

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

## 14th - 15th September 2019

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

*The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" 'The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage forever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

**R/** I will rise and go to my father.

**Second Reading:** Timothy 1:12-17

*Christ came to save sinners.*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** 2 Cor 5:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good New of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32

*There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

The Gospel of the Lord



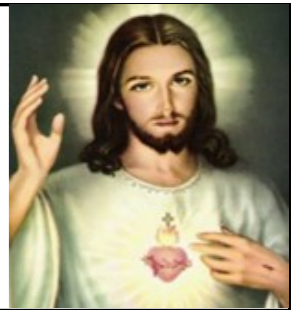
# Sacred Heart Parish

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### The True Image of God

When we read the ancient stories of the Hebrew Testament, God seems so changeable depending upon events that happen in the history of his people.

One traditional view was of God as a great warrior King before whom the people felt small but protected. Then again, at other times, God was an intimate friend, a helper who understood their deepest needs. Listening to the reading from Exodus and the conversation between God and Moses, God sounds angry and Moses, intervening for his people is trying to get God to cool down. Moses saw himself not as a child of God, but a partner or friend.

Jesus reflected a very different image of God. When people met Jesus they recognised that between God and Jesus there was something closer than friendship. Rather it was a relationship of parent and son which all were invited to share. When teaching his disciples, he urged them to address God as 'Abba' – Father.

The generous brotherly attitude of Jesus to tax collectors and sinners scandalised those who saw themselves as the guardians of Israel's true traditions. They criticised him for this. In their view, sinners and all dubbed unclean, were as outcasts from society and from God and so was anyone who befriended them.

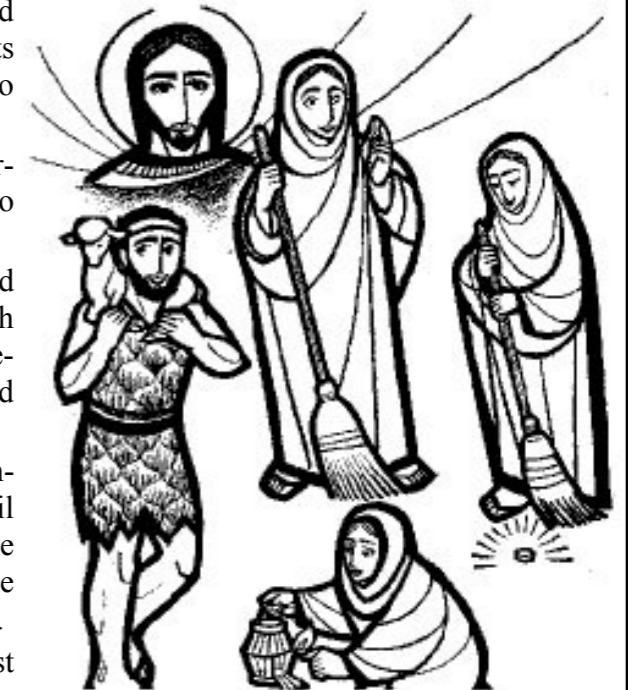
Today, the Gospel contains three parables with which Jesus responds to this criticism.

We hear God described as a shepherd who leaves behind 99 sheep to search for a lost one. When he finds it he rejoices not alone, but with friends and neighbours.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds a lost coin makes the same point. The one lost coin is of the same precious value to her as all the others.

Finally, we come to what is the best known parable of all. The father, a middle-age man with a large household, runs out to welcome home, with great display of affection, a son who had prematurely demanded a share of the family fortune – suggesting that the father was dead to him. He had taken off, disgraced himself and the family. But the father's love for him does not die; it transforms from the pain of grief to tearful joy at his return. This is of course hard for the elder son to take, even with the Father's assurance. "My son you are with me always and all I have is yours".

In the Gospel today God is presented as the loving, merciful and forgiving God, for whom no one is lost; no one is out of reach of his merciful love.



#### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

#### Priest in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

**Parish Office:** Cristina Agius

**School Principal:** Mark Tierney

**School Phone:** 9487 1001

#### Sacrament Co-ordinator:

Judeline Wadhvani

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Belinda Cooney: 0433 579 640

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

Sharron Kotz: 0449 103 943

#### Child Safety Committee:

Belinda Cooney, Rebecca Cooney,

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert

Dullard, 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, 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

**First Holy Communion**  
 Congratulations to children making their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Claudine Agius, Oscar Azzarone, Harrison Bou-bis, Victoria Byrne, Remy Caithness-Christoffelsz, David Calabro, Zion Christian, Faith Claite-Hearne, Alberto Cocco, John De Vincenti, Sienna Mai Ear, Thomas Kaszubski, Marie-Elise Kan-nindot, Sylvie Keogh, Maleah Letelier, Nicola Lyons, Anni Mai, Jayben Paminiano, Jakob Parker, Ha Pham, Tanuj Pradeep, Sienna Rechichi, Alana Scicluna, Tyra Tou, Tere Ingamua Tou and Anaelle Yeung. Let us remember them in our prayers.  
 Our sincere 'Thank you' to their teachers who prepared them for this important day: Class Teachers - Marie Pe-trie, Alexandra Butera and Belinda Cheong, Religious Education Leader - Jennifer Del Prete, School Principal - Mark Tierney and Parish Sacrament Coordinator - Jude-line Wadhvani.  
 Thank you also to all parents, grandparents and guardi-ans who have been journeying with and guiding their children in faith. They have the greatest role to play in their children's faith development. Thank you to all pa-rishioners for witnessing and inspiring these children in faith.

**Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass**  
 On Mission Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will celebrate Multicultural Mass/es. I would like to encourage parishioners from the same ethnic or national background to organise themselves and take part in this celebration, either in singing a hymn, having a procession, or sharing some simple food after Mass. For more information please see Fr Jan.

**Welcome!**  
 This weekend through Baptism we welcome:  
**Julian Serratore & Eliza Susan Ward**  
 into our Parish family

**Dates to Remember**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Mission Sunday  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October:** Save the Date!  
 Parish Dinner Dance

**Last Week's Collection: 08/09/19**  
 1st Collection for our Church: \$1221.55  
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$868.20  
 Catholic Care Collection: \$840.00  
 Father's Day Collection: \$616.00  
 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.**

**Sacred Heart - 105 Years On...Dinner Dance**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019:**  
**7pm - Midnight**  
**Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street Preston**  
 Come and celebrate 105 wonderful years of Sacred Heart Parish! The night will include a Buffet Dinner, Raffle, Trivia, Fun Events and of course, music with the band 'Sentimental Journey'  
**Cost: Adults \$35, Pensioners/Concession \$25, Children 5-12 years \$15, Children under 5 are free. Soft Drinks provided, BYO Alcohol**  
 Get a table together with family, friends or your Parish group!  
 Interested? Please sign the form in the Church Foyer or contact Mary 0422 891 324 or Jennifer 0416 010 203

**Plenary Council 2020**  
 An online portal was launched last week to allow people to submit their discerned response to the Plenary Council for the Listening and Discernment phase, which was also recently opened. As a part of these developments, people are invited to participate in group discernment on one of the six National Themes for Discernment – a process that can be facilitated by the Listening and Discernment guide, 'Let's Listen and Discern'. 'Let's Listen and Discern', as well as other resources for this new phase, can be accessed on this page of the Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/listening-and-discernment/>  
 Additional resources to help people understand the practice of discernment can be found on this page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/introduction-to-discernment/>

**Sacred Heart Church Renovation**  
 Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we are ready to move to the next stage of renovation of our church building: repairing/replacing the church doors and upgrading our sound system.  
 We are now at the stage of obtaining quotations for the jobs required. If anyone knows businesses that specialise in these two fields, please contact Fr Jan

**Social Justice Statement 2019 – 2020**  
 Australia's Catholic Bishops have launched a major statement on digital communications, calling on all levels of society to overcome the hatred, division and exploitation that occurs online.  
 This year's Social Justice Statement, Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world, was launched in Sydney by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, chairman of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice – Mission and Service.  
 The launch precedes Social Justice Sunday, which the Church in Australia celebrates on September 29.  
 In the statement, the bishops say governments, businesses and the broader community need to be more proactive in defending the dignity of people. They say everyone must work together to make the digital world a place of genuine human encounter.  
 The document invites people to reflect on how the internet has changed communication, work, education and business – and how people can contribute towards a more harmonious digital world.

**Parishes Cooperating to Provide Winter Shelter Forum**  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm for 6.30–8.30pm  
 Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
 Catholic Social Services Victoria is hosting a forum to learn from those parishes and groups of churches that are providing shelter for people sleeping rough during winter. The aim is to resource more parishes to participate during the 2020 winter.  
 Cost: \$20 Enquiries: [adrian.foley@css.org.au](mailto:adrian.foley@css.org.au)

**The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi**  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7pm for 7:30pm start  
 Study Centre, 98 Albion Road, Box Hill  
 The Provincial of the Holy Spirit Province, Friar Phillip Miscamble OFM, will be making an important announcement on the ongoing presence of the Order of Friars Minor in Melbourne at the Transitus celebrations. Bring a plate for a shared meal.  
 Enquiries and RSVP: Friar Joe McKay on 0412 076 912 or [stpaschals@franciscans.org.au](mailto:stpaschals@franciscans.org.au)

**Roster for weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Peter Bourke
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Paiano T. Orsini A.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Catherine Zanatta Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Jessica Suppiah Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin

**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  
*Antonio & Pina De Cata*  
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**MEDITATION ON JESUS**  
 (through gentle postures & breathing exercises)  
 John 17:11 "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."  
**One Day Retreat: 9.30am - 4pm**  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019  
**3 Hour Meditation: 10am - 1pm**  
 Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019  
 Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo, SVD  
 At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,  
 22 Woodvale Rd,  
 Boronia, Victoria 3155.  
 RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or  
 Email: [enquiries@janssencentre.org](mailto:enquiries@janssencentre.org)  
[www.janssencentre.org](http://www.janssencentre.org)

**Palms Australia** Discovering Global Mission  
 Global Volunteering How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati, Myanmar and the Philippines seek volunteers to assist their development.  
 Learn of Melbourne teacher Kathy Brick's experience mentoring local educators at schools in Samoa and South Africa, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.  
 Discover Palms: Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am  
 Jenny Florence Room, Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE  
 Call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or see [palms.org.au/assignments-abroad](http://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad)

**Cleaning Roster:**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**  
 Dale/Volunteer  
 Thank you for your help!