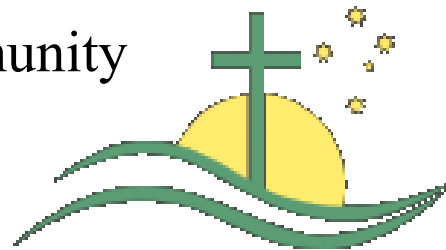




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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 10/11 September, 2022

The Book of the Gospels in our Mass

During this past week, we have had two gatherings. On Tuesday night, the readers, commentators, and communion ministers gathered for a reflection evening on their respective ministries in the context of our Sunday Eucharist. This was followed by our altar servers gathering on Friday night for a similar gathering, but most importantly, pizza!

On Tuesday night it was suggested that we might explain what the Book of the Gospels actually is, and how it forms part of our Mass. A few months ago, we incorporated the Book of the Gospels into our liturgy, and have been slowly getting used to using it each Sunday. What is it, though?

As Catholics, we know that the Mass is broken into 4 parts: Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rite. Each utilises symbolism to speak of the presence of Christ in our midst.

In our gathering in the Introductory Rite, we experience Jesus' presence in our assembly itself, for "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20). In the Liturgy of the Word, we experience Jesus' presence by listening to God's voice. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we experience Jesus' presence through the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:35). Finally, we experience Jesus' presence in our being sent in the Concluding Rite.

Just as the Altar, the bread, and the wine, are the primary symbols used during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Book of the Gospels is the primary symbol of Christ's presence during the Liturgy of the Word. This is distinct from a simple Lectionary. A lectionary contains all of the readings that we use at Mass. The First Reading from the Old Testament, the Psalm, the Letters of St Paul, and the Gospel.

The Book of the Gospels, as the name suggests, contains only the Gospels. The four books that contain the entirety of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Thus, this book symbolises not simply the scriptures, but Jesus himself, who is the true Word of God. The Gospel is the high-point of the Liturgy of the Word, and so we treat the Book of the Gospels with much more reverence and respect than a simple Lectionary.

It is for this reason, that we process in with the Book of the Gospels, and place it on the altar. As Sacrosanctum concilium tells us, "... it is Jesus himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church." The Book of the Gospels, therefore, receives as much respect and reverence as the altar itself.

Simply put, the Book of the Gospels reminds us of the presence of Jesus, the Word of God, in our Sunday gatherings. The Jesus who, rather than a god who is separate from us, walks alongside us, in our midst, as we journey together as the faith community of St Paul Apostle.

(by Fr Luke)

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
https://youtu.be/b_JexYjVK8g

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

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Mr Tim Hogan

REFLECTION NIGHT FOR MINISTRIES

Thank you for those who have attended the reflection night. We hope who attended find it fruitful and we believe it also gave an opportunity for ministers to get to know each other.

We will also have special reflection/ training session for other ministries very soon.

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

St Paul Apostle SOUTH School is planning to start a 'chess club' at the school for their students. If you are able to play chess and wish to help the school (on a volunteer basis) please contact Paul Gleeson, principal of the South School, on 9700 3663.

Please note that you MUST have a current and valid Working With Children Card.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thank you for all who have registered in to this year's program. The registration period is now closed.

For those who have registered, please note that the following dates are the important sessions which you must attend:

Tuesday, 4 October – First Family night in the church at 7pm. *Follow by 3 sessions/ class either at the schools or after school RE class*

Tuesday, 15 November - Final Family night at the church at 7pm

*** Children are required to attend both Family nights with their parents*

Thursday, 17 November Meeting in the Church with the Bishop at 2.15pm

Notes: - This session is only for children (no parents)

- You need to drop off your child at Church around 2pm

- Please make sure you sign them in when you drop them off (Session will end around 3.15pm)

Saturday, 19 November

Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation at 1.30pm or 3.30pm

(you can only choose a time after the First family night and entry based on first in first served)

JUSTICE GROUP (JPIC) "EGG COLLECTION"

In an effort to assist asylum seekers by providing them with substantial protein, our Justice Group will have their special collection this weekend after all Masses. Collection points will be at the door as you exit the Church, after Mass. Your support for this special collection would be greatly appreciated.



PASSIONIST COMPANION

Our next gathering is on **THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER**, in the Church starting at 7.30pm with some reflection and followed by a cuppa. All are welcome

COME AWAY DAYS

The next date for this retreat is on **TUESDAY, 13 September 2022** at HOLY CROSS CENTRE (207 Serpells Rd, Templestowe VIC 3106) Booking is recommended to help the organizer in planning the days. To book please contact Burke by phone 0407 998 781 or email urke.frank942@yahoo.com.au.

Cost/ offering will help in keeping this ministry going, as it has been. We invite you to support according to your means (suggested donation \$25 per person) BYO LUNCH

DONATION FOR PALM

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme which helps to fill labour gaps in rural and regional Australia by offering employers access to reliable, productive workers from the Pacific Islands and Timor-Leste.

They have informed us that they are still accepting donation of secondhand clothing or blankets. If you wish to donate you may drop them off at the Parish Office during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm)

WELLSPINGS FOR WOMEN is having Fundraising Dinner on **THURSDAY, 6 October, 2022** at Springvale City Hall (405 Springvale Rd, Springvale) 6.30pm to 10.30pm. Cost is \$85 per person. There will be Music, Raffles and Door Prizes. To book please click [here](#)



Readings:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14;
1 Tim 1: 12-17;
Lk 15: 1-32

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7;
1 Tim 2: 1-8;
Lk 16: 1-13
www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Vernon Law, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Monica Evans, Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Christakis Isidiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Marcia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, *and All those in aged care or home-bound with chronic health issues*

Those who have died

Victor Jayamaha, James (Jim) Helm, Francika Zerebni, Jim Boy Tortosa, Mary Fitzsimmons FMM, Peter Hattie, Perpetuo Socorro Gonsalves, Jose De Oliveira Duarte, Esperanca Duarte, Giovanna Satragno, Priscila Edirisinghe *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace



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

