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10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am
[1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday
each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 5pm-9pm Community House

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House

Video Sunday Mass:

LIVESTREAMING:

<https://vimeo.com/event/4354562>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

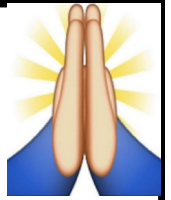
UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Tuesday 11th: ST BARNABUS
- Thursday 13th: ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR
THANKSGIVING PLEDGE PACKS
FROM CHURCH FOYER**

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Sinead Ryan, Sean O'Leary, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne., Paul Cowling, Peter Clark & Philip Stokes & Bill Adams.



Death Anniversaries: Jeremy Cross, Maureen Lynch, Kevin Tooney, Colin Conlan & Luke Allen

First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.'

I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

A Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalms 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.

Scriptural Context

Mark's Messiah

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the author explores the question of who people believe Jesus to be. Whilst his disciples have a less than perfect understanding of the question, 'Who do you say I am?', those whose faith reveals the truth of Jesus are quickly sworn to secrecy. In today's gospel, the misunderstanding of Jesus' family and the misunderstanding of the Scribes show their incomplete grasp of who Jesus is. Whilst the language about Satan, evil and unclean spirits is unfamiliar language today, the gospel writer uses this imagery to further his point that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who saves the world.

Gospel Reflection

Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.

In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention

on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.

Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

Gospel Focus – Binding the strong man

The incarnation of Jesus in the world – God becoming fully human and physically present in the world – was an act of supreme love for the world. The image of binding the strong man echoes this act of love. The image is reminiscent of a bully or tyrant who is wreaking havoc and terrorising a community. Before justice can be restored and the victims/survivors lifted up, the 'strong man' must be restrained and subdued. To bring about the loving act of God in the world, the power of evil must be resisted and bound up.

Living the Gospel – Who is my mother or brother?

At the end of the today's gospel passage, Jesus states, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Family bonds were critically important in First Century Palestine. Jesus does not deny his family kinship, but expands it to include anyone who does the will of God. All those who work to bring about the Kingdom or Reign of God share a bond with Jesus, they share a familial link with him. Whenever we act to bring about God's dream for this world, we join our efforts with those of our brother, Jesus.

Pope recalls end of Nazi occupation of Rome

Pope Francis writes a letter to mark the 80th anniversary of the vow made in Rome in front of the Marian icon 'Salus Populi Romani' after the city was liberated from the Nazis.

By Vatican News

This is the first time the event has been commemorated in this way, writes the Pope in his letter to the Viceregent of Rome, Auxiliary Bishop Baldassare Reina, which was published on Tuesday evening. On 4 June 1944, the people of Rome, together with their bishop, Pope Pius XII, implored Our Lady to save the city when a direct clash between the German army and the Anglo-American Allies was imminent and the city was facing "the nightmare of Nazi devastation". Eighty years later, this is an occasion, the Pope said, "to pray for the victims of the Second World War and to reflect anew on the terrible scourge of war." *"We cannot and must not give in to the logic of weapons!"* The innocent victims of wars in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere challenge "the conscience of all", the Pope wrote: "We cannot and must not give in to the logic of weapons!"

Everyday peacemakers

Peace is a gift from God, but it needs people who are willing to accept it "and commit themselves to being builders of reconciliation and witnesses of hope", Pope Francis wrote.

He expressed his hope that the commemoration of the vow he made to Our Lady 80 years ago would inspire Romans "to be architects of true peace everywhere and to revive fraternity as an essential condition for the resolution of conflicts and hostilities".

The Pope urged for a peaceful attitude in everyday life: it is a matter, he said, of advocating good relations between people "with courage and gentleness" and "reconciling tensions in the family, at work, at school and among friends".

The Pope's devotion to the Salus Populi Romani

In the eleven years of his pontificate, Francis has done much to revitalise devotion to the Marian icon Salus Populi Romani ('Salvation of the Roman People'). He regularly visits the image, which is kept in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, before and after journeys abroad, as well as on the Feast of the Conception on 8 December. He often has it brought to the Vatican for his liturgies. Most recently, this Roman icon of the Virgin Mary could be seen behind the Pope on Corpus Christi, when he gave the Eucharistic blessing at the end of the procession in front of Santa Maria Maggiore. *"The most important events in the religious and civil life of Rome found their echo in front of this image"* For centuries, the Pope writes in his letter, the image of the Virgin Mary has been "alive in the hearts of Romans", who invoked her in prayer during epidemics, natural disasters and wars. "The most important events in the religious and civil life of Rome found their echo in front of this image," said the Pope. Thus, Romans also entrusted themselves to Maria Salus Populi Romani as they feared the destruction of their city by the Nazi occupiers in 1944.

