

**Sunday 8th October 2023**

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & **5.00pm**

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening  
Mass

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**St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday** 7.15pm

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**



Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy on us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A,  
8th October 2023.

**Scripture reflections: [The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel \(australiancatholics.com.au\)](http://australiancatholics.com.au)**



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**Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.**

## PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS



### THE SIGN ADVENT PROGRAM 2023

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023, a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024).

Immerse yourself in the timeless words of Scripture, expertly curated to illuminate the true essence of these holy seasons heralding the birth of Christ. Whether you seek to deepen your faith, foster a sense of contemplation, or simply embrace the beauty of everything that Advent and Christmas brings, The Sign serves as a guiding light leading you through these sacred stories that continue to resonate throughout the ages.

**IF ANY OF OUR PARISHIONERS WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE BOOK COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE BY TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER. A DONATION OF \$5.00 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

### The Voice

**REFERENDUM** This weekend the Social Justice Group will show a video after all Masses that helps to explain some of the myths and misinformation that has been circulating in the community. We hear Shelley Reys, an Aboriginal woman and community leader, speak about the referendum.

Also, there is an article from Bishop Vincent Long, available in the Gathering Space.



### ARCHDIOCESE TRAINING MODULE

For those of you who have been unable to complete your safeguarding training module, the error has now been fixed, you need to login with your WWCC or VIT card to begin.

To access the training follow the link: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

### OBTAINING COMPLETION CERTIFICATE FOR ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Login to training link using WWCC number [www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org) You will then be sent a 6 digit code by email. Enter code and verify. You are asked if you are clergy – click 'Next'. The screen below comes up. Click the green 'Acquired' icon.

### COMING SOON—NEW SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND RESOURCES!

Over the next few weeks, the Safeguarding Unit will be releasing updated policies, procedures and resources as part of the second edition of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework.

Aligned to the new Victorian Child Safe Standards, this suite of policies, procedures, information sheets, templates and resources will be made accessible via our [website](#) to support parishes in their ongoing implementation of safeguarding requirements, ensuring that a culture of safety continues to be created across the Archdiocese.

### PARISH REFERENCE GROUP

The Parish Reference Group (PRG) had its third face-to-face meeting for this year on 31 August at St Michael's Parish, Nth. Melbourne. There is currently 20 members of the PRG, from across all 4 regions of the Archdiocese. You are most welcome to contact any of your regional PRG members at any time. Our representative from our Partnered Parishes is Sandy Starbuck.

You are most welcome to contact Sandy at any time. [Sandy.Starbuck@cam.org.au](mailto:Sandy.Starbuck@cam.org.au)

Rachel Averbukh, the newly appointed Director of the Safeguarding Unit, attended the meeting and was warmly welcomed by all. Rachel reiterated the importance of the PRG as an avenue to hear and respond to local safeguarding issues at the parish level. She shared with everyone the impending release of revised safeguarding policies, procedures and educational resources.

Following the initial consultation at the May meeting, proposed updates to the Self-Assessment Tool were shared by the Safeguarding Unit and discussed. The feedback and comments received by the Safeguarding Unit from the PRG have been extremely informative and invaluable in guiding the format of the revised document, which will be released by the end of the year.

The final meeting for 2023 is scheduled for 23 November at St Michael's Parish, North Melbourne.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



**BAPTISMS:** we pray for Mabel and Asher who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in October.

**SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Nominations are now being called for upcoming elections. Forms are available at the back of the church, or speak with a current PPC member for further information. Nominations close 29th October 2023. YOUR VOICE, MY VOICE, OUR VOICE!

Suggestion box in church or email: [ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)

**HALL HIRE:** Sacred Heart Hall is for hire. For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions contact Alison Pieper on 0417571535 or [alisonpieper52@gmail.com](mailto:alisonpieper52@gmail.com)

**REFERENDUM DAY VOTING:** Sacred Heart School Parents will be running a Sausage Sizzle outside our hall on Saturday 14th October. Please come along and support their fundraising.

**FAMILY GROUPS FUNDRAISING:** Enjoy a walk, a coffee and socialising when members of Sacred Heart Family Groups are again serving refreshments at the Diamond Creek Rotary Tram Café on Saturday 21st October. Thank you to those who volunteer as the Parish receives a generous donation.

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Wednesday 18th October Lunch & Scrabble 12pm in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 1st November Lunch 12pm at Bridges Restaurant Hurstbridge.

**VOLUNTEERS:** There are forms available in St Peter's & Sacred Heart churches (or the Parish Office) for parishioners who are interested in joining the Readers roster, Baptism Preparation Team or any other ministry. The form includes information about Working with Children Check and the Archdiocese Safeguarding Training Module. Thank you.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL FETE, MARKET & CLASSIC CAR SHOW:** Saturday 28th October 11am-3pm. The Fete is a public event that will see us welcome the wider community to share in the fun and games and aim to raise money for our new playground.

