



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 5th July 2020

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Zechariah  
*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding in a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horse from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

**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: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. ℞
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. ℞
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. ℞
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. ℞

## SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

# FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

## ENTERING GOD'S REST

The yoke when put on oxen had to be carefully made and fitted otherwise the oxen would experience pain and distress. As a carpenter Jesus would have been very familiar with the importance of this. He would have made yokes for the oxen and knew that when they were correctly made the yoke eased the burden of the oxen. Jesus uses this image for God. He tells his audience that his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. All we need to do is accept his invitation to come to him and when we do, we will find rest.

However, we must play our part if we wish to enter the rest of God. Firstly, we need to be open. This is what Jesus means when he refers to "mere children." Jesus is not advocating anti-intellectualism when he talks about "hiding these things from the learned and the clever". He is talking about an attitude where a person is so full of their own opinions that they cannot be told anything. They are not open to the idea that they can learn more. There is no room for God in their lives because they do not believe in the promises of Jesus. "Mere children" are those who are ready to learn, who want to follow Jesus and accept his teachings and who seek to live their lives according to those teachings. All these things are based on a childlike trust in God.

Secondly, we must be forgiving. Holding grudges is a heavy burden to carry. It takes up a lot of energy. When we feel tempted not to forgive let us turn our attention to Jesus who forgave his enemies from the cross. Jesus was gentle and humble in heart until death.

Thirdly, we must rid ourselves of unnecessary distractions and decide to spend some time with God in our lives. A simple example of this is to ask ourselves 'how much time do I spend on my computer, or on social media or on my phone? How do we find peace if we do not spend some time with Jesus in prayer?

If we accept Jesus' invitation it will not remove all the burdens of life but if we come to Jesus, we will find that the yoke we must bear will sit easily on our shoulders. If we ever wonder 'there must be something more to life than this', Jesus offers us that something more. If we go to him, we will find rest.

# MESSAGE FROM FR ALAN



## Registering for weekday and weekend Masses

On Tuesday afternoon 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 the State Government announced that the 10 identified “hotspot areas” of Melbourne would return to lockdown. This means all places of worship in those areas will have to close again. This is deeply concerning and reinforces our own need to be vigilant at this time.

Just another reminder that any parishioner who wishes to attend mass in the parish is most welcome. Please <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=638981&> if you would like to attend a Mass. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the Parish Office on 0401 112 380 or [by email](#). Registration remains a necessity.

As mentioned last week parishioners are to register **only once** for the Sunday 10.00am Mass during the period (June 23-July 12). There is no limit on registering for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, Sunday 6.00pm Mass or the weekday mass on Tuesdays at 9.15am during this period. The number that can attend a Mass is **limited to 20** until further notice.

Thanks again for your patience and cooperation with all of this.

## International Students

Also, the Parish is still taking donations for non-perishable goods for International Students. These donations can be placed in a box outside the Presbytery door. I check this box regularly and will ensure that all donations reach their rightful destination. Any donations of vouchers can be placed through the postbox which is at the right side of the Presbytery front door.

## Meeting via zoom

Also, I continue to meet with interested parishioners (via zoom) on Thursday afternoons at 5.00pm. This consists of a reading of Sunday’s Gospel, shared reflection on the reading, prayers of the faithful and a blessing. Please let me know if you would like to join and I will send you a zoom invitation. There is no need to have a zoom account. All that needs to be done is to click on the link that I send.

## Leading a Missionary Parish

4 interactive sessions are offered on this topic commencing Thursday 2nd July. Four global leaders will present each week over a four week period. Please email me on [aqibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:aqibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) if you would like to register.

# LEADING A *Missionary Parish*



inspiring voices from  
the universal church

Missionary parishes transform lives and yield a growing army of disciples for whom worship and sacraments come to life and whose ministry and service flourishes.

You are invited to a series of interactive sessions with global leaders in missionary parish renewal.

From the fireside comfort of your home, be inspired by a hope-filled vision for your parish and discuss practical ideas with fellow leaders.

## First four fortnightly sessions 8.00pm - 9.15pm

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| Thu 02 July   | Awakening your heart for mission<br>with Fr Stephen Langridge                      |
| Thu 16 July   | The hope that does not disappoint<br>with Dr Mary Healy                            |
| Thu 30 July   | The father's heart: a vision for missionary renewal<br>with Fr James Mallon        |
| Thu 13 August | Evangelii Gaudium: Organising ourselves for mission<br>with Bishop Nicholas Hudson |

**VENUE** Zoom (link will be emailed to you upon registration)

**REGISTER** [www.trybooking.com/BKDAZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BKDAZ)

Due to limited capacity, Parish priests are invited to attend with two of their lay leaders. Further sessions are planned for 27 Aug and 10 Sep.

**ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE**

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously donated goods and vouchers to the international students we were supporting. Twenty-five families were provided with a care package last week. The 100 Coffee Movement whom we teamed with picked up the goods, packed the goods into care packages and delivered them to the students.

We are still collecting, the need is ongoing, so if you can slip a couple of extra groceries in your trolley and drop them off at the parish office, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support. Kerri Anne

We received the following messages of thanks:

***"Thank you so much... God bless you and your family always, this means so much. It's like having sunshine in the middle of the storm, thank you"***

***"Thank you so much, you saved our food for 2 whole weeks"***

***"My husband and I really appreciate your kindness"***

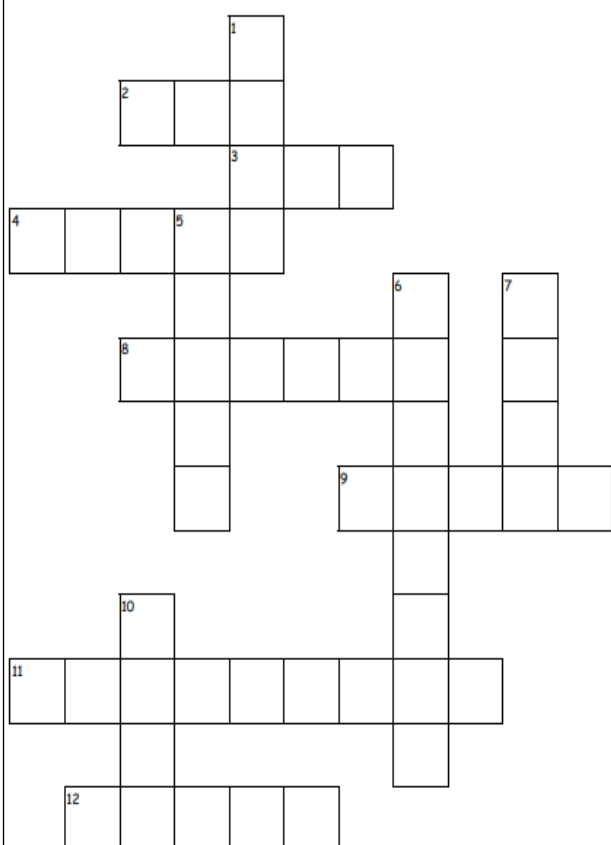
***"I've just got the food, thank you so much"***



### CROSSWORD

If you are burdened, I will give you rest

Mt 11:25-30



#### Across

- 2: the first number
- 3: a mother and father's male offspring
- 4: something that is not heavy
- 8: Jesus said, "the only one who truly knows the \_\_\_\_\_ is the Son"
- 9: you go to sleep when you feel like this
- 11: Jesus said "Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your \_\_\_\_\_"
- 12: what you do when someone is teaching you

#### Down

- 1: to take a break and relax
- 5: something that weighs a lot
- 6: plain, nothing special
- 7: someone who has wisdom is this
- 10: a harness worn by two animals

## 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.



### Items:

- Rice
  - Pasta
  - Pasta sauce
  - Dried lentils
  - Canned tuna
  - Canned beans, chick peas etc
  - Long life milk
  - Soap
  - Toothpaste
  - Toilet paper
  - Paper Hand towel
  - Other non-perishable that you may find useful
- \$20.00 Supermarket gift card



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.

We thank you for your support. Many people are finding this pandemic a tough time and your donation will make life a little easier for those facing difficulties. Donations and gift cards will be given directly to those in need.

Any questions please call the JoCare office: Phone 0403 572 440 or email:  
[jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)



# 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—NO MASS  
Friday—NO MASS

## Reconciliation

by appointment only

## PLEASE NOTE!!

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



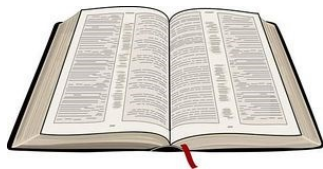
Parish Office is closed until further notice.  
Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

## CHURCH OPEN TIMES

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

## 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**FIRST READING:** Zechariah 9:9-10  
**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:9.11-13  
**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:25-30



### Next Sunday's Readings

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Isaiah 55:10-11  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23



## 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:

Maria & Anthony Cimino, Nadine Therese Livera



## MASS INTENTIONS

July 4 People of the Parish  
July 5 Maria & Anthony Cimino (an)  
July 5 People of the Parish  
July 7  
July 11  
July 12 Nadine Therese Livera (an)  
July 12 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](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.*