

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

## 10th - 11th August 2019

**First Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:1,12,18-20,22

**R/** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to the city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mt 24:42, 44

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself. "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



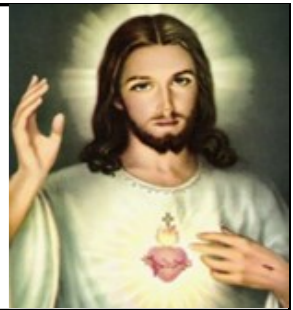
# Sacred Heart Parish

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### 10th - 11th August 2019

### Do Not Be Afraid, It Has Pleased the Father to Give you the Kingdom!

Today's Gospel follows on from the last week's teaching of Jesus concerning right attitudes to this world's possessions and priorities. "Get yourself treasure that will not fail you." And that treasure – the hospitality and love of God being offered to all has been revealed in the life of Jesus.

The Gospel begins with Jesus words of comfort and assurance. "Do not be afraid..." His are the words of an older, compassionate brother, one whose heart is wrenched by the thought of the trials his friends may face.

Jesus reminds them that God's gift of the kingdom is already with them now in spite of life's challenges to come. He reminds them not to let worldly preoccupations to distract them. This is not easy when so much of our material survival is ruled by money, taxes, education, travel – not to mention food and clothing. Even worrying about the security of what we do have or the personal security of ourselves and others dear to us can eat away at us. These are all traits of human living. But Jesus reminds us, "Where is your heart?" Is it acquiring more and more - or do our lives and interactions model the Hope in God's promise.

There follows a parable of service. Jesus compares God to a master who is also a servant. Similarly the authority of discipleship must be patterned on God who is not

remote and distant but in intimate relationship with humanity - who feels the sufferings and uncertainties of his people and encourages and supports, so that they recognise their dignity and empowerment as children of a loving God. With God as the model of servant leadership so the church is to model servant leadership to the world and we who are disciples are to be mindful of this whatever our position in the church. As the reading from Wisdom and the letter to the Hebrews affirm, faith in the promise of God incarnate in the person of Jesus compels us to hope. Hope finds expression in love which humbly listens to the concerns, fears, joys of humanity and stands with the injured, the abused, the dis-spirited and the poor.

The Christian way is a way of faith which enables us to go forward as a community that embraces others with respect, hospitality and compassion. This was and is the way of Jesus and therefore surely must be the way of present and future leadership in the Church.

The fact is the Church has a treasure to share with people and when it shares that treasure the response will be enlivening and encouraging



**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

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Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

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### 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

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

In addition to Sunday, there are two days of Holy Obligation in the Australian liturgical calendar: 15<sup>th</sup> August (Feast of the Assumption) and 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas). This is a key feast that honours the role of Mary as the mother of Jesus and stems from the time of Pope Pius XII who placed an emphasis on the importance of Marian devotion. In 1950 he defined as dogma the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven. It was her “crowning glory ... to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus, 1950). It is a reminder to us of Mary’s unique relationship with God.

Perhaps this week offers an invitation to us to reflect on what it means to be a faithful disciple in the contemporary world. The gospel for this feast may provide some clues. Perhaps we are called to pray, to be a blessing for each other and to proclaim joy. In other words, perhaps we are called to an awareness of how to live out God in the day-to-day of our lives. So, let us be joyful missionary disciples!

Prayer: May we keep the wisdom of Mary in our thoughts; May we hear the whispers of God in our hearts; May we turn our hands to service and may we, inspired by the witness of Mary, respond generously to the blessings of God that surround us. Amen.

**Dates to Remember**

**Thursday 15th August:** Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Children’s Liturgy:** Sundays during 10.30am Mass  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:  
**Clare Tessa Cline Balthasar**  
into our Parish family



**CatholicCare Sunday Appeal**

This weekend is the CatholicCare Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday or post it directly to CatholicCare.

**Last Week’s Collection: 04/08/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1628.10  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$557.05

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.**

The Tongan Community would like to express our sincere thank you to Fr Jan Szweda, Fr John McCarthy and Deacon Anthony Toub for leading our beautiful Mass Celebration for the Silver Jubilee held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. To Pauline O’Day for conducting our choir, and to all the parishioners who attended and gave us their time and money to help our donations for the Parish, which amounted to \$8150. Thank you so much and God Bless you all.



