



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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**12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
YEAR A
21st June 2020**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands
of those who are evil.*

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
My opponents will stumble, mastered,
Confounded by their failure;
Everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'



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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. ℞
2. 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. ℞
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.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
The sea and all its living creatures. ℞

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

FEAR OR TRUST?

One day there was a plane which encountered a lot of turbulence on one of its trips. Many passengers were in a state of alarm. However, in the front of the plane there was a little girl who seemed to be perfectly happy. She was reading her book. Her world seemed to be in completely good order. This had been noticed by one of the passengers who met this little girl as they got off the plane. He asked why she did not seem to be worried by the turbulence? She said, 'my dad is the pilot and I always knew he would get us home.'

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that the beginning and the end of Matthew's Gospel emphasizes that God is always with us. This theme is continued in this Sunday's First Reading and Gospel. In the First Reading the prophet Jeremiah is being persecuted because he spoke prophetically to his people. Despite his feelings of isolation, Jeremiah was able to say with confidence, 'But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;' Similarly Jesus said, "Do not be afraid." Jesus assures us that when we seek to do what is right, we are not alone.

We can carry several fears in our lives – fear of failure, fear of financial or material insecurity, fear of disappointing others, fear of being rejected by others, fear of being alone, fear of being insignificant. Whatever our fears are they prevent us from being able to live a peaceful life. Ultimately our fears come from our inability to leave ourselves completely in the hands of God.

How do we get to the point where we can trust God beyond our fears? The answer is through prayer. St Francis De Sales once said, 'Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands you to pray but he forbids you to worry.' When we are tempted to give in to fear we ask God how do you want me to proceed and then we wait. The challenge this week is to 1: Face our fears 2: Bring them to God. 3: Ask God what we should do. 4: Wait and trust him.

The little girl in the story had complete trust in her pilot dad. Do we have enough trust in God? God is not physically present, but his presence is real for those who trust in him. What we need is the confidence of the prophet Jeremiah, who despite the troubles he encountered, continued to commit his cause to the Lord.

God cares enough to keep watch over us. Do we care enough about God to place our trust in him?

MESSAGE FROM FR ALAN



Possible Increase of Numbers to 50

Although at the time of writing this I have received no official confirmation it is anticipated that from Monday June 22nd parishes will be permitted to have 50 people attend each Mass. The first thing I would like to stress is just because we may be able to do it does not mean we have to. We want to be a place of welcome, but we must continue to keep doing it in a way that keeps everyone safe. Registering during business hours, being at the church no later than 10 minutes before mass starts on the day of attendance and letting the parish know if you can't make a mass that you have registered for, all these things ensures that this can happen. Registrations for this next stage will commence on Monday 22nd June at 8am and will be received on a week by week basis. Our capacity to manage this change in terms of human resources will ultimately determine the numbers permitted to attend each mass.

Change of Mass Times

Also, from Monday 22nd June Mass Times will change. There will be only be one weekday mass and two weekend masses available. The weekday Mass will take place on Tuesdays at 9.15am. This will commence on Tuesday 23rd June. The two weekend Masses will be the Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm and Sunday 10.00am commencing from the weekend of 27/28 June. There will be no Sunday 6.00pm Mass after this Sunday 21st June until further notice.

Volunteers Needed

I wish to thank all volunteers who have generously given their time over the past few weeks. They have done a great job in ensuring that the Parish is fulfilling all the necessary health requirements at this time. If we are to accommodate an increase of numbers to 50 and maintain it, more parishioners are needed to come forward to volunteer. The duties will include the checking off of names of those who have registered to attend, ensure that those attending are sanitizing hands upon arrival and are sitting in identifiable social distancing pews, and ensure that the Church is sanitized after each Mass. Volunteers must also be prepared to commit to being there 40 minutes before Mass starts and 30 minutes after Mass concludes for the purposes of cleaning. Like all parish ministries, members are required to have a Working with Children Card. If you are interested, please contact Fr Alan on 94016391 or email agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au

Donation for International Students

Thanks again for all those who contributed goods for International Students. We have had a great response over the past couple of weeks. Please keep the donations coming.

Parish Finances – Thank you

The Parish Finance Committee met (via zoom) last Thursday week. Despite being locked down for several weeks and currently operating under restrictions, contributions to the Parish have remained strong. Thank you for your generosity.

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

BULLETIN POSTED

If you know of someone who does not have the internet, is house bound and would like a bulletin posted to them, please contact Chris at the Parish Office on 0401 112 380 or email-info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au

Thank you to everyone who donated so kindly to our appeal for international students. Your generosity has filled my office, just as well I am working from home. Goods and vouchers will be passed on early next week.

With grateful thanks
Kerri Anne



Father; let me hold Your hand and like a child, walk with You down all my days, secure in Your love and in Your strength.

Thomas a Kempis

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SUPPORTING VINNIES 2020 COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

Last Sunday, 14 June 2020, was the date set aside for the annual St Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL. This year envelopes are not available as in past years due to Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic.

Therefore, the best way to support the appeal is by:

- * Donating online at vinnies.org.au - (and here is the link that takes people straight to the Winter Appeal website - <https://bit.ly/2AFtZt1>)
- * or call with your credit card details on **13 18 12**

Your generosity is appreciated.



Vinnies
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Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Lifting the clouds on PC 2020

Rowan Ireland (SFX Montmorency)

The Australian Plenary Council Assemblies which were to meet at the end of this year and the beginning of next have been postponed for a year because of Covid-19. This gives more time for the Church as a whole (clergy and laity, Church officials and ordinary members) to better shape agendas and procedures leading up to the Council itself.