4 June 1944: The peaceful liberation of Rome

On 4 June 1944, Rome was the first capital to be freed from Nazi occupation, and, contrary to fears, this was done without fighting. Some contemporary witnesses considered it a miracle that the city was not devastated, especially as the Americans had bombed and completely destroyed Montecassino on 15 February. The Vatican and Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) persuaded Field Marshal Albert Kesselring to declare Rome an 'Open City', a place that is not defended and therefore may not be attacked.





Jokes of the Week

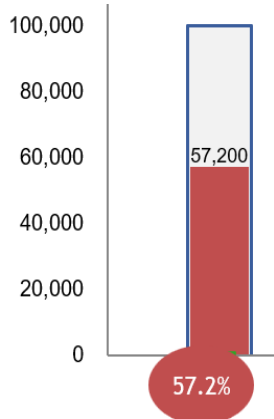


1) Rejection at the Pearly Gate, too: A cab driver reaches the Pearly Gates and announces his presence to St. Peter, who looks him up in his Big Book. Upon reading the entry for the cabbie, St. Peter invites him to grab a silk robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven. A preacher is next in line behind the cabbie and has been watching these proceedings with interest. He announces himself to St. Peter. Upon scanning the preacher's entry in the Big Book, St. Peter furrows his brow and says, "Okay, we'll let you in, but take that cotton robe and wooden staff." The preacher is astonished and replies, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a gold staff and a silk robe. Surely, I rate higher than a cabbie." St. Peter responded matter-of-factly: "Here we are interested in results. When you preached, people slept. When the cabbie drove his taxi, people prayed."

[Addition: True story: I was asked by a high ranking clergy official if it was appropriate that a Priest should have a Harley Davidson Motorcycle. I said to him: But it's a Ministry tool. He asked - How is that so? I said, that whoever sits on the back with me riding, suddenly starts to pray. - True! Fr Geoff]



2) Differences of Opinions: Dr. Eugene Brice tells a delightful but disturbing story about a minister who returned to visit a church he had once served. He ran into Bill, who had been an elder and leader in the church, but who wasn't around anymore. The pastor asked, "Bill, what happened? You used to be there every time the doors opened." "Well, Pastor," said Bill, "a difference of opinion arose in the church. Some of us couldn't accept the final decision and we established a church of our own." "Is that where you worship now?" asked the pastor. "No," answered Bill, "we found that there, too, the people were not faithful and a small group of us began meeting in a rented hall at night." "Has that proven satisfactory?" asked the minister. "No, I can't say that it has," Bill responded. "Satan was active even in that fellowship, so my wife and I withdrew and began to worship on Sunday at home by ourselves." "Then at last you have found inner peace?" asked the pastor. "No, I'm afraid we haven't," said Bill. "Even my wife began to develop ideas I was not comfortable with, so now she worships in the northeast corner of the living room, and I am in the southwest."



ROOF RESTORATION - FUND RAISING

Currently you have donated

\$57,300

We still need to get to \$100,000

We have bills to pay!

Thank you for the anonymous donation of

\$1000

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Round 12 proved another tough one for our tipplers. Chris Houlihan was our best with 6/7. Mel Fisher is clinging to our lead. He is now only 1 in front of Lachlan Jolly and another 2 in front of Myke, Debbie, Delina and Maree. Umpiring has been in the news. 10 umpires officiate at each game. Nearly 1300 umpires have officiated at VFL/AFL matches--420 field, 550 boundary and 330 goal. Did you know that 85 former players have taken up the whistle or the flags but do you know who the most recent is? He played 185 games with Richmond, Port Adelaide and Melbourne and started in 2017. If you have any questions or queries please email or call one of our administrators:

James Barrett flob@bigpond.net.au—0418 491 781

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St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal—Thank you

Thank you for all the support in this collection. As a Parish, we were able to raise \$2,150. A big thank you to everyone who donated.



FAREWELL PHIL & CATH STOKES - WE WILL SURELY MISS YOU!

