

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4th - 5th July 2020

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v.1

R/ I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

The Plenary Council Discernment Paper is asking how the Australian Church might be more missionary and evangelising. It says: 'Nationally, we must forge deeper relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, oppose any prejudice, and actively work for reconciliation.'



Plenary Council 2020

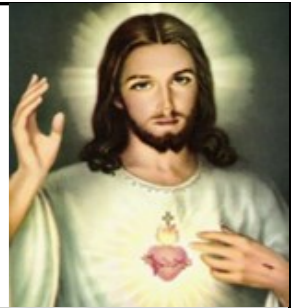
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' NEV 27



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Come to me and Learn, for I am meek and humble of heart

To someone approaching it for the first time, Christianity could seem a complicated system of beliefs, regulations and rituals that could distract from the fundamental tenet of our Judeo-Christian faith: "The Lord our God is ONE: Love the Lord God with your whole heart, soul and mind and your neighbour as yourself". At its heart, Christianity is a call to view the world through the eyes of Jesus.

In accordance with the vision of Zechariah in the first reading, Jesus comes among us - not as a warrior king to be feared or venerated, but as a man of peace open to the presence of God with and in others. Jesus taught by his living, that faith in God should be a life giving force for those who believed but he was equally aware that religion could be presented as a force that oppressed people into a culture of guilt and social distancing, keeping them from realising their worth in the eyes of God. Some of his contemporaries, religious leaders, claimed that observance of countless commandments of the law was the way to life and they called it taking upon oneself the 'yoke of the kingdom of God'.

Jesus' prayer that opens today's Gospel gives us a precious insight into his loving communion with God as Father of all and what we, as human beings, beloved of God should strive for. He gives thanks to God for what is taking place: those weighed down by life's burdens are coming to realise God's love for them through the compassion, interest and friendship of another human being and this is a source of encouragement and joy to them. Jesus offers them a yoke, not of more and more rules, but of a relationship in which his gentle and humble love, companionship and guidance, would accompany them through life's burdens and empower them to realise their worth as children of a faithful empathetic and loving God.

The second reading of St Paul reminds us that we are enabled to live like Jesus in peaceful communion with God and with one another, because we possess the Spirit of God. "...the Spirit has made his home in you." Enlivened by the Spirit we are able to engage with the world and its peoples, seeing it through God's eyes. May we then, with open hearts, ever be open to opportunities to share the yoke of building a more just, compassionate and peaceful world respecting the gifts, dignity and entitlements of each other and offering welcome and hospitality to those who long for a place to call home.



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This Week's Masses

Saturday 11th July

Vigil Mass, **5 pm**

Sunday 12th July

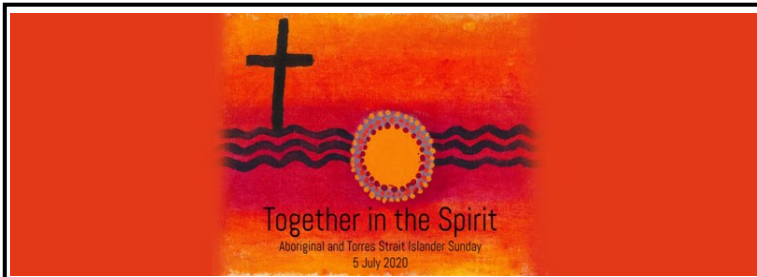
9am (Italian), 11am and 6pm

(English)

Monday to Friday

9.10am

There is still a limit of 20 people (including children), to attend every Mass, therefore it is necessary to register by calling Fr Jan on mobile on 0400469540 or 9480 3398.



Together in the Spirit

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in the first week of July, with a range of resources produced by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) for the occasion.

This year the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be celebrated with a theme chosen to respond to the current challenges we face as a community – Together in the Spirit. Australian Catholics and parishes are invited to come ‘Together in the Spirit’, united by our faith, to celebrate the gifts of Indigenous spirituality and culture in our Church and wider community.

With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the celebration of Masses across the nation, new ways of marking and celebrating the day have been developed. As such, for the first time, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass will be live streamed from St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide on Sunday 5th July at 11.30am.

