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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 11-12 November, 2023

*Synod concludes with call for a Church that
'Welcomes, Serves, Loves, Forgives'*

To reform the church is to put God first and adore him, and to love and serve others, Pope Francis said at the Mass marking the conclusion of the first session of the Synod of Bishops on synodality.

'This is the Church we are called to "dream": a Church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters; a Church that never demands an attestation of "good behaviour" but welcomes, serves, loves, forgives; a Church with open doors that is a haven of mercy,' he said.

'We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church, but let's remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform,' the Pope said in his homily at Mass in St Peter's Basilica on 29 October.

Thousands of faithful stood at the start of Mass as synod members and participants processed into the basilica. The procession was led by non-ordained members followed by bishops and then cardinals.

'Dear friends, the general assembly of the synod has now concluded,' the Pope said in his homily. 'Today we do not see the full fruit of this process, but with farsightedness we look to the horizon opening up before us.'

The Lord will guide us and help us to be a more synodal and missionary Church, a church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring to everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel.

As the Church concludes this stage of its journey, he said, 'it is important to look at the "principle and foundation" from which everything begins ever anew: love.

'Loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbours as ourselves,' he said, is 'the heart of everything.'

The way to channel this love is to adore God and serve one another, he said.

'We have lost the habit of adoration,' the Pope said, calling on all priests, dioceses, parishes and communities to 'return to worship' and adore the Lord. 'Only in his presence will we be purified, transformed and renewed by the fire of his Spirit.'

To adore God means 'to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church's pilgrim way and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives,' he said.

'We are always at risk of thinking that we can "control God", that we can confine his love to our own agenda. Instead, the way he acts is always unpredictable and consequently demands amazement and adoration,' Pope Francis said. The path of idolatry is 'wanting the Lord to act according to the image we have of him'.

He said the Church needs to be 'a worshipping Church and a Church of service, washing the feet of wounded humanity, accompanying those who are frail, weak and cast aside, going out lovingly to encounter the poor,' as God commanded.

'It is a grave sin to exploit the vulnerable, a grave sin that corrodes fraternity and devastates society,' he said, and 'as disciples of Jesus, we desire to bring to the world a different type of heaven, that of the Gospel.'

Quoting St John Chrysostom, he said that those who are merciful are like a safe harbor to those in need, so 'when you see a man suffering shipwreck on land through poverty, do not sit in judgment on him, nor require explanations, but relieve his distress.'

The first assembly of the Synod of Bishops concluded after an unprecedented four weeks in which laypeople and women religious were able to take part as voting members for the first time. Of the total 364 members, close to 25 per cent were 'non-bishop members', and 54 of them were women

(This article was extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine, written by Carol Glatz (CNS))

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/3hnJl9TozWo?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

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

Readings for Next Week

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 16-18. 20. 26. 28-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates

Psalm

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.
Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober

Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:
"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Reflection on the readings

- God has a dream for each of us. No human being is created without gifts and talents of some sort.
- Our task is above all to trust the power of God shining through our human weakness.

We may feel small and insignificant or unable to do great things, but God's power is at work in each one of us.

- Confidence in God grows more confidence, but mistrust grows more mistrust.

The choice is ours how we learn to respond to each daily opportunity to flourish by God's grace.

PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall is now officially back in operation. We hope that it will be a valuable source of religious items for all, without having to travel away from the area. We thank Dominique Maclou for all her time and effort in re-shaping the stall. Together with Vianney, Mary, John and Rose. Dominique will be happy to assist with all your needs when you visit. The Piety Stall opens after almost all weekend Masses.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK

Advent is just 3 weeks away. If you wish to prepare yourself in advance, we have a reflection booklet for Advent available in the piety stall. Priced at \$7 each (this only covers the cost of obtaining the booklet) There are a limited number of booklets available.



