

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C 17th - 18th August 2019

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 39:2-4,18

**R/** Lord, come to my aid!

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 10:27

**Alleluia, alleluia!** My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord



**None of us wants to anger or upset people. But avoiding these things cannot be our top priority. Our fundamental obligation is to speak the truth and to make choices which are right.**

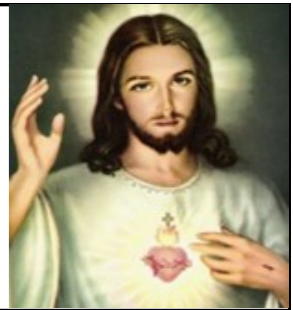
**If we do this, we will be following Jesus—even if we set things on fire.**



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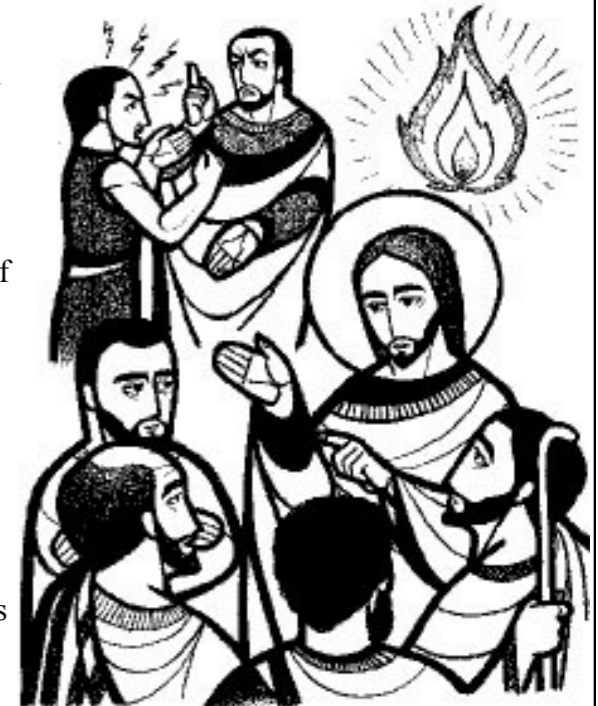
### 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 17th - 18th August 2019

#### I Have Come to Bring Fire To The Earth

Prophets can get a bad time, as today's first reading from Jeremiah demonstrates. This is almost certainly because their extreme wordings and action disturb the peace of the complacent and the politically powerful.

In the reading today, Jesus, seems to be contradicting much of what he has stood for to this point in the gospel story. From his birth he is presented as a bearer of peace and good news. Now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

By the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace, justice and compassion and others have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as God's anointed would have involved a huge shift for some Jewish parties and for adherents of the different faiths of the Roman world. Families would be wrenched by division. Today's families of mixed faith and values might be able to get inside this experience and understand the suffering involved, when a family member makes a life choice that others cannot accept.



In a similar way, Jesus feels under stress until the fire of God's love and mercy he has come to cast on earth is kindled and the baptism of fire and of the Holy Spirit that John the Baptist foreshadowed takes effect.

So in the biblical context, what is the significance of fire? We might recall the presence of the burning bush when God appointed Moses as liberator of an enslaved people. God journeyed with his people in the presence of fire and cloud, from the giving of the law to Moses on Mt Sinai and through their sufferings and desert wanderings. In Luke's writing, tongues of fire were associated with the promised descent of God's Spirit upon those gathered together in the story of Pentecost. Fire is also a sign of the end times, when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people, young and old, female and male, slave and free.

Bush fires, as we know, can take all before them and change the face of the earth. They can also bring the most astonishing new life in their wake. True, taken literally, this is not an easy text to understand. Still we pray:

**“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your Love!” Send forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

(Reflection: Sr Veronica Lawson RSM)

**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

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Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

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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

**Welcome to New Parishioners**



A number of new families and individuals have joined our Parish Community. We cordially welcome them all and will do our best to make them feel home among us. We would like to invite all who have joined us since the beginning of this year, to come, if possible, next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, for the 10.30 am Mass and stay after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the church foyer. Newcomers are invited to fill in the 'Come and See' leaflet that can be found in the foyer and hand it in to Fr Jan or Deacon Toub after masses.

**Safeguarding Children and Young People: Policy Framework Information Session**

The Professional Standards Unit is pleased to announce the launch of the updated Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The revised framework replaces the CAM Child Safety Policy and the May Our Children Flourish – Code of Conduct for Caring for Children.

**Dates to Remember**

- Children's Liturgy:** Sundays during 10.30am Mass August 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August:** National Day for Migrants and Refugees
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** 10.30am Mass First Holy Communion

**Stewardship Reflection**

*Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)*  
Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**Thank you from CatholicCare Sunday Appeal**

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Because of our parish's donations and donations from the Catholic Church Community, they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services. Thank you for making a difference.

**Last Week's Collection: 11/08/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1160.95  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$586.75



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.**

**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.

**Retreat for Men**

**Looking for a break from the busyness of life? Looking for some quiet time to ask the big questions?**  
A retreat for men (18+) will be run by the Vocations Office from **September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** at **Pallotti College** in Millgrove.  
The retreat will include times for silence, opportunities for Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation, Adoration, Mass and some talks on faith.  
The retreat begins on Friday evening September 13<sup>th</sup> and concludes after lunch on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. **Cost:** \$85  
To register your interest or make enquiries, please contact the Vocations Office at [vocations@cam.org.au](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au) or call 9926 5733.

Click [here](#) for flyer

**Thank You!**

Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$1,400.10** which was raised by **Sacred Heart** community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution, children living with disability in Ghana look forward with hope as new educational and vocational opportunities open up to them. **THANK YOU.**



**Natural Fertility Awareness Week 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia.  
For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life)

**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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*Neschelle/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

*Paul Bletag, Maria Stella C., Tony De Francesco, Domenico Gallace (3<sup>rd</sup> Anni.), Rosaria Gallace (2<sup>nd</sup> Anni.), Josephine Hallis, Dorothy Morgan, Aldo & Caterina Peruzzi and all deceased members of the Audino, Caciolo, Marrana & Pellegrino families.*

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 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Mary Harb Terry Murphy	Barbara Fitzgerald	Rohan Lemos
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Bozzella C. Orsini A.	Gugliotti A. Roda G.	Tamburrini M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Mata Vaiau Ivana Lo Bello	Teresa Bernardini	Jessy Thambiraj
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Anna Liggieri Cameron Dunne	Damian Casamento	Jessica Suppiah