

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

25th August - 26th August 2018

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges, and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us safe all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3,16-23

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and to the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since, as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his Body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications, but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 6:63,38

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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...To Whom Could We Go?

Faith is a gift from God and serves to lift up our soul and spirit to see beyond the literal and culturally diverse and embedded values. It is to this deeper perception that Jesus tries to lead his disciples. We choose to believe in persons, in institutions, in values and causes, in the universal value of human beings as children of a loving God, when those around us might not. All our real and good relationships, our commitments arise out of such choices. This will always involve a certain amount of risk and may not be shared by everyone.

In the gospel, Peter makes the choice and commitment on behalf of the disciples. He sees their wavering faith and commitment to Jesus as they struggled to comprehend his extreme words, as many initially drawn to him by his works of healing, turning away, perplexed by his use of 'intolerable language. Jesus has asked Peter, "Will you go away too?" Peter boldly speaks on behalf of the twelve when he says, "Who else would we go to? You have the words of 'Eternal life.'"

Our faith in God's love and promise of Eternal life might push us to go beyond our temporal comfort zones to look deeper into our lives and relationships – how we treat others – family members, members of our faith community, those who raise voices of protest against injustice and non-acceptance of those seeking refuge from violence, abuse, homelessness, famine, persecution and intolerable conditions.

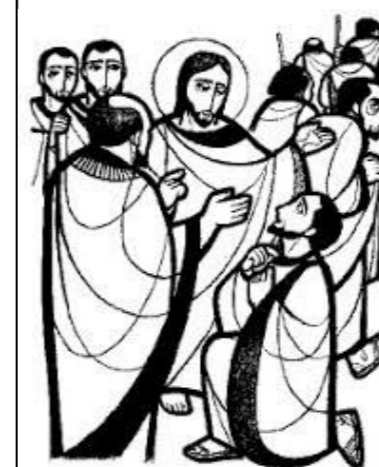
Jesus made Himself available to all people. The Gospels give us the impressions that while he suffered rejection, he rejected no one: Convinced 'No one comes to Me unless the Father allows it.' Jesus looked beyond appearances and with compassion and identified with their deeper suffering, weaknesses and needs. He urged his disciples to do likewise.

Today, the "104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees", Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees." In recommending Pope Francis' message to the universal church, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, urges us to accept the challenge to consider how we can, in Christ's name, welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context, which must begin with an open heart and an open mind." Himself a refugee, he goes on to say "As history of our nation has shown,

there is mutual benefit for newcomers and host communities as they grow in strength and solidarity"...

Copies of Bishop Vincent's Message and Fact sheet from Refugee council can be collected in the Church Foyer today.

At the end of the day, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: "I was hungry and you gave me food or thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick or in prison and you visited me!" Matthew 25:28 (Mother Teresa)



Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
10.00am - 12.30pm

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Fr Jan Szweda SVD

Parish Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) & Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday 7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Today's Reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th September:

Child Protection Week

Thursday 6th September: Healing Mass - 1.30pm

Sunday 16th September:

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - 10.30am

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Sacred Heart Parish

I would like to introduce you to our parish school, Sacred Heart Primary School.

Our school population is as vibrant and diverse as the suburb it is situated in, and we honour that rich diversity by providing a learning environment that is inclusive, proactive and innovative. Our school mantra, "Our students are at the heart of everything we do", is the foundation upon which every decision is made.

For more information visit:

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

Next weekend 2nd September, there will be a special collection for:

PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Last Week's Collection: 19/08/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$733.70

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$661.10

Thank you for your kind generosity!



