

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd September - 23rd September 2018

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies: Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 53:3-6,8

R/ The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ...

All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



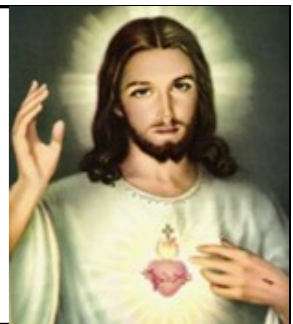
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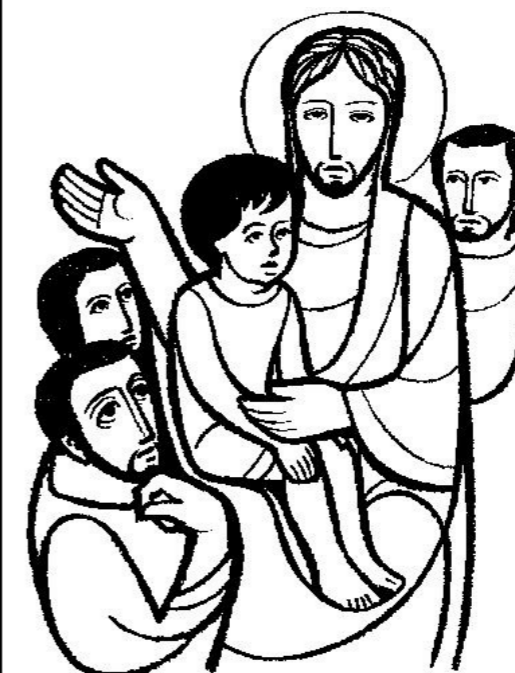
“Whoever welcomes this little child welcomes me”

Children have an ability to see, hear and understand in a way that we have lost, fail to recognise or boringly take for granted. Who but a little toddler would become so fascinated by nature as to chase a grasshopper through the front garden oblivious to obstructions in her path or her own safety? All is a wonder to her.

The gospel today begins with a second prediction of the passion which again, the disciples can't absorb and are afraid to ask for clarification. Jesus, their leader and their hope is talking about his imminent death at the hands of those in power – a sign of failure. They have a very different model of leadership. Jesus and his disciples have been travelling along the road to Capernaum. They arrive at a house and are welcomed in. He gathers them and asked what they were talking about on the journey. They couldn't answer because they have been arguing about their various positions of leadership in the group - who was the most authoritative, the most worthy of respect – the first amongst them. Taking a child in his arms, Jesus tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege or power, election or social status. Gospel leadership resides in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs and suffering are ignored.

Jesus' lesson is at once radical and simple: “Anyone who wants to be first must become last of all and servant of all.” How else, after all, could we even come close to understanding human need and suffering?

All of us are called to exercise this same attitude of ‘Servant’ whenever we find ourselves in leadership, whether that be as leader of a family, a group, a parish,



a city, a nation; indeed as disciples of Jesus, all of us are ‘Church’ and called to serve. The ultimate leader-Jesus- modeled this for us and showed us that it would not be easy. It never is for those who have a passion and dedication to justice and are prepared to act upon it. Others will feel intimidated, even dismissive of such. But Jesus prevailed over all this to rise in glory. May we learn from Him to pursue justice passionately, to look out for the safety and needs of the abused – to listen and be a voice for the silenced.

May we connect with the child within and may our Love for God be active and real.

