

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

7th - 8th September 2019

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

‘What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6

R/ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back forever, not as a slave anymore, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Any one who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

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.

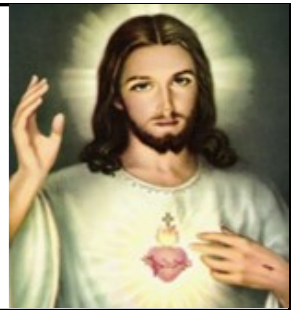


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Child Protection Sunday

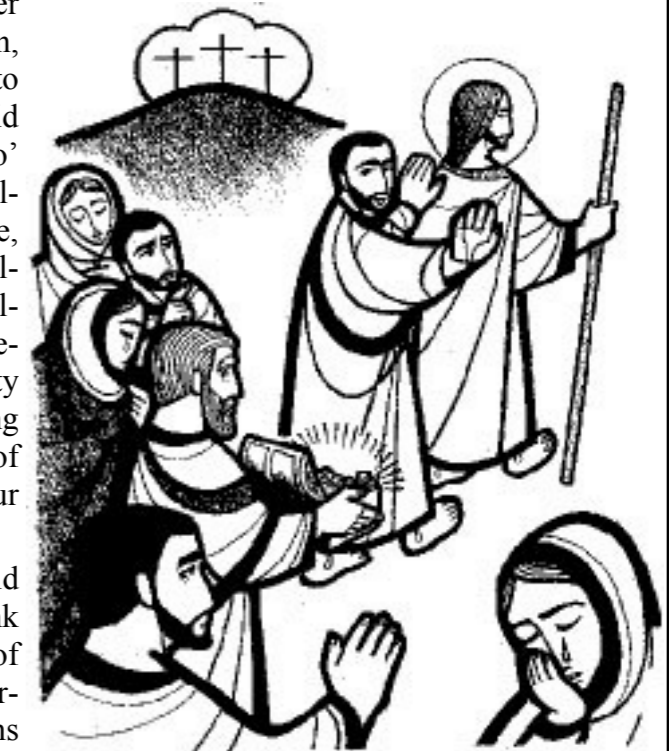
Followers or Disciples?

From time to time we need to stop and consider the depth of the decision we have made to be a follower of Jesus. So easily we expect our Christian life to be undisturbed and unchallenged. Occasionally we are given a nudge to stop and consider the full impact of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and His commandment to Love one another as He has loved us. Our awareness may be suddenly jolted by a media vision of medical personnel from the international community who have left family, peace and security to risk their lives to bring relief to thousands of men, women and children who are displaced through famine and civil war.

Still, in our childhood days how often did we hear mum or dad say, “Be respectful to grown-ups”, but also, “Never speak to strangers”? Then again, looking back as adults we came to realise that when mum or dad said a definite “No” to us, that the ‘No’ replaced the ‘Yes’ of overindulgence, for the sake of a quiet life, to ensure our greater safety, well-being and healthier social development. All this so we might become active members of a society that shared a culture of looking out for the safety and rights of others. In other words, loving our neighbours as ourselves.

In Jesus’ mission some would have been put off by his frank teaching about the challenge of Gospel living. Words about forsaking all, including possessions and family to follow him, would have brought their enthusiasm to a halt. When the gospel translation recounts Jesus talking about the cost of discipleship as being ready to “hate” ones family, we should not be misled by the starkness of the phrase which means in English the complete opposite of love. The Semitic meaning of the word actually used would have most likely meant – ‘to leave aside’ or ‘to go beyond’. Perhaps Jesus is reminding those who are listening, not that we should have no love for those closest to us, but that faithfulness to the Gospel challenges complacency and that love for others to be active and real, will take us beyond our secure comfort zones for the greater good of bringing the Gospel values into the lives of others.

It’s about participating in cultural change...



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

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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

Child Protection Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for wellbeing and protection of our children. We pray especially for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children

Gracious God, you said "Let the children come to me".

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience, become stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children flourish and are safe. Amen

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy has been well received and we have a lovely group of children attending!

Today will be the last children's Liturgy for Term 3 and will re-commence in Term 4 on Sunday 6th October.



Dates to Remember

Sunday 15th September: 10.30am Mass

First Holy Communion

Sunday 20th October: Mission Sunday

Saturday 26th October: Save the Date!

Parish Dinner Dance

Last Week's Collection: 01/09/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1439.60

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$658.75

Thank you for your kind generosity!



144th SVD Founding Anniversary

On 8th September 1875, the Society of the Divine Word, popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD), celebrates its founding anniversary. It is another year of missionary work and service to all peoples around the world. Founded by Saint Arnold Janssen, the missionary society has grown into one of the largest international missionary congregations in the Catholic Church. Today, the Divine Word Missionaries is comprised of about 6 thousand missionary priests and brothers. It has become an instrument and channel of God's gift to all peoples and to the whole world.

