

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A, 15th - 16th February 2020

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments; to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**R/** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has ever seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** cf Matthew 11:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.' 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.' 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A, 15th - 16th February 2020

### With all your Heart, Soul and Mind

The Gospel of Matthew makes clear that from the beginning, Jesus' mission is to fulfill the righteousness of God. This is brought to realisation in his words and ministry so that the kingdom and salvation of God are in him and come through him. Alongside this is the righteousness in the new covenant which is about integrity, right thinking, feeling, speaking, and behaviour on the part of disciples of the kingdom, who do what God approves and commands.

In the text today, Jesus is speaking to people who are well aware of the commandments of the Law. However, he insists that in their attitudes and behavior they must go beyond a mere legal observance. Doing only what the Law requires as a minimum is, for Jesus, not enough. He is talking about acting according to the will of God who in his ministry he demonstrates that this is a God who is all-loving, all-merciful, forgiving and longs to draw all, particularly the vulnerable and lowly, into His embrace.

Jesus reassures his hearers that 'not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law.'

Instead, Jesus extends the Law of Israel and interprets it in a new way. His emphasis is on the spirit of the Law, not the letter of the Law. Disciples are called to discern what is at the heart of faith, which is to participate in the Righteousness of God.

In all examples Jesus gives relating to anger, adultery, divorce and oaths, He is not writing a new law but stressing the radical demands of the kingdom. His challenge is to go beyond meeting the requirements of outward observances, look into our hearts and to admit our need of help in living as God wants us to. This gospel makes clear that this humanly impossible task can be realised only with the help of the Spirit of God: and the task Jesus has set for us and was, himself its perfect expression, is:

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your mind.*

*This is the first and greatest commandment'. And the second is like it:  
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*

*All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

*Matt 22: 36.-40*



#### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

#### Priest in Residence:

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**School Phone:** 9487 1001

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:**

Vacant

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Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

**Child Safety Committee:**

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair), Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz, 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, Solomon 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 (English)

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

**Reconciliation:**

Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

**Registration for Sacramental Program for 2020**



Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3), First Holy Communion (Year 4) or Confirmation (Year 5-6), will have to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish.

Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church throughout the month of February 2020.

**Tentative Dates for the Sacraments:**

- Reconciliation: Commitment Mass – 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Celebration of the Sacrament – 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Holy Communion: Commitment Mass – 26<sup>th</sup> July
- First Holy Communion – 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Confirmation – 9<sup>th</sup> August

**Effective Safeguarding Committee Training**

We have two sessions of the Effective Safeguarding Committee Training coming up. These sessions, facilitated by staff of the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese, are designed to assist anyone who is involved in the implementation of child safety policies and procedures within a Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne parish, agency or entity. The sessions will be most useful for: Parish Priests, Agency or entity leaders, Safeguarding Committee members, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries, and Youth Ministers or Leaders.

KYNETON: Friday 28th February 2020 11am – 1.30pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton – register using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/91964721959>

ESSENDON: Wednesday 4th March 10.30am -1pm, at St Therese's, Essendon – register using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/93183685913>

We invite persons who would like to join the Parish Safeguarding Committee to attend one of the above sessions. Please contact Fr Jan.



**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Lara Arora** into our Parish family

**Dates to Remember**

- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Children's Liturgy - 10.30am
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** 10.30am School Year Opening Mass

**Last Week's Collection: 09/02/20**

1st Collection for our Parish: \$1204.65  
Direct Debit: \$140.00  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$289.20  
*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.



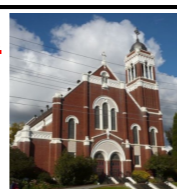
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'Sacred Heart Parish Facebook' page is now up and running...

'Like us' at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartChurchPreston/>

and tell us what you would like to see on our Parish Page!

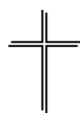


**NEW SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm  
The St Andrew's Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy

This month's theme is Transforming Lives Abroad and at Home, featuring Simon Costa AO who has dedicated his life to many charitable causes. His works have included his role as Volunteer Advisor with the UN's World Food Program in the sub-Saharan Africa, and has received the UN's award for the Most Effective Program ever. At home in Australia, he has also donated professional fees from the 'Inspiring Leader' program which he founded to causes in developing countries last year. He also became the Chairman of the Blueearth Foundation in that very same year. Remember to support the pub that supports SIP! Buy a meal on the night.

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**Fr Bill Edebohls & Harvest Invite You: Life in Bethlehem**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 6pm  
The Cunningham Centre, 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe (opposite St. Bernadette's School)

Come and hear Brother Peter Bray, Vice Chancellor and CEO of Bethlehem University speak about life in Bethlehem. "The challenges and opportunities in education around the globe are certainly great – and in Bethlehem likewise. A land steeped in spirituality and made holy by the very birth and life of Jesus Christ it is all too often ravaged by injustice, war, violence and political instability"

Further details and registrations:  
Telephone: (03) 9499 1515  
Email: [ivanhoe@cam.org.au](mailto:ivanhoe@cam.org.au)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**



*Invest in your most precious asset... Your Marriage!*

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Dates: 17<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Melbourne**  
**Other dates: 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
Starts 7pm on Friday, ends 5pm Sunday.  
Accommodation and all meals provided.  
Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)  
Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**Philip New Life Course**

Presented by the Melbourne Catholic School of Evangelisation  
Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm – 9.30pm.  
Six Tuesday evenings |Loyola College (Youth Ministry Lounge), Watsonia  
This course offers participants an opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and a desire to share that with others.  
Cost: \$30.00 (for 6 sessions), \$25.00 Concession.  
Further details and registrations: Sr Nelia Llanto, sjbp on 0411 361 081 or [llanton@loyola.vic.edu.au](mailto:llanton@loyola.vic.edu.au)

**Children's Religious Formation Sessions**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a weekly religious formation program for 3-6 year old children. "The Atrium" is a unique hands-on environment filled with sensorially rich materials for the children's faith formation. The materials are focused on scripture and liturgy and based on the Montessori Method of Education. Sessions run on Thursday mornings at St Pius X in Heidelberg West. Contact Julie 0404 658701

**Cleaning Roster: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

*Pauline/Dale*

*Thank you for your help!*



**Roster for weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Terry Murphy Peter Bourke
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Mancini L.	Capobianco A. Pavan M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Marilene Fortuna Catherine Zanatta	Eileen Stevens Giovanna D'Intino
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Ylenia Useli Damian Casamento	Margaret Bannon Robert Dullard

**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
*Lopisoni Amato & Alan Castles*  
Those who have died recently  
*Dulcey Rita Grant*  
We Commemorate  
*Rita Dorothy Dsouza, Rocco Pennella (20<sup>th</sup> Anni.), Teofilo Sen, Stephanie Silaen & Adelice Zanatta (Maria Pavan's sister - Italy)*  
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



**Heart of Life Centre**

'Let the Heart Listen' is a 15-week formation program on Thursday mornings for people involved in listening to and supporting others. The program includes: the principles of listening and discernment, facilitated group participation, guided reflection etc. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program begins on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Heart of Life, 296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern. Cost \$680.  
For more information or application form, contact: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.  
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**CHARITY FILM EVENING: MISS FISHER AND THE CRYPT OF TEARS**



When: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm  
Where: Lido Cinemas, 675 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn  
Hosted by the Friends of Romania and the Philippines, the proceeds will support the continuing work of the FCJ Sisters including 47 scholarships in Romania and the Philippines. Refreshments will follow the film screening. Cost: \$25. Enquiries: Julie Chamberlin 9853 6527 or Rose-Mary Cassin 0407 514 639

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