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

PARISH MEN'S GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

After a long pause, including the COVID affected period, the Men's group Trivia Night is back, **FRIDAY, 17th November at St Paul Apostle South School Hall**. Arrival time is 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost to join the night is \$15per person. BYO drinks and nibbles. There will be a silent auction, raffles and great prizes. **All payment is on a CASH BASIS** as there will be no card payment facility available. You may come on your own or in a group. Contacts for booking and additional information are Peter 0418 345 576 or Dick 0438 701 284. All are welcome

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Finally the final week of the Sacrament of Confirmation program is her. Our children will receive their sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 18 November 2023 at 2pm.

Please keep them in our prayer.

Prior to that, keep note that the last family night is on **TUESDAY, 14 November at 7pm** in the Church. Candidates and one or both parents (or guardian) must attend this session. Also remember that all candidates must attend the session with Bishop Tony Ireland on **FRIDAY, 17 November at 2pm** in the Church. This session will finish within 1 hour. Sacrament of Confirmation Mass in on **SATURDAY, 18 November at 2pm**. Candidates attendance to these 2 sessions are compulsory.

4:12 YOUTH (years 5-9)

If you are in this age bracket (year 5 to year 9 school age) you are invited to join this group gathering on **FRIDAY the 17th of November**. Please register through this link <http://trybooking.com/clcig>, and bring a \$5 donation on the night.

CANDLES—HAVE BEEN USED DURING MASS

As you may have noticed, we have changed the candles in the Church quite frequently, as they were getting too short for the candle holder. As a result we are left with many used candles, however, as they have been a part of our Masses it will be great if it goes to people's homes and can be used when you have family prayers or other family gatherings. If you wish to have one or two, or three or more, please come to the parish office during office hours Monday-Friday 9am

to 3pm. They are to be given out for FREE

GARDENING

Thank you to all who have joined the spring cleaning at our garden this Saturday. We are hoping to have another one before Christmas come. At this stage we scheduled it to be happening of **SATURDAY the 17th of December from 8.30am** for about 2 hrs (but feel free to come at your convenient time) All are welcome to help. Just come along and remember to bring your gardening tools.

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION (YTU)

Many of you would know of Yarra Theological Union. This is the theological college that was founded by a group of religious orders (including the Passionists) in the 70's. This is where we send our students to study, as well as where Fr Brendan teaches.

If you've ever contemplated doing some theological studies, this information evening would be a great opportunity to learn more about the college can offer you. Please register online via Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMKIL>

OUR PARISH COMING EVENTS

As we all know, Advent is just around the corner. Please keep the following dates in your diary:

Christmas Hamper list will come out on 25-26th November Sunday, 10 December 6pm Mass is our Hamper Mass

Monday, 11 December at 10.30am

Hampers will be delivered to the recipients, volunteers are needed to deliver. Please let us know if you can help

Parish Christmas Carols evening's date will be announce next weekend. During the evening Fr Chris Monaghan and his Journey Men group will lead us, along with some of our Choirs

In next weekend's newsletter, we will also advise the Christmas Masses schedule .

Readings:

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Wisdom 6:12-16;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Matthew 25: 1-13

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Proverbs 31:10-13. 16-18. 20.

26. 28-31 ;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ;

Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Shirley C. Esteban, Muljati Halim, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, 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

Francisco Bernardes, Ivan Velupillai, Monica Loh, Domenico Folino, Gabril Hermann Savannah, Horace Stolke, Rian Aloysius Elders, Antonio Laratta, Malia Lupe La'akulu **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

2023 Roster

MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Lakni Weerasekera Diane Heaton
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Diane Allegany Anne Astin	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Grace Sudjono	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Alvita Dias Virendra Jayetileke	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Glenn Todd Antoniette Gargano Florence Madeira	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Jean Jansz Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Peter Miller Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Anabela Costa Sai Dilinger Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Stephen Herbert Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Neha Cherayath
5th Sunday	Riona Alveyn Carmeline Don Paul Peter Miller	Sig Romano Esteban Morales	Binitha Mathew Glenn Todd Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania