



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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**28th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR A
11th October 2020**



FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*St Joseph's Malvern is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children,
young people and vulnerable adults.*

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



MESSAGE FROM FR ALAN



International Students

Once again it is great to see so many donations coming through. Please keep them coming.

Memorial Mass

Unfortunately, we cannot celebrate the annual Memorial Mass the way we have in past years. However, I feel that we should try and do the next best thing. Therefore, the Memorial Mass will take place on Wednesday 28th October at 10.00am in the Church. It will be pre-recorded and up on the parish website by midday at the latest on that same day. If you would like a loved one remembered at this Mass would you please contact Chris on either 0401 112 380 or info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au.

Virtual Community Gathering

I wish to invite everyone in the parish community to a community gathering (via zoom) next Sunday 18th October 2020 at 11.00am. This would normally be the time when we would have morning after the Sunday 10.00am Mass. Please click on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88114277859> should you wish to attend. If you would like to receive a personal invitation please email me on agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au. Our first gathering had seven people in attendance and went well. It is an informal gathering where anyone attending is free to stay for as little or as long as they like. Please consider “attending.”

Zoom Gatherings on Thursday afternoons

I continue to meet with interested parishioners on a Thursday afternoon for a reading of the Gospel, shared reflections, prayers of intercession and a blessing. Anyone is welcome to join. The link for the gathering on Thursday 15th October is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86520844375>

Fr Alan

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



FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

PUTTING ON CHRIST

In the Rite of Baptism of Baptism for Children we have a prayer known as the Clothing with the White Garment. A garment is placed on the child accompanied by the following prayer: 'N. you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.'

Here at St Joseph's Malvern we place a white stole on the child during our baptism ceremonies. It is always interesting to observe how the child reacts. Some just accept it. Others take hold of it and immediately throw it off. Both reactions are noteworthy in the light of this Sunday's Gospel.

Today in our Gospel we hear about the man who was thrown out because he was not wearing a wedding garment. Perhaps we may wonder, why was the host so upset over this man's clothes? If he were a traveller how could he be expected to have a fine wedding garment? However, this parable is not about wearing clothes. It is about wearing Jesus Christ. The man who came without the proper clothes is the one who was Christian in name only. He was happy to accept the Lord's invitation but refused to exercise his responsibility in the Christian community. They refused to put on Christ throughout their lives. Unlike an infant at a baptism ceremony who does not know any better, the decision to throw the garment away was a conscious one.

Do we put on Christ in our lives? Are we prepared to put on Christ in our homes, our workplaces and in the social settings we find ourselves? Do we live out our baptismal call by showing good example to others? Or are we sometimes guilty of taking off Christ out of fear of being unpopular or being too preoccupied with other things? Are we happy to put on Christ when something good is going in our Christian community but then just as quickly take off Christ the moment we discover that being part of a Christian community is going to make demands of us?

The call to put on Christ in our lives means that we always need to be prepared to give evidence to our Christian beliefs so that all may see the outward signs of our Christian dignity.

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANINISATION OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. To order: call 02 8912 2777 or go to www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book



VINCENTIAN MISSIONS APPEAL

Until the weekend of 10/11 October we will be holding our annual appeal for your support of the Vincentian Missions in Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

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

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

Or you can leave your donation at the Parish Office or post to 47 Stanhope Street, Malvern 3144.



St Joseph's Parish Malvern

will be holding our

Annual Memorial Mass

on

Wednesday 28th October 2019

10.00am

St Joseph's Church

This Mass will be pre-recorded and put on the parish website

An invitation is extended to all parishioners and their families who have lost a family member or dear friend during the past year, or to anyone who would like a loved one to be remembered, to join us.

Please contact Chris on 0401 112 380 or info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au, so that a candle and card can be arranged for your loved one.

in loving memory

Monday 12th October 2020

Readings: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27,31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Do not be a sign seeker

In today's Gospel we are warned against becoming sign seekers. Sign seekers are not seeking to grow in faith but rather are merely looking to have their curiosity satisfied. Sign seekers are demanding that God perform for them and God just will not do it. This is not witchcraft. The Queen of Sheba in the Old Testament was a foreigner and yet she came to hear the wisdom of Solomon to deepen her understanding of who God is.

Jesus told them the miracle that they were to look for was his resurrection from the dead, but they had to wait. It would happen in God's time. Jonah going inside the whale for three days before emerging again symbolized Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We are called by faith to enter into his mystery. It means dying to the old. It means rising from those things in our lives that should be put to death. The reason we should do it is the greatness and power of God which exceeds the wisdom of Solomon or the power of Jonah' preaching of repentance. If we are prepared to let go of the old then God will work that sign of resurrection in our lives.

Do we believe that there is something greater than what is immediately in front of us or are we sometimes guilty of looking for signs?



Tuesday 13th October 2020

Readings: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
What matters most

Both readings today emphasise that what matters most is not external observances but rather how we live out our lives. In the First Reading St Paul tells his audience that it is not circumcision that matters most in the eyes of God but rather faith that makes its power felt through love. Likewise, in the Gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees that external cleanliness is no substitute for having a clean heart. When he did not observe the prescribed religious laws for washing Jesus' response was to emphasise the importance of interior cleanliness.

