

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C 31st August - 1st September 2019

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7,10-11

R/ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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.

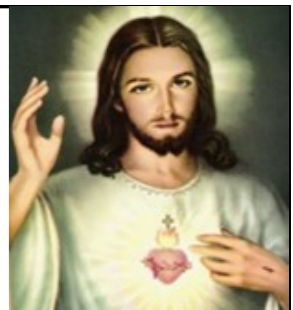


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Parish Mass Schedule

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 31st August - 1st September 2019 Care of Creation Sunday and Father's Day

Those who Humble Themselves...

Humility is a feature in today's readings. The wise teacher says: 'for great though the Lord is, by the humble he is glorified'. Humility is an attitude of the heart, a way of being. The word comes from 'humus' meaning ground or earth. In the second creation story we are reminded that we are of the earth and that we will return to the



earth. God breathes life into the humans and places them in a living 'garden' to live, to share and to care for.

To be humble is to be grounded, to have one's feet on the ground and to be true to who we really are. It's to know ones strengths and weakness, and to be able to respect, not belittle the strengths and weaknesses of others. For we all are made in the image of God. To be humble is to welcome and share the gifts one has, all the while acknowledging the One who gave them.

Shared meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived, more than just a time for sharing nourishment; they were a time to share ideas, to model different aspects of relationships, to listen and to be listened.

They were about sharing of life, hospitality, hopes and needs with each other.

On the other hand they were often occasions for exclusion and discrimination of others. The invitation and place at table allocated to a person, could be recognition of that person's importance or insignificance to the host.

On this occasion in the gospel, Jesus tells a parable which is really advice to both guests and hosts, about finding true happiness in God at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table, lest they be asked to move if someone important arrives. This is more than dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner, but those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found; by genuinely sharing the hospitality of an all loving God, Father of all.

"We cannot be Jesus' disciples if we allow our Christian consciences to be desensitised by inequality, injustice and inhumanity in our society or our world."
(Bishop Vincent Long OFM)

We are all part of One God's Creation and must care for each other, as a loving father humbly shares and cares for each of his children, according to their strengths and needs.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's Media Statement on Cardinal George Pell

Today the Victorian Court of Appeal, in a 2:1 majority decision, dismissed Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his conviction for assaulting two choir boys at St Patrick's Cathedral in late 1996 and early 1997.

I respectfully receive the Court's decision, and I encourage everyone to do the same. That there have been two trials, and now today's decision in the Court of Appeal, the complexity of the search for the truth in this matter has tested many, and may very well continue to do so.

My thoughts and prayers are with the man who brought this matter before the courts. I humbly acknowledge it has been a challenging time for him, and I stand ready to offer pastoral and spiritual help, should he seek it.

In Christian charity, I will ensure that Cardinal Pell is provided pastoral and spiritual support while he serves the remainder of his sentence, according to the teaching and example of Jesus to visit those in prison.

I also want to acknowledge with gratitude the people who have been involved in this case. For many, this has been a demanding and distressing experience.

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I want to acknowledge the deep impact today's decision will have for you. My prayer is that all of us might reach out to each other in faith, hope and love, as I do for you at this moment.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne continues to work with survivors to offer support for their healing, recovery and well-being. This is based upon an Archdiocesan-wide commitment to build a culture of respect and safety for all, and to reach out to those who courageously bring forward their stories.

I re-commit myself and the Archdiocese to a culture that listens, that seeks to bring justice and healing, and that protects children and vulnerable people.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Dates to Remember

Sunday 1st - Saturday 7th September:

National Child Protection Week

Sunday 8th September: Child Protection Sunday

Sunday 15th September: 10.30am Mass

First Holy Communion

Sunday 20th October: Mission Sunday

Saturday 26th October: Save the Date!

Parish Dinner Dance

Last Week's Collection: 25/08/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1455.65

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$500.50

Thank you for your kind generosity!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen



Plenary Council 2020

Continuing the journey, the Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Six National Themes for Discernment have been drawn from the 220,000 people that were engaged in the Listening and Dialogue sessions. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- missionary and evangelising?
- inclusive, participatory and Synodal?
- prayerful and Eucharistic?
- humble, healing and merciful?
- a joyful, hope-filled servant community?
- open to conversion, renewal and reform?

Each of the themes has a 'snapshot' report which provides a sample of the voices and answers that inspired the theme. Snapshot reports are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>

Laudato Si (On Care for Our Common Home)

4-Week Seminar, Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 24th September, and 1st October, 7.30pm-9pm

Janssen Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia

Pope Francis has established the 'Season of Creation' from 1st September to 4th October. During this month we are invited to reconsider our relationship with God's Creation, particularly with Earth. In these four sessions we look at Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Through this encyclical the Pope invites us into an ecological conversion of our heart that inspires us to live differently with Earth and all of Creation. This seminar will prayerfully reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical and how it can apply to our lives and our parishes.

