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Weekend Masses:
5pm Sat, 10am Sun

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
(Italian)

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Weekend Masses:
6pm Sat,
9am Sun (Italian)
11am

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: I Cor 15:45-49

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia

Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

Next Week: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

2nd Reading: I Cor 15: 54-58

Gospel: Lk 6: 39-45

Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died including Palmina Renzella and Anna Maria Delmedico and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bernie Shannon may they all be at peace with their God.

Diary Dates

Please mark your diaries

22 February

9.15am Middle T Class Mass Holy Spirit

25 February

9.15am 5/6PL Class Mass St Anthony's

6.30pm Volunteers dinner, Mackillop Room.

We welcome at the 11am Mass this weekend all the members of the Alphington Vinnies Conference. We remember with love those members who shaped this conference in the past and we support those members here today who work so hard to help those less fortunate. Well done good and faithful servants!

Reflection Summit

Exploring the Word

In last week's gospel, the disciples learnt that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense, it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping for anything in return. In Jesus we find God's self-revelation, God's actions in and for the world, his plan for salvation and its fulfilment. Followers of Jesus must act in these ways precisely because they are the ways of God.

•Turn the other cheek; love your enemies; do good to those who hurt you! Why should we? How can we? How challenging do you find this directive?

Making connections

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

•What is the most challenging thing for you in this text?

•In what ways have you experienced the compassion of God?

•Respond in a practical way to one of the commands of Jesus in this gospel—for example, you could pray for those who treat you badly, show compassion to someone or forgive someone who has wronged you.

•Describe an experience of being hurt, criticised, misjudged or wronged in some way. How did you feel and how did your feelings affect your response to the situation?

•Repeat this line from the Lord's Prayer often this week and act on it:

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

Sacraments 2022—If your child attends a school other than our Parish Primary school and would like to receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office for further details and an enrolment form.

Piety Stall Giveaways

The Holy Spirit Gift Shop now has some wonderful things for you to buy, but this weekend it is all about bargains and give aways. Columban calendars are now reduced to \$5.

On the counter of the gift shop this weekend is a vast range of medals and other religious materials and gifts. These are all for free so please stop at the shop on your way out of Church this weekend and take what you like from the baskets on top of the glass cabinet - except for the calendars which at \$5.

CHURCH CLEANERS needed to go on a cleaning roster at Holy Spirit Church.

Do you have 1/2 hour (on a roster basis) to help with cleaning the Church?

We have got through the stricter cleaning protocols of Covid and are back to our regular weekly cleaning. What is required is tidying, dusting and cleaning the Church and all cleaning items will be supplied. Form a team with a friend and the job will be even quicker. Many hands make light work. A volunteer WWCC will be needed. If you need help to get one that can be arranged.

If you want to help contact the office on 94128439 or Pauline - 0431958083 and leave a message.

LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is 2 March. This year there will be a weekly Lenten Reflection group meeting if you would like to join please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are 9.15am St Anthony's, 11.30am Holy Spirit, 7.30pm Holy Spirit.

The school children will be joining us at these morning Masses.

Sheets will be available at the back of the Church with Forty Lenten ideas by Janet Schaeffler OP for you follow if you wish and Summit home sheets will also be there.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for the 5 weeks will be available at the Church during Lent.

The theme this year is; "For all future generations"

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The last Sunday of this month (27 February 2022) marks the deadline for submissions to the Synod on Synodality, which Pope Francis opened to all Catholics in October 2021. The Holy Father has called the Church to a global journey of communion, participation and mission, with submissions received to form part of a listening process that will culminate in the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. If you have not yet heard about the Synod, or of the questions being asked of us, we encourage you to check out our Guide for the Perplexed. How then, you ask, can you submit your responses?

It's easy

Firstly, visit this page which provides a clear overview of the synodal process and instructions on how to participate and make submissions. You'll also see that a range of useful resources, prayers and a short explanatory video on the theme of synodality are available to view and download.

Secondly, visit this page for a guided reflection, designed to help you prayerfully enter into the spirit of the questions. The essence of a Synod is prayerful discernment – seeing what the Holy Spirit might be saying through you. Take your time with it.

Thirdly, this page contains the questions being asked of Catholics around the world. They're broken down by the themes of the Synod: Communion, Participation, Mission. There are between three and four questions for each theme – big questions with no easy answers, hence the need to respond to them prayerfully. However, be warned: the submission only allows 250 words to respond with. Your best bet is to choose only one of the themes and see how you go. No matter what your thoughts are, you'll need to be able to condense them into 250 words or less.

Finally, go to this page once you have reflected upon the questions and are ready to submit your responses.

Follow the instructions and voila. They do make it optional to provide your name and information, but this is purely optional. Feel free to submit anonymously. Your voice matters

We know there's a lot on right now and that our lives are only just starting to stabilise in the midst of the pandemic. And with the second session of the Plenary Council taking place later this year, the Synod on Synodality might seem like yet another "thing" to add to your radar.

However, by devoting some time to the questions being discussed, you will be participating – in however small a way – to the grand "walking together" that is the path of synodality, which Pope Francis says is precisely what God expects of the Church of the third millennium.

This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's 'renewal' proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task.' As a member of the Body of Christ, your voice matters; what God might be saying through you matters. through you matters.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults. R.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