



# ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN *stepping out in faith and trust*

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR A 7th June 2020

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John  
*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the



**ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH**

*At St Joseph's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.    Ⓜ  
Blest your glorious holy name.            Ⓜ
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. Ⓜ  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. Ⓜ
3. You are blest who gaze into the depth.    Ⓜ  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.   Ⓜ



### SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

### MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Trinity. The Trinity is a mystery to us and will always remain so Thomas Aquinas put it well when he said, 'The most we can know about God during our present life is that he transcends everything that we can conceive of him.' However, there is nothing wrong with using analogies. Analogies are useful to assist us in both our appreciation of the Trinity and its implications for our lives.

Each Sunday we recite together the Nicene Creed. Its origin comes from when this formula was agreed upon in the city of Nicaea in 325AD. It was not written based on a series of abstract theories. It was based on the experience of the Early Church from the time of Jesus about the life, work, and mission of Jesus Christ and his promise to send the Holy Spirit after he returned to the Father. The early Christians around the time of Jesus were all Jewish. In contrast to the Greeks and the Romans, who believed in many Gods, the early Jewish Christian Community believed in only one God. The early apostles like Peter, John and Mary Magdalene all believed in one God too but with a difference from most of their Jewish contemporaries. They grew in understanding that whilst God was one, he was also God with an inner life at work. Within God there was a life of community and love. An example of this

was the way Jesus addressed his Father as Abba. This was a much less formal term than Father. It speaks of a close intimate relationship based on deep love. As the Early Christian community grew to accept both non-Jews as well as Jews into their community, baptism into the life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, became the point of entry. Once baptized they could all address God as Abba as Jesus had done.

Around 400AD St Augustine wrote a text called the *De Trinitate* where he presents an analogy of the Trinity. God is three: mind (Father), self-knowledge (Son) and self-love (Spirit). The one mind does not split into three but rather the mind subsists in three modalities or relations. This means that God is one but subsists in a play of relationships, of give and take, of breathing in and breathing out. Whilst this may sound abstract, this is something we do ourselves on some level. An example is where through either a series a conversations with a close friend, a counsellor, or a spiritual director we come to know ourselves better and this in turn leads to greater self-love. We remain as one but there is an inner life at work within us. This is a natural occurrence as we are all made in the image and likeness of God.

If we reflect upon the Trinity for long enough, we come to understand its implications for our lives. God as a community of persons of life and love calls us to do the same in our lives in terms of both our relationship with God and with one another. The first words we say in the Creed on a Sunday is 'I believe...' This comes from the Latin *Credo* which essentially means I give my heart. This means the words I believe is something that I not only profess with my lips but is also accompanied by concrete acts of love for both God and other people. In today's Gospel we hear the words from Jesus, 'God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that all who believe may have eternal life.' These words remind us of God's total self-giving to us. As people of faith made in God's image, our role is to be an image of God's love to the world. We do that when we give our hearts completely to God and to one another. In our Second Reading today St Paul reminds us that this means we are to constantly strive for perfection by living in unity and peace and being willing to help one another.

## **VOLUNTEERS TO NURSING HOMES & TO HOME OF PARISHIONERS— FLU INJECTION**

On the May 1st 2020 it became compulsory for anyone entering an aged care facility to have been vaccinated against flu.

I would like to extend this requirement to all volunteers who visit Nursing Homes and homes of parishioners in the Parish.

While many of you may have the flu vaccine routinely, some of you may not.

If you require the vaccination as a result of volunteering in these ministries, could you please have the vaccination when you feel comfortable venturing out to a doctor's surgery.

Also the parish will require evidence that you have been vaccinated, the equivalent of a medical certificate. Doctor surgeries should have a pro forma for this. I am unsure of when we will be able to return to physical visits.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

**Fr. Alan**



# MESSAGE FROM FR ALAN



## **Weekday and weekend Masses**

Just a reminder that the Church is now permitted to hold services for up to **20 people**. These mass times are listed in this bulletin.

All the restrictions around these masses remain in place. All parishioners are invited to register through trybooking on this link—<https://www.trybooking.com/BJWBA> or by contacting the Parish Office on 0401 112 380 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) for **one weekend Mass and one weekday Mass** during the period 1 June-22 June. The Parish is still required to accurately record the details of everyone who attends Mass. Therefore, any parishioner wishing to attend Mass in this period **must register beforehand** by no later than 9.00am on the previous business day. It is recommended that bookings be made as early as possible.

Should you need to cancel a booking please do so by giving the Parish Office 24 hours Notice, where possible, in order to give another parishioner the opportunity to attend Mass on that day.

Places of worship are currently being inspected by Victorian Police. The chances of our Parish receiving either a visit or a phone call from the police are very strong. Our Parish has been assured by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's COVID-19 Helpdesk that we are 100% compliant with the measures we currently have in place.

## **My Homilies Online**

I continue doing a pre-recorded homily each week. Please click on <https://vimeo.com/425352900> should you wish to view this.

## **Assisting International Students**

Donations have started to trickle in. I thank those parishioners who have already made contributions. Anyone wishing to donate goods can place them in the box located on the verandah near the front door of the parish office. I would like to draw your attention to the list of non-perishable items that would prove to be most useful at this time. Please post any donations of grocery cards to the Parish Office.

Have a good week and please stay safe.