Cost: \$40 (including workbook)

Bookings: 9854 8110 or secretary@campion.asn.au

Today there is a special collection for:

Priests' Retirement Fund
(Father's Day Collection)

Breakfast Briefing for Catholic Social Services

Friday 6th September, 7.15am for 7.30am

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

All are invited to join Catholic Social Services Victoria for a breakfast briefing with noted author and leadership presenter, Chris Lowney. Chris holds senior leadership roles in the Catholic health sector in the USA and has recently released his latest book, Everyone Leads. He'll speak on the topic 'Shared Leadership: Insights and Challenges for Catholic Services'.

Cost: \$20; Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=519633&>

PPC Night – Pope Francis: 'Other-Centred Leadership'

Tuesday 10th September, 7pm-8.30pm (registrations and light refreshments from 6.30pm)

Cardinal Knox Centre, Cathedral Room, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Drawing on his book "Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads", Chris Lowney will reflect on how the Pope is modelling the kind of Christian leaders the world needs—leaders who value the human need for love, inspiration, and meaning. This evening is offered specially for Parish Pastoral Councillors and those exercising lay leadership within our parish communities; it will include input from Chris and a chance to discuss the spiritual principles that have prepared Pope Francis to lead our Church and influence our world. Cost: \$20, includes light refreshments. Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/BECRW>

Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21st September, St Bede's College Mentone

Registrations close on Wednesday 11th September. Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music; don't miss out! To register and for info, look for the Alight flyers in our parish or visit: www.cam.org.au/alight19. If cost is a problem, we can help. See the "Subsidy" tab on the Alight website.

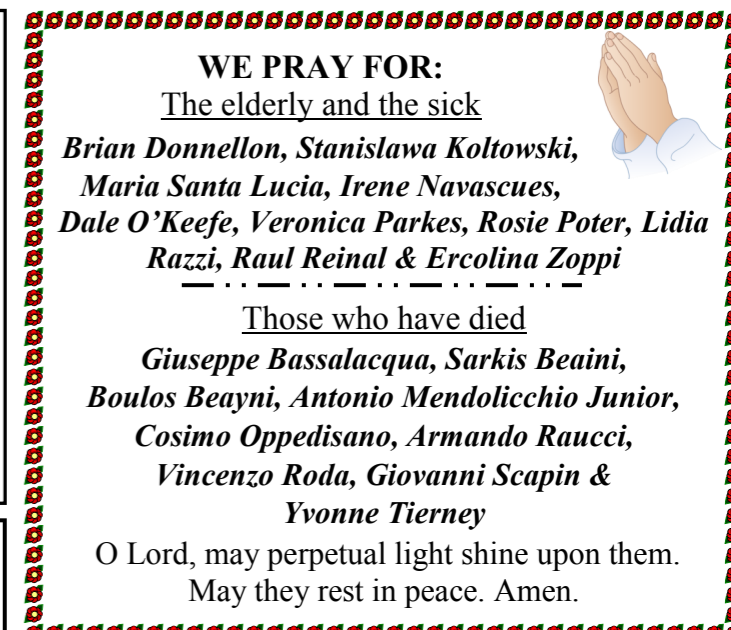
Cleaning Roster: Saturday 7th September 2019

Anna O'Neill/Volunteer

Thank you for your help!



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Brian Donnellon, Stanislawa Koltowski, Maria Santa Lucia, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi

Those who have died

Giuseppe Bassalacqua, Sarkis Beaini, Boulos Beayni, Antonio Mendolicchio Junior, Cosimo Oppedisano, Armando Raucchi, Vincenzo Roda, Giovanni Scapin & Yvonne Tierney

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



Aid to the Church in Need

This Father's Day give your dad a spiritual gift. Arrange a Mass for your dad (living or deceased) and at the same time support a poor priest overseas who will receive your donation and offer Mass for your intentions. Ten percent of priests worldwide are supported by Mass offerings through *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can arrange a Mass anytime at: www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings

Project Compassion 2019 – The Melbourne Result

This year the Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,528,032 to Project Compassion, to support Caritas Australia's work with the poorest of the poor. Across Australia, the project raised \$10.8 million. Thanks very much for your outstanding generosity – we are all doing the work of Christ.

Photographer Required

An invitation to anyone who is a photographer or takes good photos. We need a person who would like to take photos of different parish events for our Sacred Heart website. If you would like to serve our community in this capacity, please see Fr. Jan or a Parish Pastoral Council member.



Roster for weekend of 7th - 8th September 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Bozzella C. Orsini A.	Gugliotti A. Roda G.	Tamburrini M.
Sun 10.30am	Judeline Wadhvani Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Mariana Jurjevic Ylenia Useli	Benedicta Arhatari	Jessica Suppiah