



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Thank You!

Last Sunday was a wonderful day for our parish and a day to be remembered for many years to come. It was wonderful to see a full church of people for the 10.30am Mass when we celebrated sixty years to the day that this church was Blessed and Opened. It was good to welcome Fr Brian Cosgriff to join us, and to join with Fr Browne in prayer- he sent his apologies and was offering Mass for us at the same time. My sincere thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the day and the preparations leading up to it. Thanks to the volunteers who helped at our working bee last Saturday, we got a lot of things done in one hour and the gardens and grounds are looking great this Spring. We enjoyed a wonderful morning tea in the hall and looked through some of the parish history in photo albums, and with the video presentation. Thanks to those donors of the two celebratory cakes which we enjoyed. Some photos will be forthcoming in the weeks to come. Thank you to all those who participated in, and assisted with our events this year for the 60th birthday of the Church. Our monthly events were a nice way to prepare for this weekend: Parish Mini-Mission and suppers; morning teas; Easter Raffle; ANZAC memorial and commemoration; Dedication of the Parish to Our Lady; Corpus Christi Procession; Seniors High Tea; Personal pilgrimages etc. Our coming events are on the opposite page of the bulletin.

Victorian Election

Last weekend I flagged that I would speak about the policy that the two major parties in Victoria have adopted with regard to Abortion. I will preach about this issue today. During the week I wrote personally to the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition about this issue, and copies of these letters are in the foyer for you to view. I would encourage you to use your voice and vote to make your views known. The email addresses of the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition are on these letters if you wish to write to them, and I warmly encourage you to do so. The Archbishop has also made a statement about this and it can be seen on the melbournecatholic.org website.

November

I will be away from Monday 2 November for ten days as I will be giving a priests retreat at Queenscliff. Please pray for me, and for the priests that will be on the retreat that I am directing.

World Youth Day

The next World Youth Day will be in Seoul, South Korea next year. There will be a large group of young people from Melbourne who will be attending. Expressions of interest are now open and more infomration can be found at : <https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/wyd27>

Christmas Raffle

In a few weeks time we will start selling tickets for our Christmas Raffle. We are looking for donations of prizes for the raffle (and potential Christmas presents for you to use!) If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it along to Mass or drop it into the presbytery. If you would like to donate a Gift Card or similar item, that would be welcome also! We will use some of the funds from the Christmas Raffle to help cover the costs of the 60th anniversary celebrations this year.

The new sets of Thanksgiving envelopes can be collected from the foyer this weekend.

Christmas Seniors Lunch

The Christmas Seniors Lunch will take place on Wednesday 2 December at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$15 per head. Sign-up sheets are in the church foyer. Please join us!

November

November is the month of the Holy Souls. A time for us to pray for all those who have died. The Book of Remembrance will be in the church during the month of November and November Mass envelopes will be available for Masses to be offered for the Holy Souls.

The Parish of St John Bosco and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and the vulnerable in our community. Protection and the dignity of every person is our responsibility.

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Pray With Us

Holy Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass
Holy Days and Feast Days as announced

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.30pm
First Friday 9am, or any time on request
Please call Fr David on 9337 9994

Rosary

Recited at 9am before weekday Mass

Benediction

First Friday after 9.30am Mass

Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month 11.45am, please contact the office. Or by arrangement.

House Blessings/ Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the presbytery

Support Us

Thank you for your generosity toward our parish: physically, spiritually and financially. If you are not a regular contributor, we invite your support- please contact the Parish Office.

Tap and Go machines are available at the weekend Mass in the narthex.
Direct Credits can also be made:

Presbytery Account (1st collection, for clergy and presbytery support)
- BSB:083 -347 Acc No.: 6616 52479

Parish Account (2nd collection, for parish expenses) BSB:083 - 347 AccNo.: 6568 74974

The parish relies solely on your support. We receive no funding from external sources or the Archdiocese. We thank you for your ongoing support which enables us to continue the work of the Gospel.

“God loves a cheerful giver!”

Parish News

New to the Faith? Want to Know More?

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, seeking baptism & reception in the Church? Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr David.

Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Ask them? Invite them to talk to Fr David. We would love to welcome new members into the Church and our parish.



Melbourne Ordinations

Saturday 14 November at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral. Deacons Rhys Lowther and Dominic Lawes will be ordained to the priesthood, three men will be ordained as Deacons preparing for priesthood, and four men will be ordained as permanent Deacons. All are welcome!

