



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 8th November 2020

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

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| 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. Ⓜ | 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. Ⓜ |
| 3. So I will bless you all my life,
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. Ⓜ | 4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. Ⓜ |

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Message from Fr Alan



REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH

Just to confirm that our Church will open this Saturday 7th November 2020. There will be three Masses offered this weekend – Saturday 5.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am. Thanks to those who have registered. My apologies to those who have missed out. There will be other opportunities.

At this stage registering for a Mass will be confined to just **one time only for the next 4 weeks** (including this coming weekend). This will enable as many parishioners as possible to attend should they wish to do so. Should you wish to attend Mass please use this trybooking Link <https://www.trybooking.com/BMQIS>. Booking for next weekend's Masses will commence on Monday 9th November at 10.00am and conclude on Friday 13th November at 11.00am (or prior if masses are completely booked out beforehand). Based on current restrictions we can only take bookings for a maximum of 10 people per Mass. However, this will be increased to 20 people per Mass if the State Government makes an announcement this Sunday confirming that we are permitted to do so. Attendance at all the Masses will be by registration only. No one is able to enter the Church unless they have pre-booked. If you are booked in and are then unable to attend Mass at your allocated time, please contact Chris on 0401 112 380 so that your place can be allocated to another parishioner. Please give as much notice as possible.

For this weekend we will have two volunteers per Mass.

It is anticipated that numbers will be allowed to increase to 20 for the following weekend 14/15 November 2020. If that happens then 3 volunteers per Mass will be required for us to meet all current requirements. Please let me know if you are able to assist.

I wish to conclude this section by repeating some points from last week.

1. Those attending Mass are required to be there between 20 minutes and 10 minutes before the commencement of each Mass. The doors of the Church will then be closed and locked, and no further admittance will be allowed.
2. Prior to entering the Church on the day of the Mass all those attending will be required to undergo a temperature check and will be asked some screening questions by the first volunteer. Names will then be checked off on the list by the second volunteer upon entry into the Church. Please remember to wear your face mask. Attendees at Mass are required to use hand sanitizer twice: on entering the Church and before communion. Hand sanitizer will also be available for when you leave the Church should you wish to use it prior to leaving the Church. Communion will be given by the Celebrant only and can only be received on the hand at this time.

3. Also, volunteers will accompany you to your seats. Seating will be arranged in such a way to facilitate the flow of movement when entering and leaving the Church. Allowances will be made for family groups or those living in the same household to sit together.

At the conclusion of Mass all those attending will be asked by the Celebrant to leave immediately to allow the necessary cleaning of the Church to take place. To adhere to the rules of social distancing, directions of how to leave will be given at that time. Please follow all directions from either the Celebrant or the assigned parish volunteers for that day.

The decision to confine reopening to the weekend Masses remains the same for now. The weekday Masses will continue to be pre-recorded and uploaded to the parish website.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our request to provide practical assistance to international students throughout the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic. The 100cffeemovement whom JoCare has been working with on the project with JoCare are confident as Victoria opens up the student's circumstances will change.

The generosity and kindness shown by the parish community has been absolutely extraordinary. Almost \$5,000.00 dollars has been donated in vouchers and cash. We have packed approximately 50 bags of groceries and will pack the last of the donations on the 21st November for distribution. All donations have and will go directly to the students.

I have also recently received a personal thank you note from Cath Garner, the Group Director of Mission and Cabrini Outreach, thanking the community for supporting the face mask request. I pass this thanks on to those who took the time to also support this initiative. As Cath noted the masks were "beautifully crafted".

While I have been working on my kitchen table for the last seven months, I have been amazed that the community of St Joseph's has continued reaching out to others, constantly supporting my requests during what has been a surreal year. I can only reiterative my thanks again, your gentle, humble, generous support has been appreciated.

