



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## **18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A** **2nd August 2020**

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

**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.*

## SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



### 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](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

## ST JOSEPH'S REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

St Joseph's Refugee Support Group wishes to extend sincere thanks to the Malvern Chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society for a recent donation of Coles shopping vouchers. We have been able to distribute these vouchers to the households we visit and support and know they will be received with much delight. These people are living with great uncertainty and the goodwill of generous people makes a real difference to them.



# FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

## SATISFYING OUR HUNGER

Last Wednesday week I, along with 5 members of the Parish Pastoral Council, attended a meeting (via zoom) joining parishioners from Ringwood North Parish. During this meeting we watched the first video from the Alpha Series 'Is there more to life than this?' In this 21-minute film there were a couple of quotes from famous people which I found to be quite noteworthy. The first one was from the actor Jim Carrey who once said, 'I wish that everyone could get rich and famous and have everything they ever dreamed of so that they would know that's not the answer.'

The story of the loaves and the fishes is the one story that can be found in all 4 Gospels. When I reflected on this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew, I thought about Jim Carrey's words in the light of these words from the Gospel "they all had as much as they wanted." I took these words as meaning far more than Jesus simply satisfying their empty stomachs. These words mean Jesus can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. There is nothing wrong with wanting nice things so long as we understand that none of those things can achieve that. If those things become the focus of our lives what we will discover is that we are never satisfied. We will always want more.

The second story from this Alpha Series was about Freddie Mercury, the lead singer from the rock group Queen. During his life he amassed a huge fortune and attracted millions of fans. Yet in an interview just before his death he admitted that he was desperately lonely. He said, 'You can have everything and still be the loneliest man and that's the most bitter type of loneliness. Success has brought me world idolisation and millions of pounds, but it prevented me from having the one thing we all need, a loving ongoing relationship.'

Ultimately there is only one relationship that is ongoing and totally loving and goes on forever and that is a loving relationship with God. It is only God who can fill up the empty spaces in our lives. St Augustine spent the first part of his life believing that happiness would come through the fulfilment of earthly desires but ultimately found that those things left him with feelings of emptiness and loneliness from within. He wrote, 'you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you' The First Reading urges to listen to what God is offering us. If we do this our souls will live. All of us at some stage have that niggling feeling at some time, 'there has got to be something more to life than this.' This Gospel story of the five loaves and the two fish tells us that if we offer to God what we can our offering will be multiplied. The empty spaces inside of us will be filled and we will find that we will have more than enough.

## MESSAGE FROM FR ALAN



### My Cry Is To All That Live

I mentioned in the bulletin a few weeks ago that I had ordered the book *My Cry Is To All That Live* by Mary R. Burke on behalf of the parish. I am pleased to advise that the book arrived from Garrett Publishing during this past week and will be placed in the parish library. I have included a book review on this book by Lisa Bright. Lisa works in the Diocese of Parramatta NSW and is well known to me. She worked closely with the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in the lead up to World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008. I recommend her article in this week's bulletin to you.

### Financial Support to the Parish

I want to thank you for your continued financial support to the Parish. Considering that the Church has been mostly shut since mid-March your support is truly outstanding.

### Zoom Meetings

Apart from the usual Thursday afternoon meetings at 5.00pm I wish to offer a second time to any parishioner who wishes to connect. That will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am. The gathering lasts for 15-20 minutes and consists of reading next Sunday's Gospel, Gospel sharing, prayers of the faithful and a closing blessing. Please let me know if you wish to join me and I will send you a zoom invitation.

Fr Alan

### **COMBINED CHARITIES APPEAL**

Our 2020 Combined Charities Appeal will take on a different format this year.

We are asking you to click on the link for CDFpay to make your donation.

LINK: [CDFpay for St Joseph's Parish, Malvern](#)

The following Church Organisations will be the recipients: **CatholicCare and Propagation of the Faith.**

**Please Note:** that the money will be divided equally between both organisations.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation please put in an envelope and mark on the front "**Combined Charities Appeal**" and drop off at the Parish Office.



