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Weekday Mass Times:

8.45am-9.10am Rosary, followed by 9.15am Mass on Tuesday—Friday.

Weekend Mass Times:

6.30pm: Saturday—Vigil Mass.

8.45am: Sunday—Italian/English Mass.

10.30am: Sunday—Family Mass.

Parish Office hours:

Tue-Fri 10am-3.30pm

You may contact the office at any time and leave a message when the office is unattended on 94898008 and Fr. Minh or Secretary will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.00am - 11.00am & 6.00pm or feel free to phone Fr Minh.

First Wednesday of the Month:

7.00pm: Baptism Preparation

Meeting in the Church.

Appointment Required.

Last Friday of the Month:

2.00pm: Seniors' Mass at the Parish Centre.

Catholic Religious Education:

Wednesday: 4.00pm—5.00pm R.E. classes for State Primary and Secondary School children in the Parish House.

ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 23/02: 6.30pm

Commentator: Gabriella Bonora

Reader: Lucy Han

Communion Minister: TBA

Musician in charge: Teddy Susanto

SUNDAY 24/02: 8.45am

Commentator: Jill Ryan .

Reader: Salv Caleo

Communion Minister: Cesarina Zampieri .

SUNDAY 24/02: 10.30am

Commentator: Christiane Khalil

Reader: John Horacek

Communion Minister: Margaret Dimech & Audrey van Haltren

Musician in charge: Brad Pinto

CHURCH CLEANING (25 Feb)

Sean Pinder

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 460.50

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 631.00

Recently Deceased: Michael Hanna and Souki Fakhri

Death Anniversaries: Laila Azrak Fakhry and Len Fitzpatrick .

Sick: Joe Baini and Cesarina Zampieri

Mass Intentions:

Diary Reminders:

Wed 27th Feb: 4pm to 5pm—Religious Education Classes

Thurs 21st Feb: 9:15am—First class Mass grades 5 & 6

Frid 22nd Feb: 2pm—Seniors Mass in Parish Centre

Dear parishioners

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the gardening team for their great effort in cleaning up and maintaining the gardens around the parish.

Fr Minh Tran

Monthly Cuppa after Mass

On the first weekend of every month, we'll be inviting all our parishioners and visitors to gather for a cup of tea or coffee in the church foyer after Mass. This will be a great opportunity to welcome people and catch up with friends, but we need your help to make it happen. Can you spare some time to assist before and after Mass a few times this year?

Everything will be provided, but we need volunteers to:

- fill the urn with water and turn it on before Mass
- set out the cups, saucers, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, and biscuits
- clean up and pack everything away afterwards.

If you'd like to help, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer under the dates and times that you'll be available.

Spirituality programs at Kardia 2019

29 March 2019—10am to 3:30pm—Hear wisdom for Teachers—Day of Reflection

14—21 Nov—Silent Directed Retreat at the Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe.

For bookings and more information please see flyer on the notice board

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

The first reading: Jer 17: 5-8
The second reading: 1Cor 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from [Jerusalem](#) and from the coastal region of [Tyre](#) and [Sidon](#) who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

Reflection on the Gospel

BEING PREPARED TO BE VULNERABLE

Hardly any statements in the Gospels are more challenging than the Beatitudes and Woes with which Jesus begins his sermon. To understand them we have to attend to the context of the sermon and the biblical meaning of beatitude.

The context is that Jesus is instructing his disciples before a great multitude of burdened and afflicted people who have come from far and near to access his healing power. The implication is that the disciples are to be something for this troubled wider group, and Jesus is going to tell them how.

In the biblical tradition “Blessed ...” does not strictly speaking indicate a moral attitude to be adopted. A beatitude declares a person to be in a fortunate or advantageous position. They are “in a good place” because what will soon come about through the faithfulness of God.

Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativized because God is on the side of the poor, rather than the rich and well off, and will move to reverse the situation—as Mary’s *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55). What the Beatitudes depict is a preparedness to be vulnerable in view of this sense of God.

This brings us back to the context in which this instruction is given: the afflicted multitude longing for healing. A vulnerable community can become for the afflicted an instrument of healing and life. It is those who approach the wounded with vulnerable love, rather than power, who make the world safe for humanity.

Brendan Byrne

Child Safety matters - Call for new members of the Child Safety Team

St Joseph's Child Safety Team has a busy year ahead, and we need new members! Are you able to help us support the Parish in promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people?

The main responsibilities of the Child Safety Team include:

- Attending regular team meetings, usually held in the evening on a monthly basis.
- Attending workshops and information sessions provided by the Archdiocese several times a year.
- Being familiar with the Parish's obligations, policies, and procedures related to child safety, including legal and Archdiocese requirements, and advising the Parish leadership and other parishioners if required.

Preparing and reviewing policy documents, risk assessments, and other Parish material related to child safety.

All relevant information and training will be provided, so you don't need any previous knowledge or experience - just a desire to learn and contribute.

If you're interested in joining the Child Safety Team, or would like to know more, please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office or Fr Minh.

Naomi Brammer