*I ask you to continue your support of others through the appeal by the St Joseph's Refugee Group. The diversity of outreach through the St Joseph's community reaches so many in the wider community.
With thanks Kerri Anne*



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

NO REGRETS

A few years ago, the mother of a close friend of mine died. On the night she died she was having dinner with her family. On this night, without knowing what was going to happen a few hours later, she told her family that she felt that she had had a great life. She then proceeded to tell each family member individually what they had meant to her. A couple of hours later she was taken away in an ambulance and died a few hours later. Her funeral took place in the Church where I grew up. This Church can hold 400 people and the church was packed. She had clearly touched a lot of lives. I recall thinking at the time here was someone who had prepared perfectly to meet her God and had died without any regrets.

In these final weeks of Ordinary Time, the Church leads us to reflect on the end of our lives and how we will meet God face to face. The parable is told of the 10 bridesmaids who are called to meet their bridegroom. Five of them were wise and five of them were foolish. The moral of the story is always to be prepared.

A useful exercise for us to do is to imagine ourselves coming towards the end of our lives and looking back to today. What would we change? Then we would have to be serious about changing whatever it is. Who is it that we need to forgive? What are the resentments that we need to let go of? What is it that we need to accept? Who is it that we need to tell just how much we love them? Sometimes we can just let these things pass us by thinking that we have plenty of time to do all of that. The Gospel reminds us that none of us know either the day or the hour that our God will come to meet us. Will we be ready?

The First Reading calls us to reflect on the gift of wisdom and to pray for that gift. Wisdom will be given to those who desire it and asking for the gift of wisdom will allow us to know how we can prepare to meet Christ face to face, to be with him, and to live with him for eternity.

Let us resolve today that we will live our lives in such a way that there will be nothing we need to change. Then when we come to the end of our lives and it is our turn to go and meet Christ we can do so without any regrets.

ST JOSEPH'S REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

We are aware that the appeal for International students was well supported but now we seek your support for asylum seekers/refugees.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions all the 2020 fund raising activities for St. Joseph's Refuge Support Group were cancelled. Usually, within this parish we raised \$10,000 a year which immediately went to families our group supports, and to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) for their work with asylum seekers and refugees.

In the October BASP newsletter Sr. Brigid Arthur csb comments, *"in September we paid \$114,070 for rents and emergency relief. Donations were \$68,854."* This leaves a shortfall of \$45,216.

With no government support available for these people. St. Joseph's Refugee Support Group makes this one off appeal for 2020. Although you have not experienced the fun of Raffles, Musical Soirees, Theatre Nights, Oaks Day Lunch etc, we ask for your ongoing support.

We appreciate that there are many people experiencing hardship during lockdown but we ask if you can possibly make a donation it will enable the great work of BASP to continue its support of asylum seekers and refugees. We thank the parishioners who have continued their support to our group via monetary donation and we look forward to the generosity of others during this one off appeal.

If you are able to make a donation the following details will assist you:

Cheques: should be made payable to "St Joseph's Parish Refugee Support Group", and sent to: St Joseph's Parish Refugee Support Group, St Joseph's Parish, 47 Stanhope Street, Malvern 3144. If you require a receipt, please include your name and postal address.

Online: Bank details: St Joseph's Parish Refugee Support Group (CDF Account with NAB): BSB: 083 347 Acc.No. 392 506 587. Please provide your surname in the reference section. If you require a receipt, please email your name and postal address to Barry O'Reilly – barryoreilly2@bigpond.com

Envelopes containing money may be posted in the mail slot at the parish front door addressed to Refugee Support Group / Barry O'Reilly, Treasurer with your details for a receipt.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much to the generous donations received so far for our appeal for refugees and asylum seekers. The Appeal is totaling \$6,500 at present for which we are very grateful and we hope we can look forward to further generous donations over the next two weeks.

With thanks, Mary, Barbara, Maree and Sonia

Safeguarding Matters



Establishing a Code of Conduct with Children and Young People in our Parish

The Commission for Children and Young People (Vic) defines a Code of Conduct as a document that lists “*behaviours that are acceptable and those that are not*”. A Code of Conduct is founded on the belief and understanding that every individual has the right to feel safe and be safe and in doing so to have life ‘*in all its fullness*’ (John 10:10).

Consideration when consulting with children and young people:

- The child’s context: family circumstances and diversity of experiences
- Age and stage of development
- Children’s needs and abilities
- Cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Parish context
- Physical environment and rapport

See over the page a poster that has been put together by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on the Rights and Responsibilities of Children and Young People.

