

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

## 24th - 25th August 2019

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness by glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 116

R/ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try and enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is an opportunity to refresh or begin anew, living the Gospel values. True 'It is not just about migrants' but it is also about all of us in our own migration to the Father's House.**



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### 24th - 25th August 2019

### 105<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees

### Will Only the Few Be Saved?

Some people and groups seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement or privilege. This can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who consistently presume to put themselves first will often find themselves last, in the sense that they are reluctantly tolerated at best, rather than welcomed into most circles.

Jesus knew what it was to be regarded as an outcast, by those who earnestly believed it was their duty to preserve the purity of their religion from contamination. After all, he often dined with such table companions as tax collectors, sinners and gentiles. Their exclusive views had no place for the gentiles and the insistence on strict observance of the Law was impossible for common people. Jesus challenged this narrow view of salvation. After all God was the Father of all people and grieved for the stray, the vulnerable, longing to welcome them home.

In today's reading from Luke, someone asks Jesus, "Are only a few to be saved?" Jesus responds to the crowd with a reminder that God's saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must strive to enter by the narrow door. In other words some hard work is involved in ensuring that God's saving power is there for the world. It was a call to conversion now to become a people of integrity, compassion and hospitality NOW – not sometime in the future. The Gospel way was about living the great commandment, "Love the Lord God with your whole heart, soul and strength and mind and your neighbour as yourself."

In the first reading the prophet presented a consoling vision to a despondent people returning from exile. Their homeland is in ruins. Where and how do they start to rebuild? Isaiah foretells the future glory of Jerusalem to which people of all nations would come. It would be a centre from which the knowledge and love of the one true and merciful God would be dispersed to people of all nations, regardless of race. Jesus' vision is of a huge feast in the kingdom of heaven in which those who are now considered last would be first and those considered first, now would be last.

Pope Francis seems to have been telling us something similar. The Christian Church is called to be a poor, serving, lowly church that reaches out and addresses the struggles of the poor, the exiled and rejected.

We are all invited to the feast, but only if we learn how to welcome in and wash the feet of the stranger, the poor, the abused and the refugee.



**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

**Priest in Residence:**

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

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**School Phone:** 9487 1001

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Belinda Cooney, Rebecca Cooney,

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert

Dullard, Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz,

Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

**Parish Council Members:**

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard

Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

(Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solo-

mon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

**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

**Archbishop Comensoli Responds to Proposed Amendments to Mandatory Reporting**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
 Archbishop Peter Comensoli has welcomed a proposed expansion of mandatory reporting to include religious ministers, announced by the Victorian Government today. In fact, this is a reform requested in 2013 by the Catholic Church in Victoria to the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry. The Archbishop said he has been surprised that despite commitments made by the Premier in August 2018, the Catholic community has not been afforded the opportunity to view and provide comment on the draft Bill prior to its public release. In responding to today's announcement the Archbishop re-iterated the position of the Catholic Church in relation to the protection of what is called the Seal of Confession.

The Archbishop said, 'thousands of Catholic lay men and women, for whom Confession is a sacramental and necessary opportunity for grace and mercy, have been denied the opportunity to have a voice regarding legislation that might infringe on their freedom of conscience and religious freedom. Victorians will recognise that the freedom to demonstrate a person's religion and belief in worship, observance and practice is a human right, protected by Victoria's Charter of Human Rights.

'Confession doesn't place people above the law. Priests should be mandatory reporters, but in a similar way to protections to the lawyer/client relationship and protection for journalists' sources.

'For Catholics, Confession is a religious encounter of a deeply personal nature. It deserves confidentiality. I urge the Government to focus on stronger protection for children, not on infringing on religious liberty.'

Having operated under mandatory reporting in other States, the Archbishop maintains his commitment to mandatory reporting to the appropriate authorities as a way to protect children and young people from abuse, while maintaining a commitment to upholding the Seal of Confession.

'The two areas are not mutually exclusive.'

From: mcnews, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Dates to Remember**

- Children's Liturgy:** Sundays during 10.30am Mass August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Father's Day
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** National Child Protection Week
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** 10.30am Mass First Holy Communion

**Last Week's Collection: 18/08/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1201.35  
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$593.00

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.**



**Melbourne ACYF Pilgrimage to Perth**

Only one week remains to register for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth! Young people from parishes, communities and schools are invited to join the Melbourne ACYF Pilgrimage to the fourth ACYF, in Perth 8-10 December. The festival is for youth and young adults from Year 9 to 30 years of age. This year the Melbourne Archdiocese is offering packages to young people to travel with the Archdiocese to experience the excitement of the festival. You can travel as an individual, with a friend or form a group. The Melbourne Pilgrimage packages are all inclusive.

Facebook: @melbacyf. Like our page to keep up to date.

Registrations: close Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at [cam.org.au/acyf19/registration](http://cam.org.au/acyf19/registration)

Details: [cam.org.au/acyf19](http://cam.org.au/acyf19) or call the office on 9287 5565

**105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 'It's not just about Migrants'**



For this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis has insisted that 'It is not just about migrants'. How we welcome migrants and refugees affects all of us and helps to shape the sort of society we want to be, and the sort of people we want to be. We cannot establish God's kingdom here and now, but we can do more to make our homes, our local community, and our nation more welcoming to those who come to our shores. Living on an island nation continent, it is easy for us Australians simply to put out of mind those fleeing persecution, those who no longer have a place to call home.

**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Mila Castorina** into our Parish family



**Next weekend there is a special collection for:**  
**Priests' Retirement Fund (Father's Day Collection)**

**Justice Solutions: Lessons from New Zealand**

Lunchtime forum, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Members and friends are cordially invited to join with Catholic Social Services Victoria for a lunchtime briefing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, on #JusticeSolutions: lessons from New Zealand.

New Zealand is a near neighbour with much in common with Australia. They also have introduced a number of innovations in many aspects of their justice system, and a program of reform that is "about developing long-term solutions to keep people safe, allow communities to thrive, and build a justice system that we can all be proud of."

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

Date: Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

RSVP to Lucia Brick, [lbrick@css.org.au](mailto:lbrick@css.org.au) or 9285 5566 by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Organ Concert**



An invitation to an Organ Concert to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 6.30pm: This concert will feature renowned organist Thomas Trotter. Thomas Trotter has been City Organist for the City of Birmingham since 1983 and is also Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, in London.

Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUKN> or tickets available at the door.

**Photographer Required**

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



**Cleaning Roster: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

Michael Santos/Cori

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

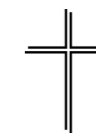
Luisa Aloia, Carmelina Gigliotti & Polous Paul Polousi & Umberto Benito Selva (3<sup>rd</sup> Anni.)

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



**'Treasuring Our Later Years'**

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. This reflection series, led by Nicole Rotaru rsm, includes input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Remaining sessions will cover: Spirituality; Relationship; What is the meaning of my life?; Gratitude; Death - Mystery. Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm/4pm, 20<sup>th</sup> Aug - 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019. Come to one or all sessions. Cost \$30 per session. Contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill. Ph: 9890 1101 or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)



**Permanent Diaconate**

For those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Further details about the Permanent Diaconate can be obtained from the website [www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate](http://www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate).

**Roster for weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos John Plum	Charlotte Bainy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Paiano T. Orsini A.	Bozzella C. Capobianco A.	O'Neill A.
Sun 10.30am	Sonya Bading Alan Castles	Pauline Veamatahau	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Damian Casamento Peter Constable	Robert Dullard	Jessica Suppiah