

16th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

20th - 21st July 2019

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him, 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 42:2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Sharing in the Hospitality of God

A theme that links today's readings is 'hospitality' and the necessity of listening to God with open hearts before acting. Hospitality plays a huge role in both biblical Testaments. Israelites and early Christians were exhorted to practice this virtue. And, as hospitality is an attribute of God, its images are reflected through scripture in the proclamation of the relationship between God and the people of the Covenant through all events of their life's journey. Through the encounters of the prophets, the ministry of Jesus to the lost and downcast, the calling and training of his disciples, to his humble washing of their feet before their last Passover meal and exhorting them to do the same to each other in spirit.

Modelled on and flowing from God's loving and paternal and inclusive relationship with His people, acts of hospitality included the humble and gracious reception of strangers and travellers into one's home for food, lodging and protection, allowing an alienated person to harvest the corners of one's field, clothing the naked and feeding the hungry. The hospitable act of a communal meal was of great significance. To share food with someone was to share life, just as sharing one's personal stories, concerns and hopes with another was to enter into an intimate fellowship and enabled empathetic service towards each other.

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God who blessed them with a son in their old age.

In the second reading, Paul declares that he was commissioned by God to minister to the Church, as a revealer of the mystery of salvation and the preacher of the word in its fullness. He invites believers to open their hearts and minds and to show hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. Paul also challenges us to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ.

The Gospel tells how Martha, a true child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional, generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, by preparing an elaborate meal for him while her sister Mary spent her time talking to Jesus and listening to him. Presenting Martha as a dynamo of service and Mary as a true listener to the word of God, today's Gospel invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence, after being inspired and energised by having given due time to listen to God speaking to us through the needs of our brothers and sisters.

May we go out to be practical bearers of God's hospitality to our brothers and sisters living in poverty, isolation and exile in our world today.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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Fr Phuong Vu SVD, La Trobe University Chaplain

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Judeline Wadhvani

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Rebecca Cooney, Robert Dullard, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda, Belinda Cooney, Kay Dufty, Sharron Kotz.

Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Fr Jan Szweda SVD

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

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 (Eng) & 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

MELBOURNE ACYF PILGRIMAGE TO PERTH

Young people from parishes, communities, schools are invited to join the Melbourne ACYF Pilgrimage to the fourth Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth from 8-10 December. ACYF is the largest national gathering of Catholic youth in Australia and it exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church. The Festival is for youth and young adults from year 9 to 30 years of age.

Details: www.cam.org.au/acyf19 or call 9287 5565
Like our Facebook page to keep up to date: @melbacyf
 There are a limited number of subsidies available and applications need to be received **by 11 August**.
Apply online here: <https://www.cam.org.au/acyf19/Announcements>
Download ACYF Prayers: https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF_Prayers.pdf
 Parishes are also invited to include the following prayer in their weekly prayers of intercession:

*Loving God,
 We pray for our parish community; that through our accompaniment of young people in their discipleship journey, we will be constantly renewed by the Holy Spirit.
 Let us pray to the Lord.*

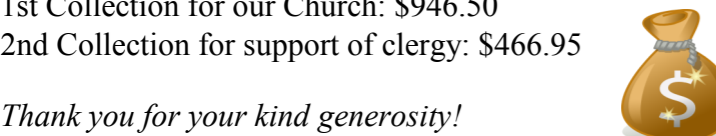
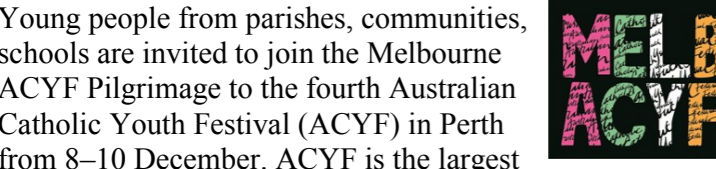
First Holy Communion 2019

A Commitment Mass for children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 28th July at 10.30am.
 A parent information session will be held on Sunday 4th August, in the presbytery after the 10.30am Mass. Following this session, children will stay back for their first lesson which will conclude at 12.35pm. If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in September 2019, please attend this information session and bring your child along to attend the class.
 If you have any queries, please contact the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator, Judeline Wadhvani on 0490660787 or at judeline.wadhvani@gmail.com.