Climate Action Tips



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

1. Contact your local member of Parliament and say you believe Global warming to be an issue significant enough to affect how you will vote.
2. Actively pressure your local Government to install renewable systems such as public car charging stations.

WILD APPLE TREES

Michael McGirr

*God of abundance, we thank you for
wild apple trees,
Bursting with so much fruit that the
branches can hardly cope.
We know that a bit of pruning might
have helped the tree
And led to fewer but larger apples.
Yet it is great to see what can happen
when we don't get in the way.
Loving God, thank you for the
abundance of our own lives.
Sometimes we can hardly cope
either
We wish you might prune our lives,
And make them simpler.
But the complexity is your gift.
It stops us settling for simple
answers.
Faith doesn't have one liners.
It is a relationship ripening in your
love.
Amen.*

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



I have the right to feel safe and be safe from harm.

I have a responsibility to follow safety rules within my parish and not engage in bullying or harmful behaviours toward others.



I have the right to be accepted and supported, whatever my ability and differences.

I have the responsibility to care, support and accept others.



I have the right to express my views openly and honestly in all matters affecting me.

I have the responsibility to respect other people's views.

I have the right to speak up and seek help and support if I have been hurt or abused.



I have the responsibility to seek help for myself and others if they need it.



I have the right to participate in my Church community, to grow and practise my faith.

I have the responsibility to use the teachings of my faith to respect others, live peacefully and to care for our world.

These rights and many more can be found in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Monday 9th November 2020

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9,12;
John 2:13-22**

Where God dwells

Today we are celebrating a feast not of a person but of a building. It is because today is the celebration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica or the Church of the Most Holy Saviour in Rome.

The Readings chosen for today's celebration connect two ideas: first God is present in buildings when he cleansed the Temple of money changers and said to them: 'Stop making my Father's house a marketplace,' and second God is present in people and He is the Temple when He said: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.'

Today's Feast of the Dedication of the St. John Lateran Basilica reminds us that at the bottom the Church of Christ is basically made, not of buildings, but of people.



Tuesday 10th November 2020

Feast of Saint Leo the Great

**Readings: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Being Servants**

In today's gospel it would seem that the master is harsh and lacking in gratitude for what his servant had done for him. But this is not the case. Jesus wants to teach us about being a servant and what kind of attitude we should adopt in serving others. A servant is simply there to work and to accomplish the duties that are expected of them. Jesus told this story to correct the attitude of the Scribes and Pharisees towards God. They thought of religion as a contract between master and servant. They performed their religious duties in the hope of getting special reward and better treatment in His kingdom.

In my relationship with God and others do I adopt the attitude of a servant or is my attitude one of entitlement?



Wednesday 11th November 2020

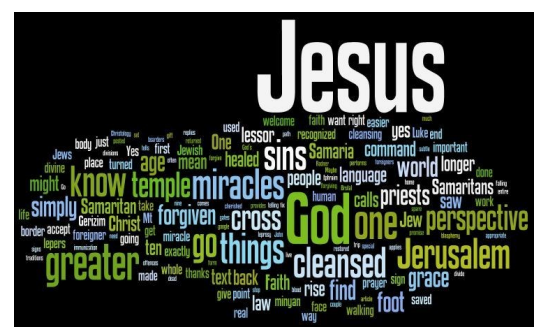
Feast of Saint Martin of Tours

Readings: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19

Cultivating a grateful attitude

Spiritual writers generally agree that one of the marks of a healthy spirituality is to have a grateful attitude.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of ten people who had leprosy who were cured by Jesus but only one went back to thank him. Leprosy in the time of Jesus left a person socially isolated. Anyone diagnosed with this disease could not live within the community while they had it. They had to leave their family and friends and live alone. When Jesus cured them, they had their lives back again. Their life was also prolonged in the



process.

The Gospel invites us to reflect on the role that gratitude plays in our lives. Do we thank people for what they do for us? When was the last time we sent a thank you card to someone? Do we only pray to God when things are hard in our lives? Do we also pray to thank God when things are going well? Do we thank God for things we can otherwise take for granted: food, shelter, a beautiful sunrise?

