

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Year A 20th - 21st June 2020

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

The Lord loves you and has chosen you.

Moses said to the people: 'You are a people consecrated to the Lord your God; it is you that the Lord our God has chosen to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth.

'If the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, it was not because you outnumbered other peoples: you were the least of all peoples. It was for love of you and to keep the oath he swore to your fathers that the Lord brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know then that the Lord your God is God indeed, the faithful God who is true to his covenant and his graciousness for a thousand generations towards those who love him and keep his commandments, but who punishes in their own persons those that hate him; he makes him work out his punishment in person. You are therefore to keep and observe his commandments and statutes and ordinances that I lay down for you today.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 10. R. v.17

R/ The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-16

God loved us first.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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: Mt 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

Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

My loving Jesus! I [N.N.] give you my heart, and I consecrate myself wholly to you, out of the grateful love I bear you, and as reparation for all my unfaithfulness, and with your aid I purpose never to sin again. Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of you.



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Honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus

'God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God in him.'

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most familiar images associated with our Catholic heritage. Numerous churches and schools like ours are named after the Sacred Heart and contain an image or statue of the Sacred Heart, the focus of devotions that reach back through centuries. But how often do we think what the devotion to the Sacred Heart is all about?

Along the path of life, we come across selfish and unselfish people. Perhaps we are all a mixture of generosity and selfishness. But to the extent that we may still be partly selfish, self-centred and suspicious, we are not living the message of Jesus, which is to demonstrate that 'God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God in him.'

This goes to the very source of what it means for us to be living under the patronage of the open-wounded Heart of Jesus.

Jesus shared and knew the depths of human struggle, rejection and suffering and lived his entire life for others. This is what it means to be 'meek and humble of heart'. To be humble is not to think less of oneself but to think of one-self less: to reflect upon one's own suffering in order to understand, sympathise and relieve the sufferings of others: to be slow to judge and quick to listen and learn. Jesus practiced no discrimination, reaching out to all. He died as he lived: open-hearted in generosity, kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Such is the nature of love, symbolised by a wounded, human heart.

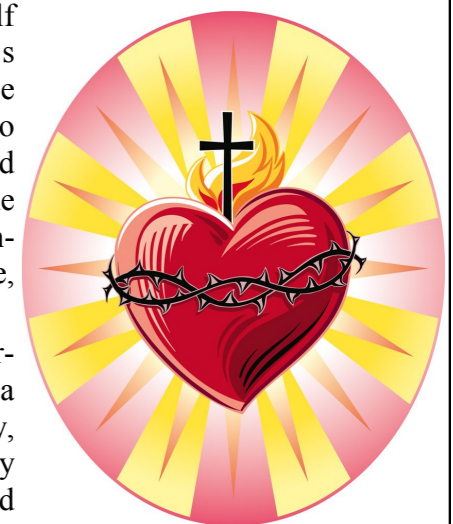
This weekend, we celebrate as a school and a parish, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What a gift it is to be part of this Sacred Heart community, that has been sustained over one hundred years by generous faithful hearts who appreciated, nurtured and shared the Jesus-spirit of hospitality through times of war, economic depression, faith and family challenges and loss, in a spirit of welcome, friendship and communion.

As we observe this Feast and call to mind the strength of God's love for all, let us pray that this love may be reflected in our own attitudes of understanding and sympathy towards people and communities who are hurting: towards those who are isolated from family and friends, those who are coping with chronic illness, domestic violence, loss of income; towards those who shiver in homelessness, towards refugees and asylum seekers who have fled from war and unspeakable loss and long to feel safe and accepted.

"May we be of one heart, one mind – One in the Body of Christ." Marty Haugen

"May the Heart of Jesus live in our hearts and in the hearts of people."

St Arnold Janssen SVD



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This Week's Masses

Saturday 27th June

Vigil Mass, **5 pm**

Sunday 28th

9am (Italian), 11am and 6pm
(English)

Monday to Friday

9.10am

From Monday 22nd June, there is a limit of 50 people (including children), to attend every Mass, therefore it is advisable to register by calling Fr Jan on mobile on 0400469540 or 9480 3398.

