

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C 19th - 20th October 2019

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:8-13

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 120. R. v.2

R/ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Heb 4:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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.**

**If even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Because it is so easy for us to lose heart.**



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Belinda Cooney, Rebecca Cooney,

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert

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Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

#### Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley,

Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai,

Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solo-

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Pauline O'Day (President)

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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

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### Extraordinary Mission Month

### Baptised and Sent:

### The Church of Christ on Mission in the World



This week we celebrate World Mission Sunday. As a reflection throughout the week, it may be helpful to ponder the message Pope Francis prepared for Mission Sunday 2019. He says, "For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment and give fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and

bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.

Many young children have a 'best-ever' stage. Everything becomes 'the best ever'—whether it is an ice cream, a film, a cricket game, a day at school, the latest meal. We may marvel at the optimism of these little spirits and hope that they will last for a while, knowing, of course, that this stage cannot last forever.

As we grow older, we realise that not every day is going to be a great day. There will be days when truly terrible things happen to us or to our family members and friends; days when we know we have not been the best we can be—a sharp word, perhaps, or a meanness of spirit that crept into the way we related to another; days when things seem grey and difficult. And there will also be days of great joy; days when we celebrate the wonder of being alive; when we look to the stars and praise the one who made the world. And perhaps this is a little of what Jesus is teaching us this week: that no matter what is happening to us on our journey, we are encouraged to invite God into our lives through constant, persistent prayer. Pope Francis notes in *Evangelii Gaudium* that since 'we do not always see [the good] seeds growing, we need an interior certainty, a conviction that God is able to act in every situation, even amid apparent setbacks'.

So as we focus on our call to mission during this month, we should recall Pope Francis' observation that 'When evangelisers rise from prayer, their hearts are more open; freed of self-absorption, they are desirous of doing good and sharing their lives with others'.

Perhaps the invitation this week is to be constant, courageous and confident in our prayer. Because we know that God is present, active and alive in our world and that God does respond—if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear.





**Extraordinary Mission Month  
October 2019: 'Baptised and sent'**

The Church is on mission in the world. —Pope Francis' message for Mission Sunday 2019. During the third week of this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we reflect on how all the baptised, in small daily steps, contribute to the work of mission: 'Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart' (message for Mission Sunday 2019). May our eyes and heart be opened to the needs of the world around us as we encourage a missionary spirit in our communities this week.



**World Mission Month Appeal**

The 2019 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal highlights the missionary work of Jesuit priests Father Raymond De Souza and Father Rajesh Lobo, who are following the call to serve children from disadvantaged areas, broken families, and other situations of need in the remote mountainous state of Nagaland in north-eastern India. Father Raymond and Father Rajesh run the Eden Gardens Children's Home, where over 250 children are given the physical and spiritual water they need to be able to strive towards their dreams. Parishioners are invited to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers in support of the work of the Eden Gardens Children's Home, to be present in the lives of those young people who come from a place of great need.

**Dates to Remember**

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October:** Parish Dinner Dance
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** Children's Liturgy - 10.30am
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** All Saints Day  
Masses 9.10am & 7.30pm
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** All Souls Day - Mass 9.10am
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Priestly Ordination of Deacon Anthony Chanthavong at St. Pascal's, 100 Albion Rd, Box Hill - 10am
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Fr Anthony Chanthavong's First Mass at Sacred Heart - 6pm

**Mission Sunday Collection**

This weekend, at His Holiness Pope Francis' invitation, Catholics in parishes all over the world will be asked to contribute to a special collection for the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS)—his official charity for overseas mission. Envelopes for making your contribution will be distributed in the pews.