All ten were cured. However, the cure was only skin deep for nine of them. Their lives had only changed superficially. For the one who came back to thank Jesus his life was changed interiorly as well as externally. Of out the ten that were cured, he was the only who experienced deep joy. When we seek Jesus that goes beyond the superficial, we will experience that deep joy as well. This is what cultivating a grateful attitude does.

Thursday 12th November 2020

Feast of Saint Josaphat, Martyr

Readings: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

One day a little girl was standing with her grandfather by an old-fashioned open well. They had just lowered a bucket and had drawn some water to drink. She asked her grandfather: 'where does God live?' Her grandfather picked her up and held her over the open well. 'Look down the water,' he said, 'and tell me what you see.' 'I see myself,' said the little girl. 'That's where God lives,' said her grandfather, 'He lives in you.'



In today's gospel, the Pharisees asked Jesus about, when the Kingdom of God would come. Jesus surprised them with the answer that the Kingdom of God cannot be observed. It's not "here" or "there," but 'the Kingdom of God is among you,' that is, within our hearts. And so, the Kingdom of God begins from within and transforms our hearts to be like God and a people who know the power of His love, mercy, and forgiveness.

What adjustments do we need to make to keep reflecting the Kingdom of God in our lives?

Friday 13th November 2020

Readings: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37

Get ready

Today's Gospel talks about the end of time. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks about the people in the time of Noah. They lived as though they were going to live forever and then they were caught off guard by the end. As people of faith we should never allow the end to catch us off guard. We need to go and be ready to be with Jesus every day. None of us know when we are going to die. Only God knows the exact day and hour of the end of our lives.



In the Gospel Jesus told his audience to stop speculating when the end might be. The only thing that is important is that we live each day as if it is our last.

Saturday 14th November 2020

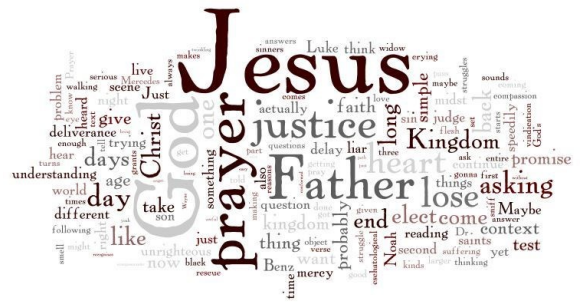
Readings: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

Persistence

Today's Gospel gives us something else to consider when we pray and that is the importance of persistence. We are told that if an unjust judge can be intimidated into action then how much more will a loving God give to those who ask him? It reassures us that God will answer our prayers if we persist.

Prayer is letting God know you cannot live without him: God, I can't do this day without you, God, I can't handle this situation without you, God, I can't deal with this relationship without you. Praying to God in this way will not make our problems go away but it will give us the grace to face them. St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, 'Prayer is the oil that keeps the flame of faith burning brightly.'

Do we persist in prayer? How often do we stop praying saying we are too busy?



HEART OF LIFE, CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION

9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101.

BOARD/ACCOMMODATION WANTED

In Malvern area for a mature-aged female Spirituality student from NSW from 1 Feb to 26 Nov 2021 to participate in the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, newly-located at the Kildara Centre, Malvern. For further information, please contact Heart of Life on 9890 1101 or email: office@heartoflife.melbourne

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.

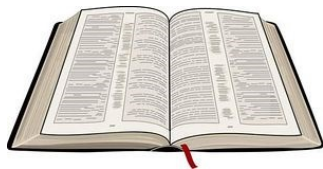
CHURCH OPEN

The Church is NOW OPEN for weekend Masses at 5.00pm Saturday and 8.00am & 10.00am Sunday.

Unfortunately, personal visits to the Church are still not permitted until further notice.

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13



Next Sunday's Readings

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
1 Thessalonians: 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



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:

Edward Elias



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7 November	Deceased Members of De Chellis Family
Sunday 8 November	People of the Parish
Sunday 8 November	People of the Parish
Tuesday 10 November	
Wednesday 11 November	Edward Elias (an)
Thursday 12 November	
Friday 13 November	

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