

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## 1st September - 2nd September 2018

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice to the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws, they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 14:2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** St James 1:17-18,21-22,27

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** James 1:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

*You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so tightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless; the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



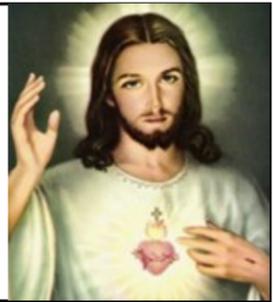
# Sacred Heart Parish

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### “The Just shall Live in the presence of the Lord.”

Jesus was critical of human traditions and practices that hindered rather than deepened a person's loving relationship with God and others.

The readings for today have the common theme of law. The first goes beyond a set of rigid observances to provide for a way of life. It focuses attention on the benefits that come from living a life of fidelity. Through your way of living, others will be drawn to know God. In the second reading, James defines pure religion as coming to the help of orphans and widows.

Certainly there are commandments to be observed if we are to be faithful to God. They are to help us be worthy witnesses to the goodness, mercy, love and justice of God by the way we act with integrity and live in community with others.

External laws are necessary to be kept by members of a community to live in harmony, safety and respect. But when observance of external rituals became ends in themselves and led the condemnation of others, to the exclusion of the diseased, the sick, ignoring of the abused, the poor and those in grief, the whole point of God's Covenant with His people was lost.

In Mark's narrative, Jesus' problem with some interpreters of the law was that for many, external practice had become an end in itself, unrelated to the spirit it was meant to express. Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah condemning worship that was mere show and didn't rise from true hearts in tune with a loving God.

This is will always be a danger: that practicing rituals of worship can become mere habit and substitute for living out the prophetic demands for justice and mercy. Worship that does not fire out passion for justice is empty; work for justice that does not impel us to the common table of worship and sacrament may end in burnout. The two are interdependent- as are the love of God and neighbour. Faith is a journey and not one that we make alone. Jesus revealed and affirmed in his life the image of God as 'Abba' (one of the first word utterances a growing infant may make) 'Abba, a doting loving father walking, just a little behind His child watching out for him but respecting his child's efforts to take wobbly independent steps; protecting him from harm and removing obstacles from his path and enabling him to grow in trust and confidence...

As adults in a Christian community may this image reminds us that from time to time like now we need to reflect upon the priority of our customs and the spirit of our observations to check that they promote growth and freedom and do not quench the spirit of love and care for each other. Healthy community living promotes wholeness and ensures the safety of each individual particularly the young.



#### Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday  
10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

#### Priests in Residence:

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Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),  
Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard  
Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio  
(Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark  
Tierney, Timothy Nolan,  
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

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers & singers of song.* (Pam Brown)



### A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th September:**

Child Protection Week

**Thursday 6th September:** Healing Mass - 1.30pm

**Sunday 16th September:**

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - 10.30am

## SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Sacred Heart Parish

I would like to introduce you to our parish school, Sacred Heart Primary School.

Our school population is as vibrant and diverse as the suburb it is situated in, and we honour that rich diversity by providing a learning environment that is inclusive, proactive and innovative. Our school mantra, "Our students are at the heart of everything we do", is the foundation upon which every decision is made.

For more information visit:

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

## Today's Reflection

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."*

JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

### "Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series"

When: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Time: 7.00am – 9.00am sharp.

Venue: CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne.

Featuring our new Archbishop, Peter A. Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The title of his address is "Being a man; a man of God!"

The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith."

Cost \$45 - For enquiries: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465

[Click here for flyer](#)

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## National Child Protection Week

2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> September

Observed annually, the purpose of this week is to raise awareness of the ongoing need to embed a Child Safety framework in every family, community and government organisation.

The central message for this important week is that

**"Protecting children is everyone's business"**

Next week members of the Child Safety Committee will provide an update of the initiatives taken so far and future strategies to ensure the safety and protection of all children.



Plenary Council 2020

*"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."*

## PLENARY 2020 DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Friday 7 September, 10.30am and 7pm

St Clement of Rome Parish, 7-21 Egan Drive, Bulleen

St Clement of Rome, Bulleen is hosting dialogue sessions as part of Plenary 2020. Each session will incorporate prayer, reflection and conversation as part of the discernment process to understand and respond to our individual and collective mission given to us at baptism. All are welcome. Topic: 'A revolution of tenderness'.

## PROGETTO CORELLI: IN CONCERT

Sunday 9th September, 4pm

St Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North

Progetto Corelli presents 'Inspiration Corelli!' St Brigid's Church welcomes back this chamber music ensemble to play the works of composers Corelli, Geminiani and Telemann.

Cost: Donation



## Volunteer with Palms Australia Make a wheel difference!

It's not just teachers – Mission also Palms Australia needs mechanics, tools and trades! What skills can you share with our neighbours?

Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333.

Right now, the community of Mawlmayine, Myanmar requires a volunteer mechanic to provide mentoring and support for local livelihood programs.

For more mission opportunities, visit [palms.org.au/volunteer](http://palms.org.au/volunteer)

Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa- Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)

## WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick and those recommended to our prayers

*Antonios Beaini, Bacchus Beaini, Sarkis Beaini, Boulos Beaini, Lisa Beaini, Francescantonio Bellizia, Raffaele D'amico (1st month), Domenico Loffo, Cosimo Oppedisano, Francesco Paiano, Mariano Scarcella (2nd Anni.), Vittorio Torzillo, Domenico Viceconte, Mario Viceconte & Vincenzo Viceconte and all deceased members of the Baini, Calderoni, Paiano & Scarcella Families.*

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



## SISTERS OF MERCY: SEASON OF CREATION LAUNCH

Sunday 9th September, 2-4pm

Mercy Hub, 607 Nicholson Street, Carlton North

The season calls us together to rejoice in the good gift of creation and to reflect on how we care for it. In this time of ecological crisis, how are we being called to ecological conversion? Includes afternoon tea.

Registration:

Caroline Vaitkunas [caroline.vaitkunas@mercy.org.au](mailto:caroline.vaitkunas@mercy.org.au), including dietary requirements.



## Cleaning Roster: Saturday 8th September 2018



Dale/Volunteer

Thank you for your time!

## Roster for weekend of 8th - 9th September 2018

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Marlene Vergou Barbara Fitzgerald
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Fattori A. Bozzella C.	Malavisi I. Ilardi L.
Sun 10.30am	Marilene Fortuna Eileen Stevens	Ivana Lo Bello Teresa Bernardini
Sun 6.00pm	Peter Constable Carolina Constable	Robert Dullard



## WELCOME!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:

**Erin Louise NEELY**  
into our Parish family

This weekend 1st & 2nd September, there is a special collection for the:

## PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

### Last Week's Collection: 26/08/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1100.35

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$562.50

Thank you for your kind generosity!