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
10.00am - 12.30pm

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Fr Jan Szweda SVD

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

(English) & 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 30th September

Every year on that Sunday the Catholic Bishops of Australia publish a Social Justice Statement. This year's Statement is entitled "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land." It reflects the deep concern of the Bishops at the growing problem of homelessness and insecure housing in Australian society. All over our nation, a ruthless housing market leaves people struggling to find secure and affordable housing, whether they live in cities or in regional areas. That struggle has a corrosive effect on family life, on employment, on study and on our capacity to contribute to and benefit from our society. At its worst, the struggle leaves the vulnerable in our society homeless – sleeping on the streets, in cars or in doorways, or hoping for a space on someone's couch or floor. The last census showed the number of homeless Australians had increased to more than 116 thousand people. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan we face the choice: do we walk past like the Levi or priest, or do we stop and help like the Samaritan. (*Social Justice Statement 2018-19. To be continued next week.*)

Copies of the Statement are available in the foyer of the church and online: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



**Project Compassion 2018:
A Thank you Letter**

Dear people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I wish to thank you very sincerely for the wonderful and generous response you gave to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2018 appeal 'For a Just Future'. The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019 to the appeal – a major contribution to supporting the poorest of the poor in the over 25 countries where Caritas Australia supports programs. Across Australia the appeal raised around \$10.8 million, money that will make a real difference in lifting people out of poverty, and giving many the opportunity to build secure lives, free from poverty and hunger. Since the end of the Project Compassion 2018 campaign Caritas Australia has continued, with your generous help, to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India, and Typhoon Mangkut in the Philippines, as well as ongoing development work. Again, thanks for your help in enabling Caritas Australia to be the gospel in action. (Deacon) Jim Curtain, Caritas Australia Diocesan Director, Archdiocese of Melbourne



WORLD ROSARY DAY

Sunday 7th October 2018

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. The World Rosary started on 15 August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) with a '54-day Novena' that will continue until the feast of the Holy Rosary on 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions are family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

Details: Jane from OzRosary on 0476 535 59 or <http://holyleagueofnations.com>

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick and those recommended to our prayers

John Bourke (2nd month), George Harp (20th Anni.), Dan Lane, Carmelo Quattrone, Maria Quattrone & Mario Trentin (1st Anni.) and all deceased members of the Quattrone families.

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



**GOD OF CREATION –
A PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION**

Fr Michael Kong extends an invitation to attend a praise and worship session followed by supper. It will be held on Saturday, 6 October, at St Fidelis Parish Hall, 49 Clarendon Street, Moreland at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: gracelightsmusic@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (PSP)

From the weekend of 20th & 21st October to 17th & 18th November, our parish will be conducting a PSP – reflecting on what it means to be a member of our special parish community. We need the energy, talents and commitment of everyone to make our parish more alive. The program will be conducted by members of the Parish Development Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I am inviting everyone to be a fully active member of the parish, to become strong part of the Stewards Campaign. Fr. Jan



**JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY:
OPEN DAY**

Thursday 27th September, 3pm–5.30pm
Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville

We welcome and encourage prospective students to attend our Open Day. It will be an opportunity to meet the JCS Staff, faculty and existing students and to see the college and ask questions.

Details: <http://jcs.edu.au/events/open-day/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 9-11 November 2018
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Web-



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Palms Info Night
Tuesday 16 Oct, 5:30 pm
Ross House, Jenny Florence Room
247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Wednesday 3rd October, 7pm – 8.30pm
St Paschal Franciscan Friary, YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill (off Albion Road)
The Franciscan family warmly welcomes you to come and celebrate the Transitus of St Francis. This is a liturgical celebration of the life and death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Come and experience Franciscan spirituality and Christ-centred life. A light supper will be held after the service.
Details: 9896 4400 or stpaschals@franciscans.org.au

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 29th September 2018



Anna/Volunteer

Thank you for your time!

Roster for weekend of 29th - 30th September

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Peter Hudson Renato Tonini	Barbara Fitzgerald Vincci Lee
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini M Paiano T.	Santini G. Pavan M.
Sun 10.30am	Catherine Zanatta Ophelia Swai	Tony Eley George Mc Brien
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Abigail Roberts	Robert Dullard

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 30th September:
ACBC - Social Justice Sunday

Sunday 20th October - 18th November:
Parish Stewardship Program

WELCOME!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Alfie Stanley JOHNSON** into our Parish family



Last Week's Collection: 16/09/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1502.85
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$684.65
Thank you for your kind generosity!