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

**Feast of St Dominic**

**Readings: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36**

### **WHERE IS MY FOCUS**

John Wesley spoke about the time that inspired him most to be a missionary. He was on a boat and the sea became very rough. Everyone was in a panic, except for these Moravian Missionaries who were on their way to Germany. He said they had spent the journey praying and singing and they kept on doing this through the worst of these choppy waters. He said observing them inspired him to want the kind of faith they had. In contrast to everyone else whose focus was on the rough seas; these Moravian missionaries kept their focus on God.

In the Gospel today Jesus invites Peter amid a heavy sea to come to him across the water. This journey began well because Peter's focus was on the Lord but when he lost this and focused on other things he began to sink.

Today we are called to fix our eyes on Jesus. Focusing on him will see us safely through the "rough seas" of life.



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Feast of St John Vianney**

**Readings:**

**Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22;**

**Matthew 15:1-2,10-14**



### **WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE?**

In Today's Gospel Jesus tells that it is inside of a person that determines who they really are. Today we celebrate the Feast of St John Vianney. He was born at a difficult period in the history of France. Although he missed the height of the French Revolution anti-religion and anti-church feeling still ran very high. St. John Vianney was not gifted academically and therefore struggled with his studies. During his priesthood he experienced a period where he was the recipient of hostility by other priests. Yet through it all St John Vianney did not waver. He lived out his priesthood with vigour, love and great devotion and as a result he was loved by the people he served. Jesus criticized the Pharisees and Scribes because even though externally they have looked good, they had not internalized any of those qualities.

At the end of the Gospel Jesus speaks about the blind leading the blind. We are called to see with the eyes of faith as to what is most essential. It is not what others see that matters but rather what is really going on inside of us. Hopefully, we have internalized the Gospel in such a way that we too seek to serve God and others in our own lives as St John Vianney did in his.



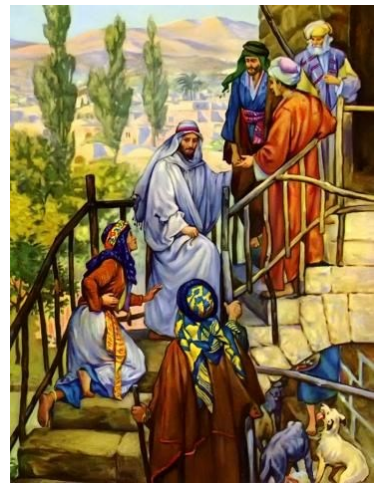
**Wednesday 5th August 2020**

**Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28**

### **PERSISTENCE**

Today's Gospel is about a Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to heal her demon-possessed child. Firstly, it is ironic that it was this Canaanite woman who called Jesus 'Lord' and 'Son of David' whilst the scribes and Pharisees did not. Even by just these designations, she is already manifesting her faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Even though it seemed that Jesus was ignoring her at first, she was persistent. The result was Jesus granted her request because she showed great faith when it was being tested.

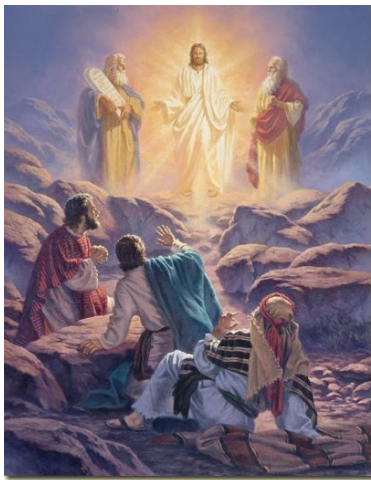
Are we persistent in our faith or do we become easily discouraged when it seems our pleas to God are not immediately answered? Is Jesus the Lord of our lives or do we permit other things to reign supreme?