Phill & Cath Stokes are moving from Mornington into residential care, as they can no longer stay at their home and support each other. This isn't surprising as Phill is 94 and Cath is 92 and both have recently had serious falls and subsequent operations. Phill and Kath have been parishioners of St Macartan's for over

50 years and both have been active and influential in the Mornington community and within St Macartan's Parish. They are delightful, charming people and I was recently privileged to help them celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary, and this Friday 7th of June is their 72nd.

Genevieve, one of their lovely daughters and all her siblings have looked at the best options for their Mum & Dad and have found them a beautiful place near to most of them at:

Mercy Fernhill in Sandringham

Let us keep Phil and Catherine in our prayers during this new chapter in their lives.

We love them and hold them dearly in our hearts.

Fr Geoff



Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9 June 2024

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina di Petta

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16 June 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Delina Frank, Pat Girolami

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Evelyn Atkins

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22/23 June

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Gabriella Fialla, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Barbara Ensil, Sandra Barrett

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30 June 2024

6.00pm Readers Kes Duyvestyn, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Zofia Krause

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

Over the next three weekends we will have our Offertory Giving Campaign. We begin by asking you to take your Personalized Pledge Packs which can be found in the church foyer, these are arranged alphabetically based on Surnames.

There are also blank packs available if you would like to start donating.

NEXT WEEKEND 15th/16th June : At these weekend masses (SAT 6PM, SUN 9AM & SUN 11AM), there will be a brief informative talk regarding the Thanksgiving Campaign.

Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Thank you for all who continued to worship by coming to St Macartan's Primary School over the last two weekends, although disappointingly, numbers were down by about half. For some first timers there, they were very impressed with the school hall and it's wonderful surrounds - Yes, it's a lovely school, with excellent staff and academic program. I want to especially thank Principal Colleen McGreal for making it possible and the IT support of teacher Karen Whitford.

Whilst we were absent from the Church, the ceilings were repaired and painted, lighting replaced and the foyer, replastered and painted. Unfortunately we couldn't get anyone to find a way to clean the stain glass windows - maybe future technology will have the answer. We also had some work done on the Church eaves to stop birds accessing our roof / ceiling space.

I also want to especially thank Frank Crea for his organising, support and continued service to our community. What a real asset he is to our Parish, working behind the scenes and making personal sacrifices for our Parish.

Also assets, were the painting crew from Samy Painters - Five wonderful Afghani painters and decorators, who were thorough, professional and detailed in all their work.

They were also terrific people - especially Sayed 1, Sayed 2 & Sayed 3 :)

Next project — we stop for a while and save up some money.

Blessings

Fr Geoff



Saturday 14 September 2024

is the 15th Anniversary of the Wall to Wall Ride

The Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance is run in September each year in the lead up to National Police Remembrance Day to remember and honour our fallen colleagues, to raise funds for police legacies and to promote safe and lawful motorcycling. Groups of riders will depart from every capital city coming together in Canberra to ride as one group to the National Police Memorial for a ceremony honouring their fallen.

As a Police Chaplain I am proud to serve those people who serve us - that is, the Women and Men of our Police Force. The Wall-to-Wall ride of remembrance is one way I have of helping raise funds for associated organisations connected to the Police Force and as well as showing my personal support by riding with them. I think we all owe a great deal of gratitude to our Police force and for their support of agencies such as the **Police Legacy** and other worthwhile groups.

You can participate in this event by sponsoring me:

[2024 Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance | Fr Geoff Police Chaplain
\(gofundraise.com.au\)](https://www.gofundraise.com.au/2024-Wall-to-Wall-Ride-for-Remembrance-Fr-Geoff-Police-Chaplain)

Fr Geoff

PS - Thank you for the generosity of my most recent sponsor



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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1 June 2024

Feast of St Justin Martyr

To the Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear friends in Christ,

My greetings to you, in Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace.

You may be aware that I was overseas for the better part of the past two weeks, though I had been silent on where I was heading prior to leaving. Now that I am home, I would like to let you know that I have been in the Holy Lands of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon on a pilgrimage of solidarity, first with Rabbi Yaakov Glasman AM, Senior Rabbi of the St Kilda Shule (in Israel) and then Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay OLM, Maronite Bishop of Australia (in Lebanon). There was a need to keep quiet about this before going, as there were security issues to attend to, and public knowledge of travel between the two countries would likely have prevented entry into either country.