St Paul's words about faith that makes its power felt through love speaks about the importance of us giving evidence of our faith. There are 3 ways in which we can do this. Firstly, Charity in word. Do our words about others seek to lift them or bring them down? Secondly, charity in thought. We cannot help it if an uncharitable thought enters our head, but we can do something about whether it remains there or not. We are called to see the presence of Christ in everyone. Thirdly, charity in action. It is not enough to think or speak well of others. We are also called to do good for others. In some ways we are limited in how we can do this at present. However, this time can also represent new opportunities for doing this. All we need to do is to keep our hearts open and God will help us in this.

As Jesus reminds us what matters most? Clean hands or a clean mind and heart?



Wednesday 14th October 2020

Readings: Galatians 5:18-25;

Luke 11:42-46

What motivates us?

Jesus strongly rebukes the Pharisees and lawyers in today's Gospel because their religious practices did not spring from the love of God. Instead of pointing people in the direction of God they used religion to try and draw attention to themselves. The lawyers were guilty of dividing the Ten Commandments and precepts into thousands of tiny rules and regulations. This meant that people had to follow unnecessary and burdensome rules. The more important matters of religion such as love of God and neighbour were obscured in the process.

How do we give witness to our faith? What motivates us? Does our faith point others towards God or are we too sometimes guilty of using religion to draw attention to ourselves? Does our faith capture what is most essential, love of God and neighbour?

During his papacy, Pope Paul VI who once remarked: 'What the world needs now are witnesses. If you are a good teacher, it is because you are a good witness.'



Thursday 15th October 2020

Feast of St Theresa of Avila

Readings: Ephesians 1: 1-10;

Luke 11:47-54

Congruency



Feodor Dostoevski, in his book, *The Brothers Karamazov*, says, 'Men reject their prophets and slay them but they love their martyrs and honor those whom they have slain.' These words are echoed by Jesus in today's Gospel where he accused the Pharisees of honouring those of whom their ancestors killed. Their hypocrisy was evident in the fact that they built memorials for the prophets but were still failing to take any notice of the message that they preached. Jesus had very little tolerance for those who claimed to follow God but there was little or no substance to those claims in practice.

Is there congruency between what we profess to believe and the way we live out our lives?

VOCATIONS NEWS

FAMILY LIFE CAN BUILT VALUES integral to a strong vocation – whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfilment.

Friday 16th October 2020

Readings: Ephesians 1: 11-14;

Luke 12:1-7

What kills

The first part of today's Gospel Jesus concluded his chastisement of the Pharisees with a warning to the rest of the community. They were warned not to let the leaven of the Pharisees hypocrisy to invade their lives. We should be less afraid of losing our physical lives than losing our spiritual lives. Hypocrisy kills the spirit if we allow it to invade our lives.

What helps us guard against this is knowing how much God cares for us. 'Every hair on our head has been counted.' God is interested in every aspect of our lives even those things we consider to be insignificant. Remembering this and deciding to trust God by placing our lives in his hands will ensure that our spirit remains alive.



Saturday 17th October 2020

Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23;

Luke 12: 8-12

The role of the Holy Spirit



In today's Gospel we learn about the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Firstly, the Holy Spirit will enable us to overcome feelings of fear when we draw on its power.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit leads us to repentance. The sin that will not be forgiven that Jesus speaks about takes place when we either refuse to repent or we despair of God's mercy. It is not about what God does to us but rather is about what we do to ourselves if we make those choices.

Thirdly, we are told not to worry about what to say for if we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will give us the words that we need to speak when the time is right.

The Holy Spirit does not preserve from the challenges of life, but it does give us the necessary strength to be able to deal with those challenges when they come our way. The Holy Spirit is given to each one of us. Let us draw on its powers to combat any fears we might have, repent of any wrongdoing that may exist in our lives and help us to speak up when the time is right.

Climate Action Tips



Two more practical steps to consider for this week are as follows:

1. Join in the Coles **RED**cycle project. Please see link https://www.redcycle.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/REDcycle-A4-A5_brochure_v6_08.03.17.pdf for further details. Also go to redcycle.net.au to find your nearest drop off point.
2. Use Public Transportation when possible. Pressure your local Government to make it "Carbon Free."

THE TREE STUMP

*God of our grieving,
Help us to find inspiration in nature.
In the weeds that spring up from cracks in concrete,
from grass that sprouts in the highest gutters,
from vegetables that grow from compost.
Remind us that the end is never the end for you,
Meaning that there is always another chapter
With a twist we may not have expected.
Loving God, we can count the rings in a stump
And realise how long a tree has stood before it was felled.
May we value the rings in our own timber,
The experiences you have led us through,
The losses that have helped us grow, however painful
Thank you for second chances, third chances
And peace at the last.
Amen.*



BANQUET

How many words can you make from the letters in the word BANQUET ?