**Thursday 6th August 2020**

**Feast of the Transfiguration**

**Readings: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Matthew 17:1-9**



### **HOW WELL DO I KNOW JESUS?**

A well-known actor was honoured at a banquet. At the end of the dinner he was asked to do a recitation for the pleasure of his guests. He asked them what would they like to hear? An old clergyman stood up and asked him if he would recite the twenty third psalm. The actor agreed to do so on one condition and that was if this clergyman would stand up and read it after him. The clergyman agreed. The actor read the twenty third psalm and there was great applause. The clergyman stood up and read the twenty third psalm and there was not a dry eye in the place by the time he had finished. The actor

stood up again and told the audience, 'when I read, I touched your eyes and ears, but this man touched your hearts. I know the twenty third psalm, but this man knows the shepherd.'

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a very high mountain where he was transfigured in his presence. He reveals to them his divinity because he did not want them to just know about him, he wanted them to know he really was. This was reinforced by the Father's words, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'.

The question for us today is how well do I know Jesus? Is he someone who I know something about or is he the beloved of my life?

**Friday 7th August 2020**

**Readings: Nahum 2:1,3 3:1-3,6-7; Matthew 16:24-28**

### **THE CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Today's Gospel is very confronting. Jesus tells us that if we wish to be his disciples then we must renounce ourselves. The word renounce here means to utterly disown. In other words, we are called to disown ourselves. This is the great paradox of the Gospel. It is in losing ourselves that we find ourselves. This is what the death and resurrection of Jesus is all about. New life can be found but for that to happen a death must take place first. What needs to die in me so that I may become a wholehearted follower of Jesus?



Saturday 8th August 2020

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 6:25-34



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop spent her adult life providing education to underprivileged children. The Gospel calls us to trust God and in doing so is not calling us to take a passive stance. St Mary MacKillop spoke of leaving everything in the hands of God but a study of her life reveals that she was very active in all kinds of ways. She was relentless in pursuing a vision she was convinced that she had received from God. In the Gospel Jesus tells us “do not worry” St Mary

MacKillop had plenty of worries but her vision transcended whatever anxiety she may have felt. Even when she was excommunicated her belief that God had a plan remained intact.

This Feast Day reminds us of the importance of seeing God’s will in our lives and to trust that he will provide the means for us to carry it out despite whatever obstacles might seem to stand in our way.



### Kit – KEEP IN TOUCH

Missing Mass and contact with other parishioners?  
If you’d like to catch up for a chat with some of your fellow parishioners, feel free to contact any of us below:

- Rosie Coulthard 0422 611 522
- John Davies 0418 596 983
- Lucia Mac 0405 231 207
- Damian Coleridge 0407 330 404



### REQUEST BY CABRINI OUTREACH FOR SEWING OF FACEMASKS

JoCare have been approached by Cabrini Outreach who run several programs for Asylum seekers to see if anyone can sew face masks for Asylum seekers.

If you are a sewer, fledging or otherwise, and are able to make a few extra cloth masks please drop them either at 47 Stanhope Street, Malvern (place them in the grocery box) or to 154 Wattletree Road Malvern, (almost opposite Lincraft). Reception is on the 1st floor. The address at Wattletree Road means you would not have to enter a hospital during lockdown.

Any size, colour, pattern that you are able to sew, is fine. If you have any questions or are able to help please contact Kerri Anne at [jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) or 0403 572 440. Along with the donations to International Students this represents another outreach opportunity for the parish at this time.



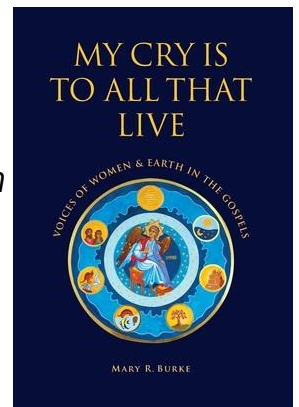
ThisDay's Smile  
Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other—it doesn't matter who it is—and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other.  
*Mother Teresa*

# Book Review: My Cry is to All That Live

By Lisa Bright, 30 May 2020

Book Review – Mary R. Burke, *My Cry is to All That Live: Voices of Women & Earth in the Gospels*, Freedom Publishing Books, 2020, ISBN 9780648566182.