The pilgrimage allowed for significant opportunities in prayer, engagement and learning through that part of the world where, in the past, Christ walked and ministered, and where, today, the great Abrahamic religions and historical cultures live side-by-side, in very complex, and presently tragic ways.

It was particularly powerful for me to stand with my friend, Rabbi Yaakov, at the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem, and to pray together Psalm 150 and Isaiah 2.1-5. Likewise, it was a moment of profound blessing to be in prayer with Bishop Antoine before the great Lebanese holy men and women, especially St Charbel and St Rafqa.

I had the honour of meeting with both the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa OFM, and the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, Cardinal al-Rahi OMM. These were both spiritual encounters and moments of insight. These men of God, and the Churches they lead, deserve our prayer and support.

You cannot go to the Holy Lands today without facing into the complex and tragic realities that are currently playing out. For example, it was (obviously) impossible to travel into Gaza. It also proved too difficult to spend any significant time in the West Bank. Nonetheless, opportunities did emerge to engage with people who live in these wounded locations, as well as the suffering of Israel and the beleaguered of Lebanon.

A chance meeting in Jerusalem with two religious sisters who had only just come from the Holy Family Parish compound in Gaza City, having been living there through the first 6 months of the war, was humbling and revealing. The difficulty of living in the compound was harrowing to hear, yet the level of hope that they continue to hold was telling. Similarly, speaking with a victim of the devastating explosion in the Port of Beirut of 2020 opened up the difficulty of coming to the truth of what occurred, so as to find justice for those effected. (I carried home with me a simple wooden cross made from the debris of the explosion, given to our local Church by the Archbishop of Beirut.)

Amid what might seem a complete breakdown in society, based on ancient hatreds, there are hidden jewels of goodness and rightness, and signs of reconciliation. In Jerusalem, we met with a group of senior clinicians and medical administrators who have established a program of palliative care – the only common endeavour in Israel – jointly led by a mixed group of Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders. This program, the Rozana Project, is available to any person – no matter their religious or cultural background – in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Territories. It seeks to build peace through healthcare by building bridges between people. In Lebanon, the local Caritas agency has developed programs of education and jobs training that aids anyone in need in a society beset by economic crisis and political impasse.

There are many other stories to be told of these past few days, and I will look to write a more significant piece on my experience in the Holy Lands of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon. At this immediate moment, I simply wish to bring an initial impression to you of this pilgrimage of solidarity. But I do wish to offer one final impression now. My time away on pilgrimage was a blessing. In all the tragic complexity of what is occurring politically, and the wounds that are festering consequently, there are nonetheless signs of hope, actions of goodness and people of welcome and hospitality – of us, and of each other.

It can be so easy to reduce what is currently unfolding in these lands to sound bites on social media, usually tinged by ideology and political manipulation. The hostages must be released; a ceasefire must be found – these are the first things needed. But then, there is a need for peacebuilding and truth-telling. Among the people I met on the pilgrim road, there are active agents for finding pathways to dialogue, reconciliation and the bridging of divides.

As I celebrated Mass in a small chapel in Galilee on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, I prayed in gratitude for the many blessings of good will and justice that we are graced to live with, and work for, here in this country, and I prayed in petition that we avoid turning away from truthfulness and moral uprightness. Might I ask therefore, in your own Christian charity, that you keep all who are suffering, displaced, and persecuted in the lands where Jesus walked close in your prayers and considered in your understanding. Each person we met expressed their belief in a hope-filled future.

May the strength of the Holy Spirit bring comfort, courage and determination for conversion of hearts and transformation of societies to these dark situations; may the Prince of Peace be the guiding light before all. May the call of our Blessed Mother, true Lady of Israel, of Palestine and of Lebanon, ring out: *“He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly... in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, of his mercy to Abraham and his descendants for ever.”* (Lk 1.52,54-55)

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter A. Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the first name.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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Volunteering - Something we can all do.

Some of our hard working volunteers of the Café are going abroad on a well earned holiday and so we need to fill their places, so we need you!

Yes, if you can load a dishwasher or serve a plate of food, maybe mingle and greet people in need of a good feed and company, then this will certainly suit you.

Wednesday nights from 5:30pm

Please contact Michaela 0434957758 or Fr Geoff 59752200

Thank you

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