### ROSTERS:

**Cleaning: Week 10th October** L. Armiento & J. Rogers

#### Sunday 15th October Sacred Heart 9am

**Reader:** M. Walsh

**Commentator:** C. Fernando

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Y. O'Brien, T. Sirianni

#### Saturday 21st October St Peter's 7.15pm

**Reader:** B. Flynn

**Commentator:** M. Frisby

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amindha

***Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:***

*Antonietta Nesci, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard,*

***We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of October that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:***

*Felicia Ongarello, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Wade Robinson, Dianne Galea, Mario Molinaro.*

## ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15th October at [Anniversary Mass 2023 Tickets, St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne | TryBooking Australia](#)

**MAGI HOLIDAYS:** Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Richard Rosse. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,590 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Melbourne on 20th May, 2024. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561/03 8839 6615 or email us: [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm Wednesdays 12.30pm,-4.00pm  
Thursdays 8.00am-12.00pm (**Wednesday 8.00am-12.00pm & Thursday 12.30-3.00pm St Mary's**)  
Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday. Thank you

**BAPTISMS:** We pray for those children who are being Baptised later this month.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Many of you may not know that our handyman has been off on sick leave. Andrew will be undergoing surgery and will not be back until next year. If anyone is available to do some weeding or pruning in the garden beds near and around the Church it would be greatly appreciated. With the spring weather everything is starting to flourish.



You do need to have a current WWCC and have completed the Cam Safeguarding training to be on the school/ church property.

Please let me know if you assist in any way. Thank you. **Lisa**

**ST THOMAS PPC:** Next meeting Wednesday 18th October, 7.00pm in the Parish house.

### Roster for Weekend 14th & 15th October

#### Saturday 6.00pm

**Reader:** E. Sacchetta

**Commentator:** P. Carty

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Bohan, M. Bedford, S. Bishop

**Set Up:** J. de Carlo

#### Sunday 10.30am

**Reader:** B. Iacobucci

**Commentator:** F. Landy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. O'Brien, R. Piccolo, B. Riordan

**Set Up:** C. O'Brien

**St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:**

**Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:**

*Miran Kasalo, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager*

**We pray for those who have died recently and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of October that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:**

Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Grace Money, Betty Hannah, Rocco Di Pierro, Alfonso Ruggieri, Nediljka Paleka



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

*Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays 10am-4pm, Wednesdays 8am-12noon, Thursdays 10am-4pm.

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**LAMP :-** A Coffee Support Morning for All CARERS, will be held on Wednesday October 25th, 10-12 midday. All welcome.

**ART SHOW:** The organising committee would like to thank all parishioners for supporting the Art Sale of Judy's paintings last month. We are grateful for your generous donation, contributions and appreciation for Judy's art. God Bless.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th October. In the gathering space. 1.00pm - 3.00 pm BYO lunch. Bingo. Afternoon tea provided. The more we have the bigger the Jackpot

Will have an update on a couple available dates for a day trip or 2 before Christmas. All welcome: call Geraldine. 0438 148 896.

**CHURCH SECURITY:** Group members and parishioners are reminded to check that ALL doors of the church and gathering space are securely locked and all lights are off when you leave after evening Masses and meetings. Thank you.

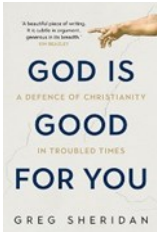
**HOLY ROSARY** is recited every Thursday morning after 9.15am Mass.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enquiries: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.

*Be informed, inspired and entertained*

## Book of the Week



'God is Good for You: A Defence of Christianity in Troubled Times' by Greg Sheridan.

At a time of crisis for faith , 'God is Good for You' shows us why Christianity is so vital for our personal and social well-being, and how modern Christians have never worked so hard to make the world a better place. Sheridan's work is closely argued, warmly human, good humoured and above all, convincing.

Access to the catalogue is available at: [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

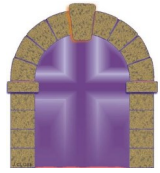
### September Baptisms:

***Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:***

Peter Mejak, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas, Jocelyn Tibayan, Margaret Schreenan , Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer, Pat Milczakowsky, Rosie Bray, Lois Jones, Peter Miles, Leon Gray

### Recently Deceased:

***We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:***



**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close** In the parable of the vinedressers Jesus describes himself as 'the keystone'. Metaphorically, the keystone is the central supporting element and the basis of structural integrity and order. In this parable Jesus' voice is raised in critique of the hierarchy of the established order, that is, the 'chief priests and the elders of the people'. He is calling them to account for their failure to live up to Kingdom values. His warning is clear: 'the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom'; but this message is also a call for renewal.

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 October 2023

### First Reading Is 5:1-7

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7**

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.  
**(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be  
saved. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

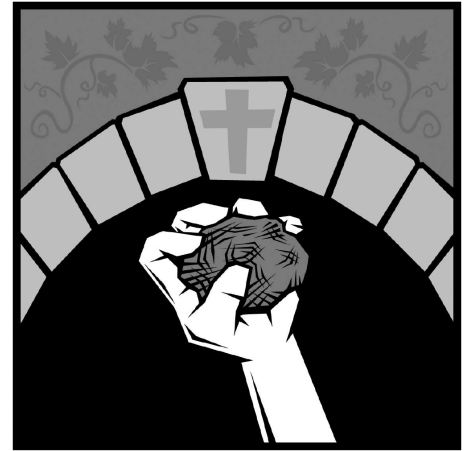
### Gospel Mt 21:33-43

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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