

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

29th - 30th September 2018

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on these seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8,10,12-14

R/ The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Christian virtue of tolerance: *Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others (without condoning the evil they do), by: a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs, b) respecting the differences we encounter, c) working together on projects of common interest, d) affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things, and e) allowing the light of Christ to shine through our loving words and deeds.*



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 29th - 30th September 2018

A Place to Call Home - Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land

Today is Social Justice Sunday. The readings invite us to acknowledge how God is at work in our Church and our lives, and in doing so they challenge how we bring that work of God into the lives of the most needy. The passages are most clear that the Spirit empowers us and the Church. However, the Spirit's power is not the exclusive possession of the few but is also manifest outside structures and authorities and shared by others who act in the name or the way of Jesus, with his option to gather the most neglected and disadvantage into God's human family. The promptings of the Spirit are also evident in the cries and suffering of those who are disadvantaged, stirring us to compassion and action.

With this comes the admonition that sometimes it is we, the believers, who act against the admonitions of the Gospel. This is especially so when we neglect justice for the poor, the hungry, and defenceless.

Equally condemned in the second reading is the exploitation of the poor and socially disadvantaged. The Christian community takes its cue from this letter, and understands that if it is to be the voice God, it must align itself with the poor and those unjustly treated. This is not a choice: it is an imperative. Mindful that all humankind is 'made in the image of God and Father of all', it follows that we are all -and must look out for -our brothers and sisters. Where God stands, so the faithful should be.

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Statement for 2018 -2019 expresses the deep concern at the growing problem of homelessness and insecure housing in Australian society and articulates the corrosive effects on individuals and family life, as well as the

social and administrative failures of leaders to address the denial of the right to a safe, comfortable and affordable place to live, develop individually and socially.

We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right asserted by the Church's social teaching and by the Declaration of Human Rights. It is the inherent

dignity of each brother and sister in need of a place to call home that urges us on to confront the growing challenge of homelessness and insecurity in Australia.

With the models of the parable of the Good Samaritan and Scripture references in mind of Jesus' experiences of being born into homelessness in Bethlehem, the flight as a refugee from genocide into Egypt and His mission as a mendicant healer and teacher to all, we are called to reflect discuss and act, mindful of our basic Christian tenet "What you did for one of these the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me!"



Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday
10.00am - 12.30pm

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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
(English) & 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 30th September

Behind the people on the streets is another legion – those who are battling to keep the roof over their heads, wondering if they can make the next rent or mortgage payment. Often, these are people who are employed but whose income is barely enough – or not enough – to keep themselves and their families housed and fed.

The Bishops emphasise that housing is a human right, asserted by documents like the UN Declaration of Human Rights and by the teachings of our Church. Housing, the Bishops say, is ‘an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others’.

We pray that Australia will hear the challenges that this Statement offers: to confront an economy that has allowed housing to become out of the reach of so many; to reach out, like the Samaritan, to the wounded and helpless; and to call on our governments to make hard decisions that will allow everyone in our communities to find secure accommodation. The Statement’s concluding sentence is a message for all of us: ‘Everyone deserves a place to call home’.

Social Justice Statement 2018-19. Copies of the Statement are available in the foyer of the church and online: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 30th September:
ACBC - Social Justice Sunday

Sunday 20th October - 18th November:
Parish Stewardship Program

CONGRATULATIONS!



Our blessings and best wishes to **Joao and Rosaria De Souza** on the celebration of their **Golden Jubilee** of Marriage!

WELCOME!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Valentino Gaetano ALESSANDRINO & Jake Alexander BROGLIO** into our Parish family

Last Week’s Collection: 23/09/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1294.70
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$967.95

Father’s Day Appeal: \$535.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (PSP)

From the weekend of 20th & 21st October to 17th & 18th November, our parish will be conducting a PSP – reflecting on what it means to be a member of our special parish community. We need the energy, talents and commitment of everyone to make our parish more alive. The program will be conducted by members of the Parish Development Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I am inviting everyone to be a fully active member of the parish, to become strong part of the Stewards Campaign.
Fr. Jan

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Mark 9:35
Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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For more information please phone 1800 036 377 or visit www.vmch.com.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 9-11 November 2018 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

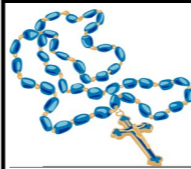
Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992

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Website: www.wwme.org.au

WORLD ROSARY DAY

Sunday 7th October 2018



Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. The World Rosary started on 15 August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) with a ‘54-day Novena’ that will continue until the feast of the Holy Rosary on 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions are family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

Details: Jane from OzRosary on 0476 535 59 or <http://holyleagueofnations.com>

MUSCLE FOR MARRIAGE

Wednesdays 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st October, 7pm – 9pm
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Marriage can be tough but like anything worth having, it’s worth working for! How do we build the strength and endurance to go the distance? Classical wisdom tells us that character and virtues are the key. Run over four Wednesday evenings in October, Muscle for Marriage will help you build the discipline, courage and wisdom needed to run the race.

Register: www.trybooking.com/WNRN

Cost: \$50 a couple for all four sessions or \$15 a couple for one session (Includes materials and a light wine and cheese supper)



**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:
WHAT IS GOD ASKING
OF US IN
AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?**

Have your say by Wednesday 6th March, 2019

Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

**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.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

Our loved ones who died recently

Dolores Francisco

Those recommended to our prayers

Jason Perez (6th Anni.), Jali Perez (2nd Anni.), Giovanni Racina and all deceased members of the Barreto & Gonzalez families.

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



**GOD OF CREATION –
A PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION**

Fr Michael Kong extends an invitation to attend a praise and worship session followed by supper. It will be held on Saturday, 6 October, at St Fidelis Parish Hall, 49 Clarendon Street, Moreland at 7 pm.

Everyone welcome.

Enquiries: gracelightsmusic@gmail.com

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Wednesday 3rd October, 7pm – 8.30pm

St Paschal Franciscan Friary, YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill (off Albion Road)

The Franciscan family warmly welcomes you to come and celebrate the Transitus of St Francis. This is a liturgical celebration of the life and death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Come and experience Franciscan spirituality and Christ-centred life. A light supper will be held after the service.

Details: 9896 4400 or stpaschals@franciscans.org.au

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 6th October 2018



Shantha/Cory

Thank you for your help!

Roster for weekend of 6th - 7th October 2018

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy Peter Bourke
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi I. Capobianco A.	Recchia I. Roda G.
Sun 10.30am	Moira O’Brien Anne Stuart	Pauline Veamatahau Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Jessica Suppiah John Plum	Robert Dullard