We, at the Society of Divine Word (Australia Province), invite young men to look into our missionary life and service and journey with us. For more information, please visit www.divineword.org.au

Plenary Council 2020



Continuing the journey, the Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Six National Themes for Discernment have been drawn from the 220,000 people that were engaged in the Listening and Dialogue sessions. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- missionary and evangelising?
- inclusive, participatory and Synodal?
- prayerful and Eucharistic?
- humble, healing and merciful?
- a joyful, hope-filled servant community?
- open to conversion, renewal and reform?

Each of the themes has a 'snapshot' report which provides a sample of the voices and answers that inspired the theme. Snapshot reports are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>

Homelessness: Preparing for 2020

Tuesday 24th September, 6pm for 6.30-8.30pm
During 2019, churches and groups across the Melbourne metropolitan area co-operated to provide winter shelter to several hundred rough sleepers on the coldest nights of the year. One Parish Priest says "Not only are there homeless people in our area, our Parish needs homeless guests to minister to them. We need to give our parishioners an opportunity to participate in providing shelter" This forum will begin to prepare for next winter and help make connections between parishes, churches and groups that will make next year's winter shelter a success. Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Entry via car park off Lansdowne Street) RSVP: 20 September 2019 Cost: \$20.00 - concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEOEB>
Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566 or
Email: lucia.brick@css.org.au

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend

Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th September
Sisters' House, 6 Dunstan Street, North Balwyn
How can you discover what God is calling you to? What are you on fire for? What do Sisters really do anyway? These are big questions! The MGL Sisters invite young women to come to a consecrated life weekend to discern your vocation and explore these questions and more through inspiring talks, opportunities for prayer, testimonies, sisterhood time and more. The weekend commences with Mass at 9am on the Saturday at the Sisters' House in North Balwyn.
Enquiries: 0478627056 or melanieedwards77@gmail.com

PPC Night – Pope Francis: 'Other-Centred Leadership

Tuesday 10th September, 7pm–8.30pm (registrations and light refreshments from 6.30pm)
Cardinal Knox Centre, Cathedral Room, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Drawing on his book "Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads", Chris Lowney will reflect on how the Pope is modelling the kind of Christian leaders the world needs—leaders who value the human need for love, inspiration, and meaning. This evening is offered specially for Parish Pastoral Councillors and those exercising lay leadership within our parish communities; it will include input from Chris and a chance to discuss the spiritual principles that have prepared Pope Francis to lead our Church and influence our world. Cost: \$20, includes light refreshments
Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au
Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/BECRW>

Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21st September, St Bede's College Mentone
Registrations close on Wednesday 11th September. Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music; don't miss out! To register and for info, look for the Alight flyers in our parish or visit: www.cam.org.au/alight19. If cost is a problem, we can help. See the "Subsidy" tab on the Alight website.

Roster for weekend of 14th - 15th September 2019

| | Readers | Ministers |
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| Sat 6.00pm | Renato Tonini Terry Murphy | Barbara Fitzgerald |
| Sun 9.00am (Italian) | Mancini L. Orsini A. | Capobianco A. Malavisi I. |
| Sun 10.30am | Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai | George Mc Brien |
| Sun 6.00pm | Neschelle Castell Robert Dullard | Sharron Kotz |

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

*Mario, Isa, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,
Alfonso, Dino, John & Natalina Bernardini,
Michele & Sabatino Capretta, Teresina De Stefani,
Enrichetta Frabotta, Giovanni (David) Gasperoni,
Carlo, Duilio, Livio & Pasqua Trentin (1st Anni.)
and all deceased members of the
Ottaviano Bertonecello, Enrichetta Frabotta &
Carlo Trentin families.*

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



Aid to the Church in Need

This Father's Day give your dad a spiritual gift. Arrange a Mass for your dad (living or deceased) and at the same time support a poor priest overseas who will receive your donation and offer Mass for your intentions. Ten percent of priests worldwide are supported by Mass offerings through *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can arrange a Mass anytime at: www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings

R10 Day: Marriage Enrichment Workshop

Saturday, 14th September, 10am–4pm
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
Review, Reflect and Reinvigorate your relationship and so much more! This is a program for couples who want to reflect on their relationship, celebrate their strengths and develop new skills for their journey together. R10 Day is held in a group setting with no more than 10 couples per group and is led by two facilitators.
Cost: \$210 per couple
Registrations: www.ccam.org.au/marriage-enrichment or contact CatholicCare on 92875516.
Registrations close Thursday 12th September.



Religious Movie Night 'The Reluctant Saint - St. Joseph of Cupertino'

When: Friday 13th September; Time: 7.00pm
Where: Sacred Heart Preston Presbytery
Refreshments and drinks will be served.
All Welcome!!

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 15th September 2019 Anna/Lizzie

Thank you for your help!