Coming Events

- Christ the King Eucharistic Procession: Sunday 22 November after 10.30am Mass, concluding with Benediction.
- Seniors Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 2 December at 12pm. Please indicate on the sheet in the foyer if you are attending.
- Sunday 13 December 'Bambinelli Sunday' Blessing of Cribs and morning tea (coffee and Panettone); Drawing of the Christmas Raffle after 10.30am Mass

Welcome

Today we welcome Noah and his family as he receives a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for his Baptism in our parish. You might like to accompany them in prayer by offering one 'Hail Mary' for Noah and his family.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Andrew, who is to become a member of the Church through Baptism. Let us make him welcome and pray for him and his parents and godparents.

The parish **Bible Study Group** is a long-term group which meets regularly for prayer and discussion. All are welcome to join. The next meeting will be **Saturday 31 October at 3.30pm in the Presbytery meeting room**. Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners welcome!



Don't forget 'Frank and Joan', our friendly Tap and Go machines in the church foyer!



Stewardship

The first collection is for the support of the Parish Priest, for retired and sick priests, parishes in need and the Archbishop.

The second collection is for parish expenses like wages, utilities, insurance etc.

Last week:

1st collection: \$1,465
2nd collection: \$2,449

You can also donate to our Presbytery & Parish accounts using this QR code:



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Maurice & Loretta; Javier Dillon; Adamo Fiorenza

Recently Deceased

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Joyce McDowell; Frank Palermo; Marjorie Joyce Gallagher; Xavier Gilmour; Kathleen Cosgriff; Carlo & Antonio Camera; Domenico & Fortunata Librandi; Carmelo & Joe Bisognano

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: private intention
Thursday: benefactors of the church
Friday: deceased parishioners SJB
Saturday: deceased pastors of SJB
Sunday: *Pro populo*

Our Liturgical Life

From Pope Leo's Wednesday Audiences. (continued)

Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord. This is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is He Himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer, which takes place in the interiority of the heart and mind. Time dedicated to prayer, meditation and reflection cannot be lacking in the Christian's day and week. Only when we speak with God can we also speak about Him.

From The Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum. 1. God speaks to men as to friends (Reading: Jn 15:15)

Our Spiritual Life

Now that we know how not to pray, how about a suggestion on how we should pray?

Fortunately, Jesus comes through once again:

“This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.” (Matthew 6:9-13)

Because we are so familiar with the Our Father, we sometimes take it for granted. That is a big mistake.

From www.catholicdigest.com

The parish office will be closed on Monday 26 October & will reopen on Tuesday 27 October.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Agatha: “Lord Jesus Christ, you created me, you have watched over me from infancy, kept my body from defilement, preserved me from love of the world, made me able to withstand torture, and granted me the virtue of patience in the midst of torments.”

Thought for the Week

Failure is following the line of least persistence.



GOSPEL Mt 22:34-40

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, **✠** and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

As with last Sunday’s Gospel, we find ourselves again on the Temple Mount—the sacred place where the Torah was taught and people were encouraged to live its demands and invitations. As Matthew’s Gospel approaches its concluding chapters, however, the Temple also becomes the arena for another trial, continuing from last Sunday. Jesus’ religious opponents set theological traps, seeking to expose him as an imposter and false teacher. This time the question concerns the greatest of the 613 commandments discerned in the Torah. It is a formidable test. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus to a Jewish community of followers living decades after the Galilean ministry of Jesus. The teaching Matthew records in the mid-80s CE reaches back to the original teaching of Jesus in the 30s. Both then and now, Jesus draws upon the Torah to identify the two commandments that stand at the heart of faithful living. The first comes from Deuteronomy: to love God with one’s whole being—heart, soul and mind. This command was so central to Jewish faith that it was symbolically carried on the body, clothing and doorposts of the home, and recited frequently each day in prayer. From this all-encompassing love of God flows the second commandment: to love one’s neighbour as oneself. The two cannot be separated. Love of God finds its expression in how we love and treat others. These commandments remain at the heart of our Christian heritage. They continue to shape our relationship with God and with one another, calling us beyond religious observance alone into a life grounded in love.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A 25 OCTOBER 2026

OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 104:3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ex 22:20-26
A reading from the book of Exodus
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**



2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thess 1:5-10
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!