

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 17th - 18th October 2020

First Reading: Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

R/ Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**We must remember that God is the Lord of all creation.
In his love God has given the creation a freedom and integrity,
and given humanity responsibilities within it.
We are called to live lives of prudence, always keeping in mind
the variety of our duties to self, others, the world, and God.
It is in taking care of this variety of responsibilities that we
fulfill the command to render Caesar's things to Caesar,
and God's things to God.**



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Here am I, Send Me (Is 6:8)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid -19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?"

This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing', so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this". We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realisation that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others...

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church?

The celebration of World Mission Day is an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

Pope Francis.

For the full Message see:
<https://bit.ly/354WMT0>



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Parish Mass Schedule

Zoom Live Stream Masses

Monday – Friday at 9.10 am

Sunday at 10.30 am

Please call Fr Jan for
Zoom ID on: 0400469540

**For other
Online Mass
Schedule
see next page**

Release of Fratelli Tutti (FT) - on Fraternity and Social Friendship

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
“..if the music of the Gospel ceases to resonate in our very being, we will lose the joy born of compassion, the tender love born of trust, the capacity for reconciliation that has its source in our knowledge that we have been forgiven and sent forth. If the music of the Gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman”. [FT 277]

On this Feast of St Francis of Assisi, passionate and poetic missionary of the Gospel, I share with you the Holy Father’s awaited Encyclical, “Fratelli Tutti – on Fraternity and Social Friendship”, which extends the guiding paths laid down by Evangelii Gaudium and Laudato Si’:

[Please click here for ‘Fratelli Tutti’](#)

I urge you to read it, and to then return to it with time and space to draw more deeply into the riches within. Situated as we are in the latter stages of this Pandemic, it offers much that we might embrace as we determine who we are as people of God in Melbourne, and how we might emerge from this time of exile to go on mission into the world with the beating heart of Jesus.

The Holy Father speaks to us as ‘fellow travellers...children of the same earth... brothers and sisters all.’ Our own Saint Mary of the Cross also spoke to our shared pilgrimage as being ‘but travellers here..’. We are not on this path alone, but together as humanity, accompanied by the One who through His great sacrifice, calls us to live always with love, mercy and compassion for all.

Yours in peace and fraternity

+ Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Friendship and Solidarity

A world that looks beyond a global pandemic with no roadmap can find one in Pope Francis’ new encyclical Fratelli Tutti, which Archbishop Mark Coleridge says “is not just for believers but for the entire human family”.

“It is a vision of the dignity of every human being from which flows the call to build a new culture of fraternity and dialogue,” said Archbishop Coleridge. “In his previous encyclical Laudato Si’ Pope Francis spoke of care for our common home. Here he speaks of care for each other, the family that dwells together in the common home.”

Online Masses

St. Patrick’s Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

Recorded masses can also be viewed at:

www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Or: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31): Live telecast from St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Channel 10: Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am.

RAI: Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8:30am



**MISSION
SUNDAY**

Here I Am, Send Me!

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, “Here I Am, Send Me,” to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are “sent” out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
- \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
- \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ’s witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

You may make a direct donation to the Parish Account using these details:

Sacred Heart Parish Presbytery

BSB: 083347, Account Number: 659026014

using ‘Mission Sunday’ as the reference

or to donate online go to <https://bit.ly/3jbt6Jz>

World Mission Sunday ‘Here I Am, Send Me’

The annual World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, “In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here I am, send me” (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis.”

Lord Jesus Christ, watch over your missionaries – priests, religious, and lay people – who leave everything to give testimony to your word and your love.

In difficult moments, sustain their energies, comfort their hearts, and crown their work with spiritual achievements.

Let the adorable image of you crucified on the Cross, which accompanies them throughout life, speak to them of heroism, generosity, love and peace. Amen

#WeAreStillHere

With the COVID-19 pandemic headlining the news each day, and as we see Australia start to ease restrictions, it can be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered. Priests, sisters and missionaries around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical and pastoral support, however these Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you. Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis? For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au/mission



Equality for Faith Petition

Dear people of faith, an online petition has been created to address the inequality towards places of worship and people of faith in the Victorian government’s ‘Roadmap for Reopening’. The petition can be found on:

<https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/>

We are not asking for special treatment - just equal treatment. We ask you to please sign and distribute the petition to people you know and encourage them to do the same.

Online Safety for Grandparents and Carers

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource ‘Online safety for grandparents and carers’ which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides “key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people” including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

Meditation & Mindfulness Reflection Event via Zoom

When: Saturday 7th Nov 2020, 10am-1pm.
Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. Psych). This event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at

<https://www.trybooking.com/663916>

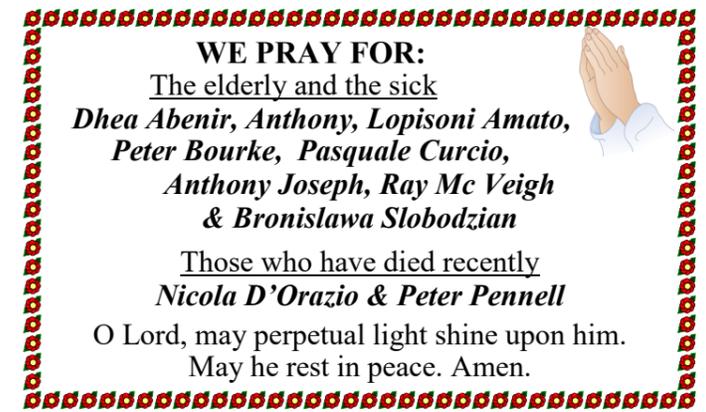
For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

Collections

1st Collection: \$705.00

2nd Collection: \$125.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Thank You

A sincere ‘Thank you’ to so many of you who have offered your words of sympathy, support and prayers after the death of my Mum. Thank you for the flowers and gifts, the signs of your love and support.

I was not able to travel to Poland for her funeral but your sympathy made it so much easier for me to say ‘good bye’ to my dear Mother.

Fr Jan

Sacred Heart School Students Help Needy Students

With our students back to school this week, there are signs that hopefully we are heading towards lifting some of the COVID-19 restrictions imposed by our government and enjoy some freedom. We welcome them back and hope that they have an uninterrupted time until the end of the school year.

Sponsor a Student Appeal this year made us aware that there are many overseas students among us who cannot return home, have no jobs and are depending on help from NGOs, churches and people of good will. Our students collected non-perishable foods and clothing to help those in need. Fr Aloysius and Deacon Yosef have distributed the collected food in their weekly round of food distribution as part of the Kasih Project. The cloths will be donated to the Vinnies for distribution.