I was intrigued when invited to review Mary Burke's *My Cry is to All That Live: Voices of Women & Earth in the Gospels* (Freedom Publishing Books, 2020), as the book moved outside of my normal interests. I don't often explore an ecofeminist point of view and I wasn't sure that I would find this book relatable. Yet from the preface, I was hooked. It promised to offer a refreshing exploration of the Gospels through the lens of today's world. From its rich and original iconography, through to imaginary conversations with female characters or nature itself, this book did not disappoint.



Burke writes: "The origins of this book lie in my experience of wanting to speak a word of hope, of meaning and of life to my sisters who have left the institutional Church, who have consciously or otherwise joined Lilith in her refusal to live under patriarchal rule." This intention is clearly fulfilled in the book sharing insights – often new to me – about women and ecology in scripture and offers an alternate context in which to consider these Gospel passages.

This book can be enjoyed as a straight read, but also works as an inspirational resource for a weekly community gathering, as each of its short chapters stands alone. Its chapters adhere to a basic pattern of a scripture passage followed by background context and reflection. The scripture passage always includes women in its content. The background offers the context of the scripture and highlights passages or words through a female or ecological perspective. The reflections vary from chapter to chapter, from poetry and letters, to imaginary monologues or dialogues featuring the main characters of the Gospel passage.

I was captivated by the variety of literary forms. They offer new and contemporary messages, often expressed in the language of our current time. Some of the reflections juxtapose the traditional story in a modern setting and invite the reader to think deeply about what the Gospel passage means for us in the here and now. Burke, an Australian author, incorporates a notably Australian flavour in the book, which both surprised and excited me. To read a book of faith often employing our Australian vernacular left me smiling, as I enjoyed biblical characters speaking with an Australian accent and exchanging phrases particular to our culture. Such creativity makes for a very relatable and enjoyable text.

At times, the work is confronting in its language and original thought. For instance, having Maltese heritage with a strong devotion to Mary, Mother of God, I audibly gasped when I read the reflection titled, "Mary objects..." I have often reflected on Mary's 'Yes' at the Annunciation and sometimes wondered: What if Mary said no?

However, until now, I cannot recall exploring a reflection of the thought process Mary may have gone through. Burke offers original insights, through the lens of today, of what Mary could have been thinking at different times in her life. For example, I have never encountered a reflection imagining Mary's agitation regarding the amount of devotion offered towards her. Some readers may find the whole concept affronting to think that Mary, the Mother of God had any doubts at the time of Gabriel's visit, or someone would dare question Mary's perfection. I found it comforting, especially as a woman and a mother.

The female voice features strongly throughout. Burke reminds us, through the monologues and dialogues, that the Gospel texts were written by males in and for a male-dominated culture. I don't believe Burke is berating the male authors but inviting the reader to look deeper into the Gospel passages with an open mind and a healthy level of enquiry. Therefore, this read is not only for women. Rather, the reflections offer examples from a woman's point of view, from both female and male voices. The voice of Sophia – wisdom



- is a defining feature of the book, with Sophia accompanying the reader throughout their journey with the text.

The title of the book, *My Cry is To All That Live* is not only the cry of Sophia but the cry of lost voices (Proverbs 8:4). The title itself invites the question: who are all that live? Women and men alike. And “all that live” expands beyond a consideration of only human life. Whilst the name of Sophia is not explicit in every chapter, the reader is accompanied by this voice of wisdom, inviting them to be open to the cries of lost voices.

For instance, we hear a story of a woman experiencing domestic violence. Another of a refugee woman. And others from women questioning their portrayal in scripture. All these stories invite the reader to move from a place of complacency to a place of challenge. Through Burke’s creative writing, how is wisdom calling us to hear the cries of all that live?

Similarly, the emphatic cry from the earth resonates strongly. *My Cry is to All That Live* includes the voice of creation loud and clear. Paralleling the human cry, there is commentary from Mother Earth herself, from many displaced or dismissed fauna, the cry of death and destruction of the natural features of our world such as the Great Barrier Reef and the Amazon, or the depravation of oxygen in the waters of the Murray-Darling basin. These cries of the earth are not only somewhere far away, but in our own country. I could not help but be moved by the stark reality of the cry of Mother Nature. The reflections offer permission to think creatively about the Gospel to include its message to the earth.

