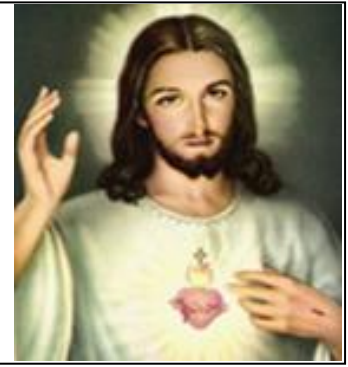




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Parish Mass Schedule

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

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 3 February 2022

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Sunday 30 January 2022

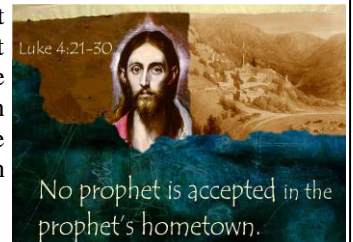
Prophetic Courage

There was a feud between the Pastor and the Choir Director of a certain church. It seems the first hint of trouble came when the Pastor preached on “Dedicating Oneself to Service” and the Choir Director chose to sing: “I Shall Not Be Moved.” Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Pastor put the incident behind him. The next Sunday he preached on “giving”. Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn: “Jesus Paid It All.” By this time, the Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on the “sin of gossiping.” Would you believe the Choir Director selected, “I Love to Tell the Story.” There was no turning back. The following Sunday the Pastor told the congregation that unless something changed he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: “Why Not Tonight?” Truthfully, no one was surprised when the Pastor resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The Choir Director could not resist singing, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

Seriously, it is just a joke. But rejection and even persecution, like the one facing the pastor, do happen in families, religious communities, parish communities, work place, schools, and society at large, and so on. Such as ill threats of others happen for many reasons such as: pride, superiority complex, religious belief, racial discrimination, etc. how do we respond to rejections and persecutions?

This Sunday’s readings underline the importance of courage in the face of hatred and rejection. Jeremiah, in the first reading, was called by God to be His prophet and equipped him to face opposition and rejection. Living out his prophetic vocation was not easy as he encountered rejection and persecution. Meanwhile the second reading tells us about Paul’s courage in correcting the Corinthian Christian community where the exercise of God’s gifts was causing competition, jealousy, and divisiveness. He offers them the way of love and instructs them to exercise their gifts with love. Finally, the Gospel tells us about Jesus’ courage to face scepticism and criticism of the people of Nazareth following His announcement in the synagogue that the words of Isaiah 61 was fulfilled in Him. He came to announce a new time of jubilee, liberation, and healing in God’s name. Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus believed that they were commissioned by God to proclaim a disturbing prophetic message (Jer 1:4-5, 17-19). Although they faced strong opposition, they remained strong and were convinced God was with them.

Like Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus, we too encounter rejection, opposition or even persecution. How do we respond? We, firstly, need to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Perhaps we have experienced the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment, violated trust, neglect, or abuse, even from friends and family members, when we reached out to them as God’s agents of healing and saving grace. Perhaps we ourselves are guilty of offering such rejection. Perhaps we, too, have been guilty of ignoring or humiliating people with our arrogance and prejudice. Let us learn to correct our mistakes and face rejection from others with courage. Secondly, let us not, like the people in Jesus’ hometown, reject God in our lives. We reject God when we are unwilling to be helped by God, or by others. Such unwillingness prevents us from recognizing God’s directions, help, and support in our lives through His words in the Bible, through the teaching of the Church, and through the advice and examples of others. Thirdly, we need to follow Christ, not political correctness, and to speak the truth of Christ in love, without being hypocritical or disrespectful. We must never remain silent in the face of evil for fear of being thought “politically incorrect.” Jesus taught us to love and respect others without condoning or encouraging sinful behaviour. We need to be kind, charitable, honest, — forgiving, but clear, in speaking out our Christian convictions as Jesus was when he spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth. (Based on <https://frtonyshomilies.com/2022/01/21/o-t-iv-c-jan-30-sunday-homily/>).



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.



BAPTISM Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome
Mila Zito
into our Parish family



	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
29-Jan-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
05-Feb-22	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Charlotte Bainy
12-Feb-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Jan-22	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Pauline Veamatahau
06-Feb-22	Jessica Suppiah Eileen Stevens	George McBrien
13-Feb-22	Judeline Wadhvani Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Jan-22	Anna Liggieri Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
06-Feb-22	Margaret Bannan Robert Dullard	Damian Casamento
13-Feb-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard

Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Monday 31st January *St John Bosco*
 Tuesday 1st February *St Brigid of Ireland*
 Wednesday 2nd February *The Presentation of the Lord*
 Candle Mass – BYO candles
 World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life
 Thursday 3rd February *St Blaise, St Ansgar*
 Saturday 5th February *St Agatha*

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candle Mass

Wednesday 2 February at the 9:10am Mass.
 You may bring candles to be blessed by Fr Aloysius.

NB: Next Healing Mass:
 Thursday 3 February at 1:30pm



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. **Please collect yours.**
 Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 23/1/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$803
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$335
 Thank you for your kind generosity!



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 5 February 2022 Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

We Commemorate

Ted Murphy

Giuseppe Cicutto – 9th anniversary

Giuseppina Cicutto – 6th anniversary

Maria Reginato - 9th anniversary

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Giving Tree –

Thank you

A very sincere thankyou to our parishioners, groups and visitors for your contributions to our Christmas Giving Tree Appeal – amounting to a value of \$1,290. Through your generosity we were able to bring Christmas Joy to almost 50 families and individuals and help them get through a very challenging January. God bless you all,
 St Vincent's de Paul team

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP (LGPG)

LGPG is celebrating the start of the year with a Mass on Wednesday 9 February at 2pm at St Raphael's Church, 13 Hardy Street, Preston. All Welcome



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



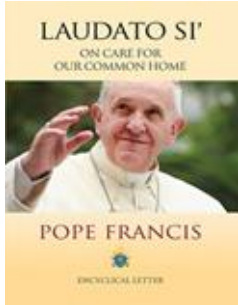
PRAYERS FROM POPE FRANCIS



O Lord, grant us the courage to change course, to be converted, to follow your will and not our own; to go forward together, towards you, who by your Spirit wish to make us one.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



This is the most famous picture of the world. As the astronauts rounded the moon, they captured the image of our home planet hanging in space like a beautiful jewel. This image changed the way we think about Planet Earth. Planet Earth is a closed system.