**Fr. Alan**

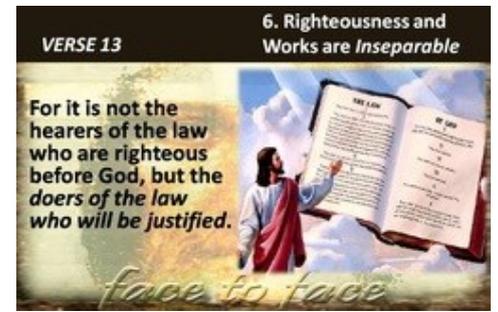


Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Readings: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matt 5: 17-19

### TEACH ABOUT THE LAW

When Jesus spoke about fulfilling the law in today's Gospel, he refers to completing the law according to the purpose in which it was made that is, justice or righteousness. Faithfulness to this command is about following the letter of the law for all the right reasons. Ultimately it is about following the path that leads us to a deeper relationship with Christ.



Thursday 11th June 2020

Feast of St Barnabas

Readings: Acts 11:21-26,13:1-3; Matt 5:20-26

### TEACHING ABOUT ANGER



In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about anger. Anger in itself is not wrong. There have been cases in our human history where injustice has been overturned because either someone or a group of people were angry enough to do something about it. The kind of anger Jesus warns against is the type of destructive anger that takes place when we hold grudges against others and refuse to forgive. Jesus prohibits acting out this anger in an inappropriate way.

All of us feel anger. It is what we do with it will determine whether it becomes destructive or becomes a constructive force aimed towards the building up of God's kingdom.

Friday 12th June 2020

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9,11-16; Matt 5:27-32

### TEACHING ABOUT ADULTERY AND DIVORCE

When he was running for President of the United States, Jimmy Carter got himself into trouble one day when being interviewed. During this interview he confessed that he had lusted after other women other than his wife. He considered himself guilty of adultery even though he had not acted on these feelings.

This is the point of today's Gospel When Jesus speaks about adultery, he does not confine this teaching to the actual act itself. He includes permitting ourselves to dwell on feelings that would make such an act possible in the first place. Adultery was a serious matter in the time of Jesus. Severe punishments were handed out. It was possible that someone could be put to death. However, it was mainly women who received these punishments. Jesus in directing his teaching towards men in today's Gospel makes it clear that the call to be faithful is incumbent upon all.



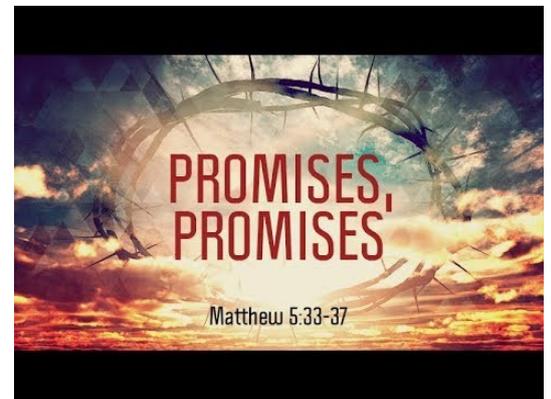
Saturday 13th June 2020

Readings: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matt 5:33-37

### TEACHING ABOUT OATHS

As we know from experience it is difficult to give someone our trust when we know they have lied to us. In today's Gospel Jesus stresses the importance of honesty and sincerity. He is saying let your yes, mean yes and your no, mean no. This demands a commitment from us. There is no room for duplicity and insincerity if we want to live a life of integrity.

Those who value God's word will keep their own word.



## NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS / SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS DONATIONS TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

JoCare is working with a local organisation to support those finding it tough in the present COVID-19 environment. The 100 Coffee Movement exists to help people, organisations and communities build healthy connections. The 100 Coffee Movement are linked with international students and other people who have become marginalised during this pandemic. Through donations of non-perishable pantry items or supermarket gift cards you can support them.



A box will be located on the verandah near the front door of the parish to drop in donations. Supermarket gift cards can be posted to the Parish Office, 47 Stanhope Street, Malvern 3144.

*Thank you to all who have donated good so far.*

*If you would prefer to give your support by giving a supermarket gift card, they can be posted to the Parish Office, 47 Stanhope Street, Malvern 3144.*

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—6.00pm

Sunday—10.00am & 6.00pm

### Weekday Masses

Monday—NO MASS

Tuesday—9.15am

Wednesday—NO MASS

Thursday—9.15am

Friday—NO MASS

Saturday—10.00am

### Reconciliation

by appointment only

## PLEASE NOTE!!

**Mass Intentions are still being taken for weekday and weekend Masses.**



Parish Office is closed until further notice.

Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

### CHURCH OPEN TIMES

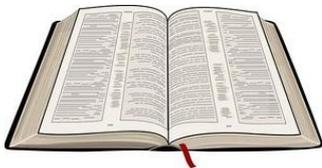
Due to the easing of some restrictions announced by the State Government, the Church, by bookings only, is now open for weekday and weekend Masses. Unfortunately personal visits still not permitted until further notice.

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A)

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**GOSPEL:** John 3:16-18



#### Next Sunday's Readings

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A)**

Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### BAPTISM:

**THE SICK:** John & Marie Horan, Mim Nerlich, Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy, Mal Logan, Anne Peric, Br Paul Smith fsc

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Allan Flowers

#### ANNIVERSARIES:



June 6

June 7

June 9

June 11

June 13

June 14

### MASS INTENTIONS

People of the Parish

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If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

### Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.*