**Last Week's Collection: 13/10/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1069.70  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$664.10  
*Thank you for your kind generosity!*



**Prayer for the Extraordinary Month of Mission**

Heavenly Father,  
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,  
He commissioned His followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations' and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church. Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world. Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Sacred Heart - 105 Years On...Dinner Dance**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**7pm - Midnight, Sacred Heart Hall**  
**Adults \$35, Pensioners/Concession \$25, Children 5-12 years \$15, u/5 are free.**  
Soft Drinks provided, BYO Alcohol

Numbers must be finalised this week. Please see the organising committee after Mass to confirm your booking or advise that you would like to attend. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm we will be preparing the Hall for the event and volunteers will be needed to assist. We also will need the assistance of members on the night to assist with food serving, health and safety monitoring etc. Please see a committee member after Mass if you haven't already done so. Thank you!



**Welcome!**  
This weekend through Baptism we welcome  
**Ollie Connor Brennan and Adeline Sutera**  
into our Parish family

**Blessing of our Pets**

Thank you to our School Principal, Mark Tierney and students for preparing the pet's blessing on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of October. About 50 people from the school and parish communities came, bringing their dogs, cats, bunnies and even a goldfish to the prayer service. Remembering the patron of animals, St Francis, we thanked God for these beautiful creatures that bring so much joy into our lives.



**The Advent of Grace**

When: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 6.30pm - Arrival and light supper  
7.00pm - Session starts; 9.00pm - Session concludes  
Where: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne  
About the session: We will explore the practicalities of preparing for the Season of Advent, and participants are invited to choose two of the following workshops:  
• "Figures of Grace: Engaging children and young people in the Advent & Christmas narratives" (Presented by Jacqui Giuliano)  
• "Celebrating with Joy: Disciples of Advent Hope" (Presented by Mary Ryan)  
• "God speaks: Exploring art and the practice of visio divina in the Season of Advent" (Presented by Tiffany Davis)  
• "Developing a music repertoire for the Season of Advent" (Presented by Paul Taylor and Larissa Cairns)  
Bookings: These sessions are ideal for parish leadership teams and all those involved in the preparation of liturgy and prayer spaces within a parish or school setting  
• \$20 per person  
To register see Fr Jan.



**A Time to Celebrate: Mission Day Mass**

This year in his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes:  
*'People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn, they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love.'*

**Pledge to Pray**

I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at: [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au). This site is dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.  
Fr David Cartwright and Fr Nicholas Pearce  
Melbourne Vocations Team

**Roster for weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy Mary Harb
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Paiano T.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Sonia Bading Mata Vaiau	Eileen Stevens Teresa Bernardini
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Jessica Suppiah Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard Sharron Kotz

**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
**Charmaine Nuqui**



Those who have died recently  
**Nunzio (Johnny) Pomponi**

**We Commemorate**

**Giuseppe Bassalacqua & Theresa Rahme Bittar (1<sup>st</sup> Anni.)**

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

**Masses for the Deceased**

As we approach November, the month we commemorate and pray for all who have gone before us to the Father's House, a reminder that a book is placed on the table in the middle of our church, in which you are invited to inscribe names of those you wish to pray for and offer masses. Masses will be offered daily from All Souls Day (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November) until Friday (8<sup>th</sup> November). Mass offerings may be put into a box provided for this purpose.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The Vision Statement for our Parish states that we are a Community ... that cares for God's creation and faces our future with hope. During the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council this week, the Council decided to take up this aspect of our Vision as our reflections and celebrations in 2020. The encyclical of Pope Francis *Laudato Si* will provide the bases for our reflections. Further information will be provided early next year. The Council gave approval for ongoing feasibility studies concerning the proposed development of a new Parish meeting place'.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Parents are most welcome. Very young children must be accompanied by an adult.  
**Term 4 Children's Liturgy** will run every Sunday morning until 22<sup>nd</sup> December (except 3<sup>rd</sup> November).



**Free Religious Movie Night**



**'Molokai - Father Damien'**  
When: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October;  
Time: 7.00pm  
Where: Sacred Heart Preston Presbytery  
Refreshments and drinks will be served.  
All are welcome!!

**Cleaning Roster:**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Anna O'Neill/Volunteer**  
*Thank you for your help!*