Chapter 1: What is happening to Our Common Home?

"Our goal [is to] become **painfully aware**, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own **personal suffering** and thus to discover what each of us can do about it" (LS: 19).

Pope Francis pontificates on the following serious environmental issues in Chapter 1. We can reflect on what each of them means for us and our society.

1. Pollution & climate change
2. Throwaway culture
3. The issue of water
4. Loss of biodiversity
5. Decline in the quality of human life
6. Breakdown in society
7. Global inequality
8. Weak responses

St Francis Prayer. Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation & especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day & the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, & for the stars which you have set shining & lovely in the heavens. Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind & Air & every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.



Piety Stall

With the help of generous volunteers the Piety Stall will again be open after each of the weekend Masses. Religious items including **Columban calendars** are available at very reasonable prices. Volunteers are sought for all weekend Masses. Please contact Rachel on 9480 3398 for more details. You are required to have a current WWCC and be fully vaccinated
Thank you

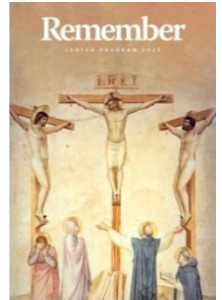


Remember—Lenten Program 2022

Remember is a 72-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. If you wish to purchase **Remember** you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

Cost \$8 each. To Order please place your money in an envelope with your name and phone number and hand it to Fr Aloysius or you may place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before Monday 7 February.

Please **DO NOT** use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure.
Thank you



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. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895



Welcoming Saint Pope John-Paul II
As Co-PATRON OF OUR VICTORIAN MARIAN SHRINE
Sunday 20th February 2022
Starts 2.00 p.m.

Totus Tuus - I'm Totally Yours
St Pope JPH Motto—Testimony of his True Devotion to Mary

Inauguration and Blessing of the Monument
By Most Reverend Bishop Martin Ashe
Aux. Bishop of Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions)
& other members of the Clergy

Come & Join the Clergy & the Faithful
in this historic celebration at
Ta Pinu Shrine (Aust)
All Nations Marian Centre

For more information: 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh) 3340
Office: 93877006; Josette 0412360231; Rita 0401534838; Mary 0409231926

Joke Corner

Macca and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live like a vegetable, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."
His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth
peace to people of good will. / We praise
you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we
glorify you, / we give you thanks for your
great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O
God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, / you take away the
sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you
take away the sins of the world, / receive our
prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you
alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the
Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus
Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory
of God the Father. / Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord
was addressed to me, saying:

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew
you; before you came to birth I
consecrated you; I have appointed you as
prophet to the nations.

‘So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you
dismayed.

‘I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city, a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze to confront all this
land: the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you but shall not
overcome you, for I am with you to
deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 70(71):1-6,15,17

The Response Is:

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.

I will sing of your salvation.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,

a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

I will sing of your salvation.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother’s womb you have been
my help.

I will sing of your salvation.

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my
youth and I proclaim your wonders still.

I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I
am going to show you a way that is better
than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of
angels, but speak without love, I am
simply a gong booming or a cymbal
clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy,
understanding all the mysteries there are,
and knowing everything, and if I have
faith in all its fullness, to move mountains,
but without love, then I am nothing at all.
If I give away all that I possess, piece by
piece, and if I even let them take my body
to burn it, but am without love, it will do
me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never
jealous; love is never boastful or
conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it
does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people’s
sins but delights in the truth; it is always
ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to
endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there
are gifts of prophecy, the time will come
when they must fail; or the gift of
languages, it will not continue for ever;
and knowledge – for this, too, the time
will come when it must fail. For our
knowledge is imperfect and our
prophesying is imperfect; but once
perfection comes, all imperfect things will
disappear. When I was a child, I used to
talk like a child, and think like a child, and
argue like a child, but now I am a man, all
childish ways are put behind me. Now we
are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but
then we shall be seeing face to face. The
knowledge that I have now is imperfect;
but then I shall know as fully as I am
known.

In short, there are three things that last:
faith, hope and love; and the greatest of
these is love.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the
poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue:
‘This text is being fulfilled today even as
you listen.’ And he won the approval of
all, and they were astonished by the
gracious words that came from his lips.
They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’

But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote
me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself”
and tell me, “We have heard all that
happened in Capernaum, do the same here
in your own countryside.”’

And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no
prophet is ever accepted in his own
country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can
assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven
remained shut for three years and six
months and a great famine raged
throughout the land, but Elijah was not
sent to any one of these: he was sent to a
widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town.
And in the prophet Elisha’s time there
were many lepers in Israel, but none of
these was cured, except the Syrian,
Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the
synagogue was enraged. They sprang to
their feet and hustled him out of the town;
and they took him up to the brow of the
hill their town was built on, intending to
throw him down the cliff, but he slipped
through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our lord, / who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the
Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius
Pilate, / was crucified, died and was
buried; / he descended into hell; / on the
third day he rose again from the dead; / he
ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty; /
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit,
/ the holy catholic Church, / the
communion of saints, / the forgiveness of
sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and
life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I
call on you.