The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque between 1673-1675. Among the words spoken to her, she heard Jesus make 12 promises to those who would respond to the pleading of His Heart and make an effort to return His love.

St. Margaret Mary once said, "I do not know of any other exercise in the spiritual life that is more calculated to raise a soul in a short amount of time to the height of perfection and to make it taste the true sweetness to be found in the service of Jesus Christ."

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and Infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 24th June: Saint John the Baptist

Monday, 29th June: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

Farewell

Fr Ennio's Retirement

After 11 years of service to the Italian Community in our Parish, the SVD Superior, considering Fr. Ennio's age (born 1932), has transferred him to the retiring home of the SVD in Sydney.

Fr. Albano da Costa SVD, who speaks Italian, has been appointed to replace Fr. Ennio who will leave Preston at the beginning of August 2020.

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 Real Presence of Jesus

We are very used to thinking that the Real Presence of Jesus is in the Blessed Sacrament.

Maybe we need to think more deeply about the real presence of Jesus also being in real, living human beings.

Bread and Wine have no eyes to gaze with love, no face with which to smile, no mouth to speak soothing words, no arms to hold the grieving and the sick, or to lend a hand, no ears to hear the pain. But we do.

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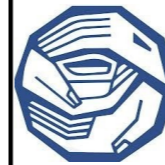
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St Vincent De Paul June Winter Appeal



Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities.

As we continue to face this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness, job loss and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting vinnies.org.au or calling 13 18 12.

Please help us to help others. Thank you.

I was a stranger and you made me welcome: Refugee Week 2020

The theme of Refugee Week in 2020 is the Year of Welcome. Welcome is about generosity, opening our arms and our houses to friends and strangers, feeding the hungry and avoiding the temptation to shut the door.

This year we have celebrated the generosity of people who have kept welcoming strangers – opening their hearts, homes, cattle feed and purses to families made homeless by the Bushfires. And more recently, the generosity of health workers in Australia and elsewhere who have risked their own health to help strangers. We have seen, too, the goodness of people who from very few bricks have built laughter and friendship in local communities, and particularly befriended elderly people in nursing homes. They have opened doors in a world that has closed so many doors.

In times of the COVID19 pandemic threat, people are often tempted to see strangers as threats. They narrow the list of people about whom they care. This reaction may be natural, but if encouraged it is destructive of societies. Our response as a nation to the threat of the Coronavirus has been generous and provided support for many people in need. It has protected people from being made homeless.

As we are moving to a lifting of restrictions it is important to keep our hearts open to people who have been left without family, without a country and without support, and have come to seek protection. It is time to make this year a year of welcome, and this land a welcoming land. The need for Catholics to unite in care and outreach to people who seek protection is stronger than it has ever been.

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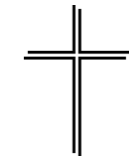
WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Lopisoni Amato, Lilia Crupi & Nicola D'Orazio

We Commemorate
Dorothy Baker and Ray Baker

Those who have died recently
Alan Castles

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



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



* **All places of worship** (including Hospital, Aged Care and School Chapels) may now open for pre-arranged worship, small religious ceremonies or private worship. As of 22nd June 2020, up to 50 people as well as the minimum number of people reasonably required for the service and to maintain all hygiene requirements – in a single undivided indoor space – are permitted.

* **Contact Details** are required for all attendees at Masses and Ceremonies (if attending for longer than 15 minutes) – and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days, and all endeavours made to protect personal informal from use or disclosure.

* **Multiple liturgical celebrations** or ceremonies can be held on the same day, but cleaning must occur between liturgical celebrations or ceremonies.

* **Each Parish must** publicly publish a schedule of Masses and liturgies that will take place, and how people may nominate for attendance.

* **Home/household Masses** are not permitted.

* **Baptisms:** Up to 20 people permitted to attend, as well as the minimum number of people reasonably required for the service.

* **Weddings:** Up to 20 people may attend a wedding in addition to the couple, the celebrant as well as the minimum number of people reasonably required for the service.

* **Funerals:** Up to 50 mourners may attend a funeral in a place of worship as well as the people required for the funeral, such as the officiant or funeral company.