



I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbor?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

10 July 2022

First Reading Dt 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

*(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.*

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*
2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. *(R.)*
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains. *(R.)*

4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. *(R.)*

or **Ps 18:8-11. R. v.9**

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Desmond Wijetunga

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerald Quinlan, Derrick D'Rozario, Paul Azzopardi, Barbara Teesdale, Letteria Caruso, Vince Circosta, John Paatsch

ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanna Randello, Eligio Testa, Palma Amadio, Peter Hanh Tran, Therese Vinh Tran, John Galea, Joseph & Carmen Galea, Santo & Angela Sciacchitano, Eileen & Michael Tomlin, Santina Valastro, Pascal & Lola Attard, Roberto Villanueva Cope

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

(RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? There will be a series of **Enquiry Nights** for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on **Tuesdays 12th, 19th & 26th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.** For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 11 July	St Benedict
Wed 13 July	St Henry
Thu 14 July	St Camillus de Lellis
Fri 15 July	St Bonaventure
Sat 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel

PARISH NEWS

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

You may recall earlier this year, parishioners were asked to either take home a NCLS Survey form to complete and return, or to fill one out online. We had 93 responses to the Survey, which is acceptable considering we were only just re-opening following so many lockdowns and it was still holiday time for some parishioners. Thanks to all who took the time to complete the Survey. Here is a very brief summary of our Parish Profile:

The People of this Church: Most Value:

84% Celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion.

35% Traditional style of worship or music.

33% Praying for one another

29% Sermons and homilies.

Want to give attention to:

41% increasing the number of people at Mass

36% Creating a clear vision for the church

29% Ministry to children and youth

Demographic Profile

56% are female

44% are male

Marital Status

72% are currently married

Ethnicity

45% are born in Australia

55% are born overseas

44% speak a language other than English at home

Employment

19% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

60% are retired

Education

34% have a university degree

38% have a trade certificate or secondary school education

Age and intergenerational ministry

68 years is the average age of attenders over 15
87% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church

Church background

89% of attenders are long term

11% of attenders here are new arrivals to our parish (in the last 5 years)

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – STELLA MARIS

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION

Communication & Relationships, Saturday 23 Jul 2022, 12.30pm-5pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person. A fundamental aspect of any relationship - with God or people - is Communication. This event looks at the different aspects of communication and their strengths and weaknesses in daily life. It offers a practical approach to communication and relationships. This session will be led by James Areechira svd. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 18/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email office@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101

Prayer

God of all creation
you have sown the seeds of your kingdom
so that the world may flourish and grow in
your love.

Help us to be ready to hear your Word,
and welcome it into our hearts.

May we build your kingdom of love on
earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Lord Jesus,
help us to follow your call

to proclaim your name to all people.

We make this prayer through our Risen

Lord Jesus. Amen.

Source: Liturgy Help

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday, 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 3 2022

Commences Monday 11 July

YEAR 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday, 16th July at 6.00pm

Sunday, 17th July at 10.30am

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.