After the initial enthusiasm for whole Church participation in the first phase of preparation for the Council as shown by the 220,000 responses to questions posed by the steering Committee, it seems that PC 2020 scepticism and/or exhaustion set in. There were too many signs that nothing much would change in respect of governance, the role of women, synodal deliberation on crucial issues in the Church – etc., etc. Groups for change like Catholics for Renewal and the Sense of the Faithful network kept pushing for the sorts of agenda items highlighted in the Joint Parishes statement endorsed by our Parish last year. But those of us involved in these things remained heavy of heart about the will and capacity of our episcopal leaders to entertain the radical changes in Church structures and Church culture to which Pope Francis has been calling us.

Lifting the clouds 1

Recently, however, two things lifted the clouds a little, for me at any rate. First, I read an article in the American National Catholic Reporter (NCR), which hailed the Australian Church as leading the way in a new phase of address to the international sexual abuse crisis. Massimo Faggioli, the author, pointed out that the Church's leaders had accepted the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission on child sexual abuse as applied to the Catholic Church and had taken steps towards addressing the abuse in all aspects of theology and Church governance at all levels. (See Massimo Faggioli article: <https://www.ncronline.org> May 19, 2020.)

That much I knew already. But Faggioli told me more about the review of the Church which the bishops had entrusted to an Implementation Advisory Group which in turn had established a Governance Review Project Team (GRPT). Just more Committees with the same old male clerical players? Well, no. Faggioli himself was invited from overseas to serve as an external advisor to the Team which consisted of 18 members – 14 Australian and global lay Catholics (including women – I'm missing the exact numbers) and

four clergy members. A woman was appointed as the executive officer of the Advisory Group.

The review, a document of over 200 pages, entitled *Light from the Southern Cross*, was presented to the bishops at the end of May. It was to have been kept under wraps while our bishops digested it. The clouds lowered again when I learned that the rank and file of the laity would be denied access and the chance to discuss the report until at least the next bishops' Plenary in November. But the review fell off a bus overseas and interested Australian laypersons can now access it. Two excellent summaries of the review are: 1) Joshua J. McElwee, in NCR, 3 June headed 'Australian bishops' report advocates major changes to church governance'. 2) Richard R. Gaillardetz, "May the Global Church Discover 'Light from the Southern Cross'. Review and analysis of a potentially ground-breaking document on Church governance". I found this scrolling down the list of articles in the weekly newsletter of *Pearls and Irritations*, Saturday 6/06/2020.

Those summaries have lifted some clouds. They show that at least some of our episcopal leaders have realised that deep cultural and structural changes in our Church are necessary to address the trends towards its self-destruction in the next few years. The findings and recommendations must have a massive influence as the agendas for PC2020-22 are drawn up and decisions about delegates to the Assemblies are revised.

Lifting the clouds 2: Reports from the Discernment and Writing Groups

And so too for the other piece of cloud-lifting news. The six thematic papers from the Discernment and Writing Groups which were set up to reflect and report on two stages of consultations for PC2020 were released on Pentecost Sunday. This is not the place to attempt a hurried summary of these papers. Suffice to say that like the *Light from the Southern Cross* Report, the thematic papers provide a basis for far-reaching change in major areas of Church life in Australia – and again, in directions anticipated in the Joint Parishes' statement. But again also, we await the response of our bishops. (See: <https://bit.ly/30qtGxc>)

In the meantime, the materials are all on the table (or at least on the web) equipping rank and file members of the Church to participate with energy rekindled by hope, in framing agendas for the Plenary Council and voicing 'the sense of the faithful' on the issues it will consider. It really is up to us: Synodality, which Pope Francis has called for, remains an empty slogan for as long as we ordinary Catholics do not stir ourselves out of PC 2020 scepticism!

Sense of the Faithful website

One way to get going again is to visit the website www.senseofthefaithful.org.au, and to sign up as a subscriber (no money involved!). This entitles you to regular updates in the form of e-newsletters on PC 2020 and all matters relating to it. On the website itself you will also find information on what is going on in our Church, from our parishes in Australia to the international scene. Among the various sections of the site, you will find one called 'urgent current issues' for discussion. The issues on which discussion is currently initiated are: Advancement of the role of women; Can the PC become truly representative; How should the PC respond to the environmental crisis; The Church and the PC after coronavirus.

Over to you/us!

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—6.00pm
Sunday—10.00am

Weekday Masses

Monday—NO MASS
Tuesday—9.15am
Wednesday—NO MASS
Thursday—NO MASS
Friday—NO MASS

Reconciliation

by appointment only

PLEASE NOTE!!

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



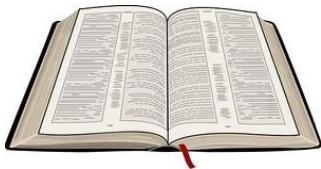
Parish Office is closed until further notice.
Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

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.

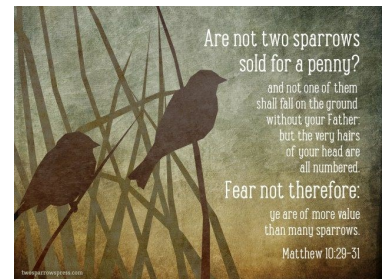
12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13
SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33



Next Sunday's Readings

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16
Romans 6:3-4.8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nicholas & Theresa Sebastian, John Scott, Aline Nazzari

MASS INTENTIONS

June 20	Nicholas & Theresa Sebastian (an)
June 21	John Scott (an)
June 21	People of the Parish
June 23	Aline Nazzari (an)
June 27	People of the Parish
June 28	People of the Parish

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or 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.