Bishops Disappointed in Small Minimum Wage Increase

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference says a 1.75 per cent increase in the national minimum wage falls well short of the boost needed, leaving many families vulnerable during a pandemic. The Conference, which has made submissions to the annual review of the minimum wage for decades, argued for a 4 per cent increase – before COVID-19 led to additional financial uncertainty for many low-paid workers and their families.

Resources for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please share these online resources with your families. The [family resource](#) is designed for families with young children.

Online Masses

St. Patrick’s Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

Recorded masses can also be viewed at:

www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Or: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31): Live telecast from St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Channel 10: Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am.

RAI: Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8:30am

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.

New Bishop - Sale

Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Gregory Charles Bennet as the new bishop of Sale. Monsignor Bennet has been serving as parish priest of St. Joseph’s Parish in West Brunswick. Msgr Bennet held several leadership positions within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, including as director of Ministry to Priests and later as inaugural director of the Office for Evangelisation. After additional parish ministry, he served as vicar general from 2012 to 2019. In accepting his appointment, Bishop-Elect Bennet said, “I am humbled by Pope Francis’ nomination of me to be the next Bishop of Sale. It is an enormous responsibility and privilege to be asked to undertake this appointment.” Mgr Bennet also expressed his gratitude to the people of Melbourne, “I have served in the Archdiocese for 28 years and my heart is grateful for the many people who have formed, nurtured, cared, and supported me throughout my formation and my ministry.”

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God Listens to Everybody

God listens to everybody - sinner, saint, victim or killer, Pope Francis said during his weekly general audience at the Vatican on June 24, 2020. “Everyone lives a life that is often inconsistent or a contradiction’ because people can be a sinner and a saint, a victim and a tormentor. No matter what one’s situation is, people can put themselves back in God’s hands through prayer. Prayer gives us nobility; it is able to protect one’s relationship with God, who is the true companion along humanity’s journey, amidst thousands of hardships in life, good or bad, but always with prayer,” he said.



Update: General Guidelines COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

With a sudden rise in COVID cases throughout Victoria, the Premier has announced that there will be no changes to previous restrictions.

This means that the **numbers in places of worship will remain at 20 until 12th July 2020** (dependant on trending health concerns and advice). There are further limits to be put in place for gathering in homes and other spaces.

A Prayer to St Joseph

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at the time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God’s plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us grow in faith and pray to the Father, *thy will be done.*

Amen



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WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Lopisoni Amato, Maria Crocco, Lilia Crupi, Nicola D’Orazio & Anthony Joseph



Those who have died recently
Pasquale Tropiano

We Commemorate
Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin, John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini, Antonio Ciavarella (30th Anni.), Teresina Di Stefani, Carlo, Duilio (1st Anni.), Livio & Pasqua Trentin and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.

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

An open letter from Sacred Heart student Isaac to parishioner Alan Castles



On Tuesday 21st June, there was a funeral held at our church across the road from our school. The man who passed away was Alan. He always went to Mass and never missed a day. How I met Alan was that in my second week going to church, there was Alan and someone else called Kevin talking. So Alan came up to me and we started to talk. He was a great person to look up to. He was like God. I felt very upset about him dying that I wanted to cry, but I kept strong. (Isaac)



Daily living of the loving

We have a rare opportunity to celebrate love and God in a very public way at a wedding, but how about in everyday life?

A sign of the presence of God is the presence of love, but how we choose to celebrate love in our relationships is different for everyone.

“When I see you playing with the children, I see God in you. When you fill the dishwasher after a hard day at work, I see God in you. When you smile and encourage me when I am feeling overwrought, I see God in you.”

[Click here](#) to discover ways you can make daily living of the loving truly present in your life, and check out our free couples worksheet on dreams and aspirations!

Catholics For Renewal

Will dioceses and the Plenary Council itself be guided by the Church’s ‘principle of subsidiarity’, a principle endorsed by Vatican II and every recent Pope? Articles on subsidiarity, Media Release from Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and other interesting topics you may find in the Catholics For Renewal Inc. newsletter:

<https://www.catholicsforrenewal.org/>