The intertwining of the human and the non-human cries – of all that live – is brought together beautifully in the epilogue in a conversation between human, earth and Sophia. The human story is connected to the story of creation and our story of faith is connected to the scientific view of the world. Together, these stories create a whole. As such, one of the strongest features of this book is its insistence that we be creative and open-minded in the way we encounter Gospel passages – “to be read and heard in (the) context of connection and communion with the whole.” Encouraged by wisdom, the reader is commissioned to ‘Wake Up’, listen to this holistic story and heed the cries to make a positive difference for generations to come.

The book not only offers a feast for the mind and heart, but for the eyes. Beautiful iconography introduces each chapter. As Burke explains, “Some of the icons that accompany the Scripture passages are traditional, well-known icons while others have been created as there are no examples of them with the tradition.” The reader is invited to reflect with a given icon as another entry point into a given scripture.

*My Cry is To All That Live* is most exciting because of its versatility. As I read the book, I imagined all the ways it could be enjoyed in book clubs, faith community settings, high schools, youth groups or young adult groups, adult faith formation settings or simply within friends pondering faith and life. The invitation to think creatively, to be open to different interpretations of scripture, to hear the voice of the earth, opens so many avenues for further discussion. The gift of Burke’s work is that it has the potential to offer so much to so many and is a resource that can be employed many times over.

Burke has created a captivating experience that invites and challenges the reader to hear the voices that are often lost amongst the louder voices of our world and our Church. Accompanied by Sophia, the voice of wisdom, may all who read this book be inspired by Mary and the words that she gives to the lost voices of our world.

Lisa Bright is the Project Officer for the Pastoral Planning Office for the Diocese of Parramatta.

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# 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:  
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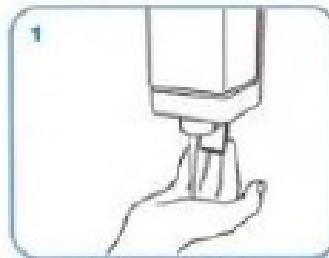
# How to handwash Catholic Style!



30-45 second wash time



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I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,



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and in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord,



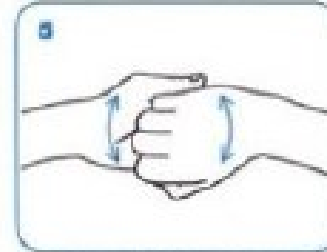
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who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,



3  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;



4  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose  
again from the dead;



5  
He ascended into heaven,



6  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;



7  
from there He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.



8  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,



9  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,



10  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.



11  
Amen.

*Clean hands are life savers*

*... but prayers save souls!*

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—MASS ONLINE  
Sunday—NO MASS

## Weekday Masses

Monday—NO MASS  
Tuesday—MASS ONLINE  
Wednesday—MASS ONLINE  
Thursday—MASS ONLINE  
Friday—MASS ONLINE

## Reconciliation

by appointment only

## PLEASE NOTE!!

All Mass Intentions are being said by Fr Alan each morning at a private Mass.



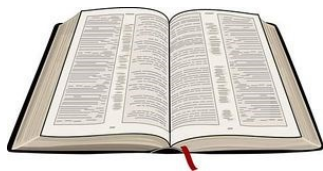
Parish Office is closed until further notice.  
Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

## CLOSURE OF CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Due to the new restrictions announced by the Victorian State Government on Tuesday 7th July 2020, it is with much regret that the Church needs to close for the next 6 weeks. Unfortunately this means personal visits to the Church are not permitted until further notice.

## 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55:1-3  
**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:35.37-39  
**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:13-21



### Next Sunday's Readings

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
1 Kings 19:9.11-13  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:22-33



## 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:

Richard Russell, Doris Elias

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st August	Richard Russell (an)
Sunday 2nd August	People of the Parish
Tuesday 4th August	
Wednesday 5th August	Asher Brand (Int)
Thursday 6th August	Carlo Cimino (Int)
Friday 7th August	Doris Elias (an)

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention, please call the Paris 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.*