

**Monday-Saturday—25th to 30th July 2022**

**17th Week in Ordinary Time- Year 2**

**MONDAY**

*Feast of St James, the apostle*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and he called them.**

**The Glory to God is said.**

READING: 2 Cor 4:7-15

We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us. We are in difficulties on all sides, but never cornered; we see no answer to our problems, but never despair; we have been persecuted, but never deserted; knocked down, but never killed; always wherever we may be, we carry with us in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus, too, may always be seen in our body. Indeed, while we are still alive, we are consigned to our death every day, for the sake of Jesus, so that in our mortal flesh the life of Jesus, too, may be openly shown. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But as we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and hear fruit that will last. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 20:20-28

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and he said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus answered. 'Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They replied, 'We can.' 'Very well,' he said 'you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by my Father.'

When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.**



**Mask-Wearing is Strongly Encouraged**

**Due to the high number of COVID and flu cases in Victoria, the Government and the Archdiocese are strongly encouraging us to wear masks indoors and in crowded settings.**

## TUESDAY

*Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne  
(parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
(Alternative Readings used)*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.**

**READING: Sir 44:1. 10-15**

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.*

'Let us praise illustrious men,  
our ancestors in their successive generations.  
Here is a list of generous men  
whose good works have not been forgotten.  
In their descendants there remains  
a rich inheritance born of them.  
Their descendants stand by the covenants  
and, thanks to them, so do their children's  
children.

Their offspring will last for ever,  
their glory will not fade.

Their bodies have been buried in peace,  
and their name lives on for all generations.  
The peoples will proclaim their wisdom,  
the assembly will celebrate their praises.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: God will give him the throne of David,  
his father.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**They yearned for the comforting of Israel and  
the Holy Spirit dwelt in them. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 13:16-17**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Happy are your eyes  
because they see, your ears because they hear! I  
tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men  
longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to  
hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They received  
blessings from the Lord and mercy from God  
their Saviour.**

## WEDNESDAY

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he  
himself gives might and strength to his people.**

**FIRST READING: Jer 15:10. 16-21**

Woe is me, my mother, for you have borne me  
to be a man of strife and of dissension for all the  
land.

I neither lend nor borrow,  
yet all of them curse me

and avenge me on my persecutors.

Your anger is very slow: do not let me be snatched  
away.

Realise that I suffer insult for your sake.

When your words came, I devoured them:

your word was my delight

and the joy of my heart;

for I was called by your name,

Lord, God of hosts.

I never took pleasure in sitting in scoffers'  
company;

with your hand on me I held myself aloof,

since you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my suffering continual,

my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Do you mean to be for me a deceptive stream  
with inconstant waters?

To which the Lord replied,

'If you come back,

I will take you back into my service;

and if you utter noble, not despicable

thoughts,

you shall be as my own mouth.

They will come back to you,

but you must not go back to them.

I will make you

a bronze wall fortified against this people.

They will fight against you

but they will not overcome you,

because I am with you

to save you and to deliver you

– it is the Lord who speaks.

I mean to deliver you from the hands of the  
Wicked and redeem you from the clutches of  
the violent.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you my friends, says the Lord, for I have  
made known to you all that the Father has told  
me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 13:44-46**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven  
is like treasure hidden in a field which someone  
has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells  
everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

#### THURSDAY

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

READING: *Jer 18:1-6*

The word that was addressed to Jeremiah by the Lord, 'Get up and make your way down to the potter's house: there I shall let you hear what I have to say.' So I went down to the potter's house; and there he was, working at the wheel. And whenever the vessel he was making came out wrong, as happens with the clay handled by potters, he would start afresh and work it into another vessel, as potters do. Then this word of the Lord was addressed to me, 'House of Israel, can not I do to you what this potter does? – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so you are in mine, House of Israel.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Blessed are they whose help is the God of Jacob.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mt 13:47-53*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*  
Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time; the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION AT**

**ST KEVIN'S CHURCH**

**There will be Holy Mass at 7.00 pm on Friday, 5th August (First Friday of the month) at St Kevin's Church followed by Adoration.**

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

When Jesus had finished these parables he left the district.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

#### FRIDAY

*Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.**

READING: *1 John 4:7-16*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him:

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

My dear people,

since God has loved us so much,  
we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God;

but as long as we love one another

God will live in us

and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him

and he is living in us

because he lets us share his Spirit.

We ourselves saw and we testify

that the Father sent his Son

as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in him, and he in God.  
We ourselves have known and put our faith in  
God's love towards ourselves.  
God is love  
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,  
and God lives in him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **I will bless the Lord at all times.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Jn 11:19-27*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who has to come into this world.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.**

## **SATURDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

READING: *Jer 26:11-16. 24*

The priests and prophets addressed the officials and all the people: 'This man deserves to die, since he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.' Jeremiah, however, replied to the people as follows, 'The Lord himself sent me to say all the things you have heard against this Temple and this city. So now amend your behaviour and actions, listen to the voice of

the Lord your God: if you do, he will relent and not bring down on you the disaster he has pronounced against you. For myself, I am as you see in your hands. Do whatever you please or think right with me. But be sure of this, that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood on yourselves, on this city and on its citizens, since the Lord has truly sent me to you to say all these words in your hearing.'

The officials and all the people then said to the priests and prophets, 'This man does not deserve to die: he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.' And Jeremiah had a protector in Ahikam son of Shaphan, so he was not handed over to the people to be put to death.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mt 14:1-12*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Herod the tetrarch heard about the reputation of Jesus, and said to his court, 'This is John the Baptist himself; he has risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'

Now it was Herod who had arrested John, chained him up and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For John had told him, 'It is against the Law for you to have her.' He had wanted to kill him but was afraid of the people, who regarded John as a prophet. Then, during the celebrations for Herod's birthday, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and so delighted Herod that he promised on oath to give her anything she asked. Prompted by her mother she said, 'Give me John the Baptist's head, here, on a dish.' The king was distressed but, thinking of the oaths he had sworn and of his guests, he ordered it to be given her, and sent and had John beheaded in the prison. The head was bought in on a dish and given to the girl who took it to her mother. John's disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went of to tell Jesus.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**