HEALING MASS FOR FATHERS: SEVEN FIRST CLASS RELICS ON TOUR

Sunday 2 September, 3.30-7pm
Sacred Heart Church, corner Rathdowne and Pelham Streets, Carlton

This Mass for Healing, celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Terence Curtin, will offer prayers for all fathers and all those present for healing from addictions, anger, violence and any other needs. Prayers will also be offered for our nation and the Church. Seven first class relics of Saints and Blesseds that are on tour in Melbourne will be present. Seminarians will pray their night prayers with the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK: <http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2018/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU31/Fathers.pdf>

"Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series"

When: Thursday 13th September 2018

Time: 7.00am - 9.00am sharp.

Venue: CQ Club 113 - 123 Queen St Melbourne.

Featuring our new Archbishop, Peter A. Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The title of his address is "Being a man; a man of God!"

The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith."

Cost \$45 - For enquiries: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465

[Click here for flyer](#)

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP 40+: TAIZÉ SERVICE AND MEAL

Saturday 1st September, 5.30-6.30pm
Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade Parkville, Melbourne

Taizé service in Parkville with Melbourne Catholic Friendship group. The group holds social events and faith-based talks at different venues across Melbourne where people can form lasting friendships.

Registration: <https://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Catholic-Friendship-Group-40/>

Details: Simon on 0418 302 046

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK

20th - 26th August 2018

The Church has celebrated the World Day of Migrants and Refugees each year since 1914.

This is an occasion for the Church and people of faith to reflect upon -

- the role migration has played in our tradition,
- express concern for migrants, refugees, and people on the move, and
- build awareness about the challenges and opportunities migration presents.

For 2018, Pope Francis has written about *welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating* migrants and refugees.

The Pope's 3-minute video, with subtitles in each language, explains our basic response to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and the displaced. The video can be found at - <https://migrants-refugees.va/2018-migrants-refugees-message/>



PARISH CENSUS

Dear Parishioners, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has requested we participate in a Parish Census. Please take the time to fill in the cards provided.

HOLY LAND AND JORDAN PILGRIMAGE 2019

Departing Monday 7 January 2019 for 15 days

Fr David Cartwright, parish priest of St Fidelis', Moreland and Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Melbourne, along with Fr Benedict La Volpe OFM Conv, parish priest of St Joseph's, Springvale and Provincial Delegate, Conventual Franciscans, invite you to join them for this special pilgrimage in early 2019, which they will accompany as chaplains. Historic and significant places to be visited include Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Mount Tabor, Bethany, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Wailing Wall, the Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, the Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Dead Sea in Jordan, with optional visits to the Holocaust Museum in Israel and Petra in Jordan.

Cost: \$5650 includes Emirates return flights from Australia

Details: 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au

DOWNLOAD FLYER AND FULL ITINERARY AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2018/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU24/HolyLand&JordanJan2019.pdf>



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick and those recommended to our prayers

Maria Addamo (1st month), Mario Bergamin, Isa Bergamin, Orfeo Bergamin, Rino Bergamin, Dino Bernardini, Teresina Di Stefani, Alfonzina Gugliotti, Consiglia Gugliotti, Lorenzo Gugliotti, Francesco Ianella, Rosaria Ianella, Kath Murphy, Amelia Sassini, Domenica Sassini, Erian Sarmiento, Carlo Trentin and all deceased members of the Gugliotti, Ianella & Trentin Families.

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI



Archbishop of Melbourne

Dear Parishioners,

Attached to this week's bulletin is a letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli in relation to Pope Francis' letter about clerical sexual abuse and ecclesial cover up.

Please find time to read this important message from our new Archbishop.



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 1st September 2018



Legion of Mary

Thank you for your time!

Roster for weekend of 1st - 2nd September 2018

| | Readers | Ministers |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat 6.00pm | Renato Tonini Terry Murphy | Charlotte Bairy Mary Harb |
| Sun 9.00am (Italian) | Mancini M. Paiano T. | Bozzella C. Gugliotti A. |
| Sun 10.30am | Moira O'Brien Ivana Lo Bello | George Mc Brien Tony Eley |
| Sun 6.00pm | Jessica Suppiah Abigail Roberts | Margaret Bannon |