Welcome!
 This weekend through Baptism we welcome:
Julian Aloia and Scarlett Lily Margaret Garde
 into our Parish family

Last Week's Collection: 14/07/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$946.50
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$466.95
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Starts Today, Sunday 21st July

The Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy starts today, during the 10:30am Mass. Parents are most welcome. Very young children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Children's Liturgy will run during school terms only.
 Dates for Term 3 are: July: 21st, 28th; August: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; and September 1st.

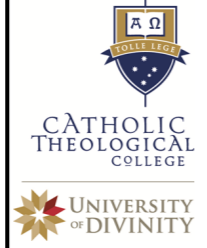


ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 28th July, 11am
St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
 Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?
 The Life, Marriage & Family Office invites you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.
Registrations: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au.
 Registrations close Friday 12th July.



Catholic Theological College
2019 Knox Public Lecture
 Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm
Dr Trudy Dantis
The Voices of Plenary Council



Bookings and Information: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au
 or phone 9412 3366
 R.S.V.P.: Tuesday 13 August
 Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre,
 Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

Liturgical Ministers and Piety Shop Rosters

The new roster has commenced. If we do not have your email details or you requested a printed copy, please check the envelopes available in the church entrance area. If you have not received a copy, contact Cristina on 9480 3398 or Pauline 9484 2445. Thankyou.

Morning Melodies: Christmas in July with June Newman

Join us at the Darebin RSL 402 Bell Street on 26th July. Morning Tea starting at 11.00am followed by a 2 course Luncheon and Live Music for \$19
Signup sheet is in the church porch or ring Pauline 9484 2445 or Eileen 0402 448 652 by Tuesday 23rd July.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!
 Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!
 This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov.
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
 Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or
 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
 Website: wwme.org.au

Sacred Heart Social Committee

The Sacred Heart Social Committee asks for your feedback about the celebration we had for our recent feast day. Please complete a simple feedback form in the church foyer, and put it in the box provided. This will assist us to understand how you felt about this celebration and how we can work to improve the future parish celebrations.

Sacred Heart Fundraising Committee

Do you have experience in fundraising, or would like to work with others to raise funds to support the Sacred Heart Parish? Anyone interested in being part of a fundraising committee are asked to put their name and contact details on the sheet in the foyer of the church. All levels of expertise and enthusiasm are welcome.

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 27th July 2019
Volunteers
Thank you for your help!



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



WE PRAY FOR:
 The elderly and the sick
Brian Donnellon, Stanislawa Kotowski, Maria Santa Lucia, Stephen Meese, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi
 Those who have died
Alfonzina Consiglia, Lorenzo, Maria & Mario Gugliotti and all deceased members of the Iannella family.
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre

A "Retreat in Everyday Life, is an 'at home' retreat", over 5 weeks, beginning Monday 5th August and concluding 2nd September. You are invited to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and on Mondays to come to Heart of Life between 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm to reflect with a spiritual companion on how God might have been present for you.
To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com, no later than Monday 29th July.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGIUM

Saturday 3rd August, 6pm
St Joseph's Church, corner Melville Road and Hope Street, West Brunswick
 St Joseph's Collegium, a chamber choir of young singers singing liturgical music from the 16th century to the present day, directed by Anthony Halliday, will sing at the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's.
Mass: *Mass for four voices* William Byrd
Motet: *Ave Maria* Sergei Rachmaninov
Motet: *Pater Noster* Flor Peeters

Roster for weekend of 27th - 28th July 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Tamburrini M. Orsini A.	Pavan M. Capobianco A.	O'Neill A.
Sun 10.30am	Alan Castles Judeline Wadhvani	Teresa Bernardini	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Jessica Suppiah Neschelle Castill	Benedicta Arhatari	Jessica Suppiah