

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

8th September - 9th September 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to the faint-hearted, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wastelands, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: St James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest. Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

Isaiah 35:4



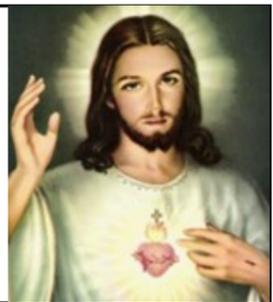
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Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday
10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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Parish Council Members:

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(Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark

Tierney, Timothy Nolan,

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

“Ephphatha – Be opened!” –Child Protection Sunday

Those who have been baptised as infants – and that's most of us - have no recollection of the ceremony. We have no memory of the gesture that originated in today's gospel story. But if you have been to a Baptism recently you will recall that immediately after the child's immersion of washing, there's a series of short rituals. The infant is anointed with chrism, robed in a white garment, a Christ Candle is lit and the infant is touched on the ears and the mouth. This action is directly inspired by today's Gospel reading.

A deaf man is brought to Jesus and He is asked to heal him. Jesus welcomes him, as Jesus welcomed children, the vulnerable and ostracised into the safety of his care. And so were we through the rite of Baptism welcomed into the 'Church.' Jesus touches the man's ears and tongue saying "Ephatha" –"Be opened!" and the man is healed of his deafness and speech impediment by the timely word and the gentle, respectful, healing touch of Jesus. This call to "openness" is a call to each one of us as Jesus' disciples and as children of one Human and one Church Family.

Today is Child Protection Sunday. A day that recalls to us our task of ensuring that children in our churches and schools can grow, talk and play safely. The day carries great weight because we know that in the past, too many people entrusted with the care of children exploited and abused them. Child Protection Sunday is not only a time for lamenting the horrendous harm done to God's innocent ones, but also a time to renew our resolution that every proper protocol and safeguard will be observed to prevent such harm ever happening again. More deeply it is a time for asking how better we can make the Church a welcoming and open space in which children and vulnerable people can be heard, flourished and respected, mindful that the protection of the vulnerable is "Everyone's responsibility."

In Mark's story, the man is brought out of a world of silence into where he can hear and speak clearly, and so be able to participate fully in the life of the community. The Catholic community was also trapped in silence when responding to

the sexual abuse of children. Children were not listened to; those who heard did or could not believe it, or failed to report it: those who tried were in many cases institutionally silenced. The Gospel story of Jesus' healing suggests that the model of Church to which Jesus calls us is one where people speak freely, children play safely and life is lived transparently - potential harm and risks having been identified and removed.

“...Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

Reflections – Fr Andrew Hamilton. SJ



Breaking News – World Youth Day Pilgrimage

Archbishop Comensoli is inviting young adults to join him on the Melbourne Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama!

The mission of the Melbourne World Youth Day Pilgrimage is to facilitate a safe and supported pilgrimage which enables young adults from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to deepen their personal faith, broaden their understanding of the Catholic Church, form enriching relationships with other young Catholics, and respond to God in their life encouraged by the words of Mary which are given as the theme for World Youth Day 2019: 'I am the servant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.'

Places are strictly limited and each successful pilgrim will receive a generous subsidy from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Full costs for the pilgrimage will be \$8960, but with the Archdiocese of Melbourne subsidy it will bring the cost down to \$3500 per pilgrim, which includes travel insurance.

Our timeline is extremely tight and interested young adults are required to apply by Wednesday 12th September.

For more information about this amazing pilgrimage and how to apply visit our website or contact the Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 03 9287 5565 or wyd2019@cam.org.au.



First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 16th September, our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass. We will invite the children to take the reading and intercession and also some songs.

You will be asked to leave about 14 pews available for family members of the children.

Today's Reflection

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10th September:

Funeral Service for Bernadette Harvey - 11.00am

Sunday 16th September:

First Holy Communion - 10.30am

NEW MASS TIMES PLANNER

A new website for mass times and locations across the entire Archdiocese of Melbourne is available. You can find masses near you by location or language and read the latest news from *Melbourne Catholic*.

Details: <http://masstimes.melbournecatholic.org.au/>

WELCOME!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Luke Stephen MARAZITA** into our Parish family

Last Week's Collection: 02/09/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1147.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$552.60
Thank you for your kind generosity!



PLENARY 2020 DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Friday 21st September, 10.30am and 7pm

St Clement of Rome Parish, 7–21 Egan Drive, Bulleen

St Clement of Rome, Bulleen is hosting dialogue sessions as part of Plenary 2020. Each session will incorporate prayer, reflection and conversation as part of the discernment process to understand and respond to our individual and collective mission given to us at baptism. All are welcome. **Topic:** 'Going to the peripheries'.

Details: Cecilia Tan at cecilia.tan@cam.org.au

Northern Youth Group Gathering

These gatherings are a great opportunity for our young adults who are living in the Northern region to meet each other and share our hospitality and faith.

Please note our next group gathering will be:

Date/Time: Sunday 9th September, 6.30pm - 8pm

Venue: St. Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds (Mass at 5.30pm)

Topic: Plenary Council 2020

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners, Sacred Heart Mission Op Shop opened with a bang last Friday. To thank the parish for its support in sourcing volunteers and stock, we would like to provide a 25% discount on your next purchase.



Simply bring your copy of the newsletter to receive 25% off. Valid until 30th September 2018.

Jacob (Store Coordinator)

Weekend Retreat at Benedictine Abbey

Expressions of interest are warmly invited to undertake a weekend retreat at the Benedictine Abbey in Jamberoo, NSW. The community of Benedictine nuns live enclosed lives there, engaged in prayer for the world, praying four times across the day, chanting the prayer of the church and observing deep periods of silence and stillness. A major part of their work is providing hospitality to visitors, who are invited to come to rest, heal and renew themselves in the calm and peace of the beautiful Abbey, which is situated amid rain forest on a mountain top. Visitors are invited to participate as much or as little as they want in the prayer life of the Abbey, enjoy the silence, engage in personal retreat and experience spiritual direction if desired. Hospitality is offered by donation so all are welcome to take this opportunity irrespective of financial status.

Please contact Tim Nolan, Parish Council, on 0412 081 238 or at tjnolan@hotmail.com to register interest and for further information.

The Abbey's website is www.jamberooabbey.org.au

"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](#)



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Elmamae Eusebio

Our loved ones who died recently

Bernadette Harvey &

Molly Walsh (sister of Margaret Fyffe)

Those recommended to our prayers

Giovanni (Davide) Gasperoni,

Nolito Eusebio, Antonio Mendolicchio Jr.

& Santo Sergi

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

RECOMMENDED READING

If you are interested in keeping up with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Parish News, please visit the following sites:

- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ParishUpdate.pdf>
- <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/events>
- <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>

Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers required

The next ministers and readers roster is being prepared. New Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist are very welcome. Ministers and readers, please advise if you are unable to continue or advise of dates when you will be unavailable. Ring Pauline on 9484 2445 or the Parish Office on 9480 3398 this week please!

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 15th September 2018



Pauline/Volunteer

Thank you for your time!

Roster for weekend of 15th - 16th September

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Peter Hudson Marlene Vergou	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi L. Capobianco A.	Recchia I. Roda G.
Sun 10.30am	Jessie Thambiraj Catherine Zanatta	Alan Castles Pauline Veamatahau
Sun 6.00pm	Ylenia Useli Gerard Grant	Damian Casamento