St Calistus I was born a slave and worked for a Christian master named Carpophorus. His master put him in charge of a bank, but Calistus lost the money to bad debts and fearing punishment he fled Rome. After his capture, Calistus worked in a treadmill and then the mines of Sardinia, before being released with a number of other Christians to become a free man. Pope Zephyrinus put Calistus in charge of the Roman burial grounds (known today as the 'Cemetery of St Calistus') and he became a deacon. In 217 AD, he was elected pope in a brief and controversial reign, which saw the readmission to communion for repentant murderers and adulterers. He also preached that differences in economic class should not be a barrier to marriage - a teaching which put him in conflict with Roman civil law and sparked riots that led to his death.

CROSSWORD

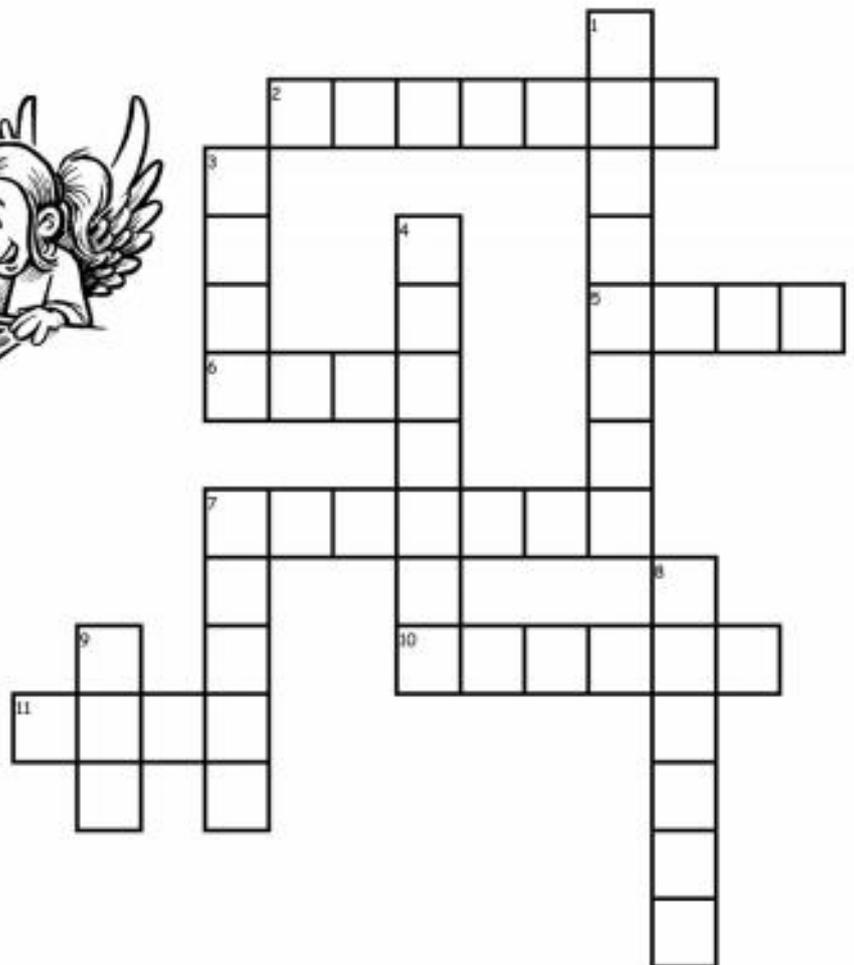


Across

- 2: a lavish meal given to celebrate a special occasion
- 5: a large group of soldiers
- 6: nice, kind
- 7: extremely angry, enraged
- 10: people you invite
- 11: people came from the streets and filled the banquet _____

Down

- 1: people who serve
- 3: the _____ gave a wedding banquet for his son
- 4: a marriage celebration
- 7: places where people grow food and raise animals
- 8: a road that is lined with buildings
- 9: a father and mother's male child



SENIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord will prepare a feast for all nations

D D J Q E E W Q C V X F C R L O
Y W J R U L G Q F H Q Q S I X W
I C A Z R D Y Z Y M E M W Q N M
S U Z K Q C B A N Q U E T O A C
Y E Q O F G G P N B L Z K L O A
R W R G L H U X V J O F N J L K
G K L J A I E S I F P C B V I O
N S V P O U S B Z T E I F N X F
U R A H J B T Z F H E A G L N P
H A U T P T S F T T K E S Y F L
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Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 4abcd & 5ac, 6, R, v.6cd
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-10

Try to find these words:

banquet
cheek
feast
guests
hungry
king
poor
son
street
strength
tears
wedding

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 Sunday 2nd August 2020, it is with much regret that the Church still needs to remain closed until further notice. Unfortunately this means personal visits to the Church are not permitted until further notice.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10
SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14.19-20
GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14



Next Sunday's Readings

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 45:1.4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BAPTISM:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Norma O'Bree, Douglas (Snr) & Catherine Livera



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10 October	Douglas (Snr) & Catherine Livera (dec)
Tuesday 13 October	Private Intention
Wednesday 14 October	Norma O'Bree (an)
Thursday 15 October	
Friday 16 October	
Saturday 17 October	Guido De Chellis (dec)

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.