insofar as we have the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God’s Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure and in right relationship.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

REMEMBERING THE DEAD

To remember my mother does not mean telling her story over and over again to my friends, nor does it mean pictures on the wall or a stone on her grave; it does not even mean constantly thinking about her. No. It means making her a participant in God’s ongoing work of redemption by allowing her to dispel in me a little more of my darkness and lead me a little closer to the light. In these weeks of mourning she died in me more and more every day, making it impossible for me to cling to her as my mother. Yet by letting her go I did not lose her. Rather, I found that she is closer to me than ever. In and through the Spirit of Christ, she indeed is becoming a part of my very being.

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

GOVERNANCE OF PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Cont’d from Last week’s bulletin.... (Statement of Mission.)

Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture.⁶

The good work of educating the young, undertaken in the light of the Gospel, is a co-responsible task led by every member of the Catholic school community. Modelled by parents, principals and teachers, in prayer and with wisdom, through witness and by example, Catholic schooling is at the service of the integral human formation of children and young people in Christ.

A Catholic school is eucharistic in character. The sacramental and prayer life of the local Church, especially in the gathering of God’s People in Sunday Mass, is integral to the mission of a Catholic school and indispensable to its richness. A fruitful sign of the living witness of faith with parents and parishes is the participation of students and families in the life, mission and work of the local faith community, especially in the call to worship God and to serve the poor and marginalised (Acts 2: 42–47).

By cultivating a maturing of faith and the intellectual life through the modelling of good relationships, Catholic school students are prepared for living fruitfully in the world.

Recommendations

The Governance Steering Committee has made the following recommendations for the development of the proposed governance model.

Following an extensive consultation process with various stakeholders beginning in 2019, the Steering Committee arrived at a number of recommendations regarding the development of the proposed governance model that are outlined in the Position Paper.

1. That a company limited by guarantee be created to govern and operate the schools that currently are owned by parishes, associations of parishes or the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
2. That the company be called Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) and be established by the Archbishop of Melbourne.
3. That the Archbishop be the sole member of the company.
4. That a constitution be developed for the company that clearly articulates its purpose and mission and defines the relationship between the member and the board of directors, including the reserve powers of the member to ensure that the Board remains faithful to the purpose and mission.
5. That the board of directors be appointed by the member in a manner that recognises not only their commitment to the mission and values of Catholic education in the Archdiocese, but also the skills necessary for the proper discharge of the required fiduciary duties.
6. That the executive director of the company, under delegated authority from the board of directors, develop a strategic plan, an operating model and management team to operate and manage Catholic education in the Archdiocese in fulfilment of ecclesial, legal and statutory requirements, and Board policies and directives.
7. That a Working Together in Mission document be developed in partnership with stakeholders to articulate the features of the relationships between parishes and their schools that are essential for fidelity to mission. This document will be informed by canonical advice and will articulate the roles and rights of parish priests, principals and associated structures, such as an Advisory Council for each school to provide a forum for the realisation of transparency, accountability, consultation and participation associated with contemporary governance and management practices.
8. That a policies and procedures framework, based on the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, be developed in consultation with key stakeholders. The framework should cover appropriate delegations, roles, structures and protocols, and be designed to ensure that Board requirements in respect of leadership, stewardship and management of the company and the education, care and welfare of its students are met.
9. That School Transition Agreements and Right to Use Land and Buildings Agreements between the parish and the company be developed in consultation with key stakeholders. Further, that arrangements for the use of shared facilities at each parish and school be formalised as part of the Right to Use Land and Buildings Agreement using the Key Principles for the Use of Parish and School Facilities developed by CEM and the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) as the foundation.

10. That dialogue take place between MACS and key partners to assess and address the impact of the governance change on current relationships and services provided. The dialogue will include partners such as the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd, the Catholic education offices of other dioceses, the Catholic Religious Institute and Ministerial Public Juridic Person Victorian Schools Limited, Catholic Capital Grants (Victoria) Limited and the Catholic Education Long Service Leave Scheme.

THE OBJECTS OF THE NEW COMPANY - MACS

The following objects describe the key purposes of the company that will be entrusted with the governance of the schools:

(a) The objects for which the Company is established are to advance education and religion through an effective pursuit of Catholic education by ownership and operation of MACS Catholic schools including without limitation any pre-school, out of school hours program and other children's services that are ancillary to the operation of MACS Catholic schools, and any other services that are consistent with or conducive to such pursuits.

(b) These objects must be realised always in accordance with the beliefs, traditions, practices and canonical decrees of the Church and Church Laws, as determined by the Archbishop.

(c) In pursuing its objects, the Company may undertake any activities that are conducive to the attainment of its objects or the exercise of its powers. It will be consistent with the Company's objects to provide services, advice and support to other organisations operating within the auspices of the Church that similarly have responsibility for advancing or supporting Catholic education whether through governance and operation of Catholic schools or otherwise by providing support services to Catholic schools.

The Duties and Responsibilities of Parish Priests

Catholic education remains of foremost and fundamental importance to the life of the parish.

From 1 January 2021, parish priests will continue to have a significant role in

Relation to Catholic schools governed by MACS. This is particularly important in relation to:

- faith education, sacramental life and pastoral care;
- parish's good name and key school appointments; and
- ongoing custodianship of school land and buildings.

Faith Education and Pastoral Care

A key role for the parish priest and priests formally associated with secondary colleges established by parishes, is to support the school in its distinctive Catholic identity, spirituality and life. Leadership of the religious life of the school can be expressed in many ways but the priest plays a central role by celebrating the liturgical and sacramental life of the school and by contributing to the formation of teachers and students. In fulfilling these responsibilities the parish priest must be a frequent presence in the school, making regular visits to classrooms and supervising the sacramental preparation of students and to break open the Scriptures, engaging in deeper reflection, discussion and responding to questions with students.

Of course, the responsibility for the Catholic mission of the school cannot be shouldered by the parish priest or canonical administrators. All staff share and must be supported in this responsibility. By virtue of their baptism, parents and members of the parishes also share in this privilege of realising the school's fundamental Catholic mission.

Parish Priest and Principal

The relationship between the principal and the parish priest or priests formally associated with secondary colleges established by parishes will continue to be critical in the new governance arrangements. The parish priest will participate in the principal selection process through membership on the selection panel and is also part of the selection panel for the deputy principal and the religious education leader. A close relationship and strong communication between the principal and the parish priest (or priests formally associated with secondary colleges established by parishes) is essential and the two must therefore meet on a regular basis. Such meetings and engagement enable both the priest and the principal to exercise their shared responsibility for pastoring the school community and attending to its religious mission and identity.

Cont'd next Bulletin.

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: precastal-bans@tpg.com.au

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

We are online!

Parish Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolyEuchristChurch>

Parish Youtube: Holy Eucharist Church St Albans

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRkzB6-KIHeDQ_aOTDfeYIg/featured

Parish Website: <https://www.holyeuchariststalbans.org/>

LET US PRAY FOR

Prayers For The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Josephine Pace

Anniversaries

Gina Ciangura(1st Anniv.), Nazareni Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci, George & Angela Bugeja, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Mary Camilleri & Family, Joseph, Frank & John Xeri, Charlie Xeri, Lewis Spiteri, Raymond Abela and All Souls.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

VOCATION VIEW: "We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!"

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