**Invitation**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne invites you to the Annual Mass of All Nations on the 105<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019; Rosary: 2pm Mass: 3pm St Patrick’s Cathedral East Melbourne  
This year’s theme is ‘it’s not just about Migrants’. Pope Francis explains that ‘when we show concern for migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give a voice to a part of ourselves’. Everyone is invited to reflect, celebrate the lives and stories of those seeking protection and safety in our communities. All welcome.

**Supporting Parish Life: RCIA Workshop**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1–4pm and 6.30–9pm  
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
Following the request of RCIA coordinators at the annual RCIA gathering, two workshops will be offered this August: one focused on the planning, preparation and promotion of RCIA in the parish and the other on adapting the Rite for the preparation and initiation of children. These workshops are suitable for those new to and interested in the RCIA and those involved in catechetics or sacrament preparation (particularly the sacraments of initiation). Both workshops will be offered twice, to enable as many coordinators to attend as possible.

Cost: \$25 (includes light refreshments)  
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDZIY>

**Caritas Australia**



Thousands of generous supporters, including school children and parishes across the country, have joined in solidarity with the world’s poor, donating more than \$1.5 million to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion Lenten campaign. Held annually over the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion seeks to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity and this year took on the theme of ‘Give Lent 100%’  
Project Compassion is one of Australia’s largest humanitarian fundraising and awareness raising campaigns. It provides the funds to enable the world’s most vulnerable communities break the cycle of poverty.

**Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director?**

The Siloam Program is an accredited full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program, which commences in Box Hill VIC in February 2020, blends academic and practical work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. The Program may be studied as a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction, with Fee-Help available to qualifying students. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or phone 9890 1101.

**Ordinations to the Priesthood**

On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Archbishop Peter will ordain four new priests for service in Melbourne. Please pray for Deacons Andrew Choi, Nathan Rawlins, Michael Buck and Trac Nguyen as they prepare for ordination. All are welcome to the ordination Mass at the cathedral to pray for these men and to rejoice in the gift of four new priests, for Melbourne. On this day, the Archbishop will also ordain three deacons in preparation for priestly ordination at a later date.

**Cleaning Roster:  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Dale/Pauline**  
Thank you for your help!

**Choir Members Meeting**

Members of all our Parish Choirs are invited to a meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held in the presbytery. Please make an effort to be present.

**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
*Brian Donnellon, Stanislawa Kotowski,  
Maria Santa Lucia, Irene Navascues,  
Dale O’Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi*



Those who have died  
*Rosetta Chiodo, Ted Day, Terry Fyffe (1<sup>st</sup> Anni.),  
Lucia Giove and Morris Hutchinson*  
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Death Notice of a Long Time Parishioner**

**Ted Day**, a former long-time parishioner passed away on 26 July 2019. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Good Shepherd Chapel, St Heliers St, Abbotsford, on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019, followed by burial at Melbourne General Cemetery, College Cres, Parkville.

**Lifeboat Geelong Foundation – Client Support Officer Position (Part Time)**

“Lifeboat Geelong” has been established for six years and provides practical and pastoral support for victims of church-related sexual abuse. We are now in a position to employ a part-time “Client Support Officer” (between 12 and 24 hours per week) to provide personal support to individual clients in Melbourne, Geelong and regional Victoria – through both personal contact and by phone. The appointee will need to have an appreciation of the plight of those who have suffered sexual abuse from church personnel, and its many harmful, lifelong negative effects such as PTSD, compromised education and employment potential, self-esteem issues etc. Applicants should indicate any professional or experience-based qualifications, availability, and motivation for this particular work. Hourly-based remuneration, by agreement, in accord with Human Resources practice. Applications by email, with supporting information and referees to: [admin@lifeboatgeelong.com.au](mailto:admin@lifeboatgeelong.com.au) by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enquiries: 0439 199 400

**Roster for weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Peter Bourke	Rohan Lemos
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Tamburrini M. Orsini A.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.	O’Neill A.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Eileen Stevens Anne Stuart	Tony Eley	Jessy Thambiraj
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Tim Rankin John Plum	Margaret Rankin	Jessica Suppiah