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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 16-17 September, 2023

In a statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to parliament, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have encouraged all Australians to read the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This statement was endorsed by both the Bishops Conference and the Plenary Council. The Bishops recommend that parishes provide opportunity for people to come together to read and discuss the statement and this is what we shall do.

We invite all parishioners to discuss the statement on Thursday September 28th at 7.00 pm in the Church. We encourage all parishioners to read the Uluru statement and the bishops statement in readiness for the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, we ask you to read the statements and prayerfully reflect upon their content.

Blessings
Brendan CP

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm

Sunday
9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/QXfPIEDyrvE?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament (Australian Bishops Conference)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years. Their custodianship, however, is not recognised in the Australian Constitution. This is an omission which needs to be rectified. A constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this.

We acknowledge that a Voice is not the only possible way of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in our Constitution, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru. This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia. The wording to change the Constitution and establish the Voice is currently being discussed. We will soon have the opportunity to examine the precise wording and we will be asked to vote on the proposal towards the end of the year. We want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice.

This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It also offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives. We are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples.

We ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.

To guide all Australians at this important time, we encourage everyone to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which we endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022.

In particular, we recommend that Catholic parishes, schools and agencies arrange opportunities for people to come together to read and discuss the Uluru Statement.

Access the Uluru Statement at: <https://u/urustatement.org/the—statement/view—the—statement/May 11, 2023>

Priests:	Passionist Community	St Paul Apostle North Primary School	St Paul Apostle South Primary School	St John's Regional College
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)	Fr Brendan Connell CP	Ph. 9700 6068	Ph. 9700 3663	Ph. 9791 3366
Fr Luke Bulley CP	Fr Brian Gleeson CP	Principal	Principal	Principal
	Fr Kevin Hennessy CP	Mrs Mary Lucas	Mr Paul Gleeson	Mr Tim Hogan
	Fr Luke Bulley CP			
Parish Staff:				
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)				
Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

Readings for Next Week

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him
while he is near; let the wicked person forsake their
way, and the unrighteous person their thoughts;

let that person return to the Lord, that he may have
mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your
ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my
ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts

Psalm

Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be exalted now as always in my body,
whether by life or by death.
For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am
to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me;
and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed
between the two: my desire is to depart and be

with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain I
n the flesh is more necessary for you. Live your life I
n a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:
“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who
went out early in the morning to hire laborers for
his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for
the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.
When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others
standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them,
‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you
whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out
again about noon and about three o’clock, he did
the same.

And about five o’clock he went out and
found others standing around; and he said to them,
‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said
to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them,
‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came,
the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,
‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning
with the last and then going to the first.’ When those
hired about five o’clock came, each of them received
the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they
thought they would receive more; but each of them also
received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the
landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us who have borne
the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he
replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no
wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily
wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to
give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not al-
lowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?
Or are you envious because I am generous?’

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Questions for reflection

Q. Why do you think Jesus always portrayed the kingdom as challenging the norm?

Q. What parallels can you draw between this parable and casual / itinerant workers today?

Q. What situation would Jesus use to illustrate the kingdom today?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults



ADORATION

Our parish adoration has now commenced. We have a few people on roster. If you would like to know more or be a part of the adoration roster, please contact John Hendriks on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to school holidays, this Sunday there will be no children's liturgy session at the 11am Mass.

However, we will still provide a print out for children to take home. They can discuss the topic with their parents or siblings. Please remember to pick up a copy on your way out at the conclusion of each Mass.

Children's' liturgy will resume on Sunday the 8th of October



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember that if you wish your child to be part of this year's Sacrament of Confirmation program you must submit the completed registration form by September 15, 2023. Any later than that we may not be able to include you in for this year. To be able to take part in this Sacrament of Confirmation program, your child must be at least in grade 6 and have received their, Sacrament of reconciliation and First Communion.



Important dates are:

First family night on Tuesday, 3 October at 7pm
4 classes either at Parish Schools or ASRE for those who attend non parish schools.

Last Family Night on Tuesday, 14 November at 7pm
Meeting with Bishop on Thursday 16 November (TBA)

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Your NEW SETS of Thanksgiving envelopes are now ready in the Gathering Space. They are arranged in alphabetical order of STREET NAME (not surname)

You will find in there the new sets of envelopes and the statement up to 20 August 2023. You will notice that your envelope number has changed. You have a NEW number. However, your statement will have the OLD number as it was based on the previous lot. If you have any OLD envelopes, please DO NOT use them anymore as the number will be incorrect.

Please don't forget to pick it up on your way out today. Also do not hesitate to contact us if you have any query

COME AWAY DAY

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross Retreat Centre (the home of Passionists order in Melbourne) on **Tuesday, 28 November**. The theme of the day is "Invitation to new beginnings."

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross, situated at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. You are invited to support these days financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407998781 or burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

Invites you to the launch of 'KNOW MY STORY' (Film and book) on **25 September** at Drum Theatre, Lonsdale St, Dandenong. It starts at 2pm. Booking is via Event Bright <http://bit.ly/44pjk9h> or scan the bar code



Readings:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 ;
Romans 14:7-9 ;
Matthew 18:21-35

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 55:6-9 ;
Philippians 1:20-24. 27;
Matthew 20:1-16

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Horace Stolke, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Marie Kronomberg, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Zina Carlow, Denis Carlow, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Fr Brian Gleeson, Nekita Araujo Boavida, Jovan Bodor, Alfred Xerri, Louisa Lazarus, Anthony Woodley, Therese Curé, Brett Daly, Janine Baptista, Lucia Florindo, Nielba Rocha, Henry Peteru **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Uluru Statement From The Heart

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: *the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty.* It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the *torment of our powerlessness*.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take *a rightful place* in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: *the coming together after a struggle*. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.