

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C 9th - 10th November 2019

**First Reading:** 2Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever. After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 16:1,5-6,8,15. R. v.15

**R/** Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

**Second Reading:** 2Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Apoc 1:5, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

*He was not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."**



## Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 9th - 10th November 2019

### *He Is God, not of the Dead but of the Living*

Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on? Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, mission, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to place our trust in a merciful God who is the giver of life, the ground of all being and who, like a loving parent will never abandon his/her children. "God" as John puts it, "is Love"!

For a long period there was no belief in an afterlife written down. The four key aspects of Jewish Faith were: belief in one God – the source of all that existed; belief that Israel was the chosen people whom God would never abandon: that the Law of Moses was to be their guide to living as a united people and the Temple the meeting place between God and God's people.

By Jesus' time, there were different opinions between various parties about proper observances and about bodily resurrection.

The Sadducees were a priestly party accepted no development in religious insight and teachings beyond the first five books of the Bible - the Pentateuch – which had nothing 'concrete' to say about life after death. The Gospel today speaks of an incident that involved them trying to discredit Jesus with talk of resurrection of the dead.



They put to him a hypothetical question about a woman who married seven times to seven brothers. In the next life whose wife would she be? Jesus showed the limits of their understanding about eternal life. Understanding life after resurrection is beyond human imagination. Worrying about it missed the point about our relationship with God who was, is and will always be the 'God of the living' – the God of the eternal present...

Today's readings show that belief in the resurrection gave people new hope that enabled them to live through hardship and persecution and remain faithful to God. For us the Jesus' resurrection is... the day to day power of our hope: it is what enables us to work for a

more human world in line with God's will and to wait trustingly for God's salvation.

**Office Hours:**  
Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

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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,

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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



## On Your Priestly Ordination



May you be blessed as you seek to do His will.  
May you feel that He is leading your calling.  
May He guard you and grant you peace  
as you live to serve Him

**Congratulations, Fr Anthony !!**

### Dates to Remember

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Day - 9.10am
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children's Liturgy - 10.30am
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** World Day of the Poor

### Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism  
we welcome  
**Ariana Scuruchi**  
into our Parish family



### Parish Renovation / Development

Parishioners who like to take part in a session in which next stages of renovation of our church will be presented and discussed are invited to remain in church after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November.



### Last Week's Collection: 03/11/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1052.75  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$590.30  
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.

### World Day of the Poor

The third World Day of the Poor, to be observed on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, will focus on the theme "the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever".

Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, paid tribute to the many thousands who volunteer in Catholic organisations across Australia to assist those in need. "They work in our jails, in charitable organisations with those who have fallen on hard times, and they help the most vulnerable members of our community," he said. "For this third World Day of the Poor, we say thank you to each and every one of our volunteers. Know that your work is bringing hope to the lives of the poor and poor in spirit."



### Mass for Young Adults, Melbourne with Archbishop Peter Comensoli

When: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm  
Where: St Peters and St Paul's, South Melbourne  
Join young people from all over Melbourne to celebrate the source and summit of the Christian life.  
[facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl](https://www.facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl)

### Safeguarding Children and Young People: Induction Session

When: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-12.30pm  
Where: St Patrick's Centre, Level 5, 486 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
This interactive induction session is designed to introduce newly appointed clergy and staff to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM). You do not require any prior knowledge in this area. The induction is pitched at an introductory level.  
Facilitators: Dr Katherine Levi, Director, and Linda Franco, Senior Policy Advisor of the CAM Professional Standards Unit.  
Enquiries and RSVP: Professional Standards Unit on 9926 5621 or [psu@cam.org.au](mailto:psu@cam.org.au).  
Participation is limited to 20 people per session.



### Mary MacKillop Today

Mary MacKillop (15<sup>th</sup> January 1842 – 8<sup>th</sup> August 1909), is Australia's first Saint. She was born in Melbourne to Scottish immigrants. Although the family struggled financially, Mary's father ensured his children received a quality education at home. This instilled Mary with a heart for education and for the poor from a young age.

Mary moved to Penola, South Australia, to take up work as a governess, but found herself moved by the plight of poor children there and knew she had to do something. She and Father Julian Tenison-Woods started a Catholic school open to all children, regardless of their means.

As other young women were inspired to join in Mary's ministry, the Sisters of St Joseph – the first order of sisters begun by an Australian – was founded. Their commitment was to the poor, and their mission to go wherever they were needed. Mary and her companions served all over Australia; Mary MacKillop Today has taken up Mary's legacy to some of the most remote parts of Australia and beyond our shores in Timor-Leste, Peru, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. We are opening up the doors of education, promoting good health and providing opportunities for creating a sustainable income for those in the most neglected parts of God's vineyard right here in Australia and overseas. We are doing this through our tertiary scholarships for indigenous students, through our financial inclusion education in rural New South Wales as well as with our teacher training, parents education and the development of literacy resources around the world. We hope you join us in continuing Mary's passion for education. You are welcome to support our project by sending your donation in envelopes provided the church foyer.

### Masses for the Deceased in Support of Poor Priests

November is the month of Holy Souls. Masses can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need for your deceased loved ones. One hundred percent of your Mass offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas, who will celebrate Mass for your intentions.

Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings)  
or call 1800 101 201.

### Roster for weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	John Plum Celia Lemos	Charlotte Bainy Mary Harb
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Orsini A.	Malavisi I. Mancini M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ophelia Swai Eileen Stevens	Alan Castles Teresa Bernardini
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Neschelle Castill Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard Margaret Bannon

### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

*Charmaine Nuqui*



We Commemorate

*Raffaele Ciancio, Rosangela Maiolo, Maria & Peter Tran and Joseph & Vincent Vu*

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

### Interfaith Dialogue

Some parishioners have expressed interest in knowing more about our Catholic brothers and sisters of other than the Roman Catholic rite, other Christian denominations and other religions. You are invited to the first session on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 – 8.30 pm in the Presbytery. We will begin our series of meetings with the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. There will be a short presentation from members of the Church and much time for Q & A and informal dialogue. There will also be time for some refreshments.


Please inform Fr Jan after Masses if you would like to attend.

### Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)  
Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

### A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to  Palms Australia Reach Beyond reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are five places left** on Palms Australia's January 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Orientation Course. You must apply now for a [position](#) beginning any time in 2020.  
**Call or text 04224PALMS (78567) (Mon-Fri).**  
[www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Volunteers

Thank you for your help!

