



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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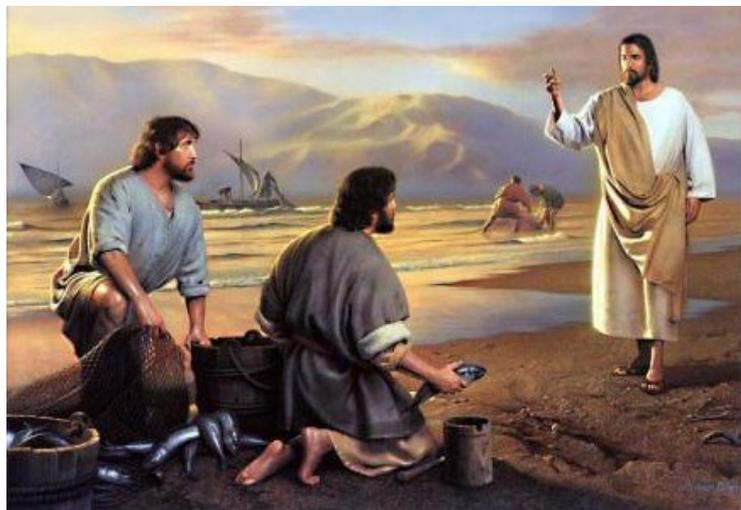
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## 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 24th January 2021

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Jonah  
*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**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: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

## SECOND READING:

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

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

## GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

# Message from Fr Alan



## WEEKEND MASSES

There will be two masses offered – Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.00am both at St Joseph's Church Malvern. Numbers are limited to **70** people per Mass. Everyone attending is asked to be there around 20 minutes before Mass commences. Also, everyone attending will be asked to use the QR Code. Volunteers will be on hand to assist those who do not have a smartphone or just need help using it.

**THERE IS NOW NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS DURING JANUARY. WE ARE ONLY GOING TO USE THE QR CODE FOR ALL ATTENDEES. PLEASE NOTE WE ARE STILL LIMITED TO 70 PER MASS.**

*That as of Sunday 17th February at 11.59pm the wearing of masks inside the Church is no longer mandatory but individual choices to keep wearing one should be respected.*

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Last year I called for nominations by 22nd December for the Parish Pastoral Council. There are four places to be filled due to some members completing their term. I have received no response to date. I ask if some thought could be given to this and recommendations sent to me either by contacting me on 9401 6391 or email [agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) by January 31st.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

I would like to be in a position where the Church could be reopened for at least one weekday Mass a week but volunteers to assist with registering are needed to make this possible. As our current volunteers have assisted with Sunday Masses for several weeks and are currently assisting me with weddings in addition to this I think it is only fair that more volunteers come from outside that group. Please contact me on 9401 6391 or email [agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) if you feel you are able to help.

## ANOINTING MASSES

At this stage due to current restrictions it is not possible to return to the monthly Anointing Masses that we were having in the Parish prior to COVID-19. This situation will be monitored to see when a return to having Mass which includes Anointing of the Sick might be possible.

## RETURN TO CABRINI HOSPITAL CHAPEL FOR MASSES

A few weeks ago I had a conversation with Pastoral Care Services at Cabrini Hospital about a possible return to the Chapel for Masses at Cabrini on both Thursday at midday and

Saturday evening at 6.00pm. I mentioned that any request for a return would need to allow a minimum of 10 days' notice so that all parishioners can be informed. No date has been set at this stage. Again I will keep you updated on this situation.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION 2021

Preparation dates for the first half of 2021 are as follows:

February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 17 @ 7.30pm.

For parents who are looking to have their pre-school and/or school age child/ren baptised at St Joseph's Malvern in 2021, please see the Baptism Preparation sessions for 2021 below:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm or  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 4.00pm**

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)



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The COVIDSafe way to pay your Stewardship contributions is with CDFpay.

Link: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMalvern>

## TAP MACHINE

Your Stewardship and loose collection contributions can be made this way if you do not have any Stewardship envelopes at the moment.

Donations to the Parish can also be made using the tap machine.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021

Enrolments for the St Joseph's Parish Malvern Sacramental Programme (Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation) for 2021 are **NOW OPEN**.

To enroll please go to website link:

<https://stjosephsmalvern.org.au/parish-sacramental-program/>

Please contact Fr. Alan on 94016391 or email [agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) should you need any help.



## JOCARE MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING

*Everyone is welcome*



Date: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Place: Lawn area between Presbytery and church

Time: 10.00am-12noon

Under Government guidelines we are able to gather outside. A COVID-19 safe plan will be in place.

Welcome back to the new year. Let us hope and trust that it will be kind to us all.

I am back at work at my dining room table. Due to government restrictions I am unable to return to the office, but will be there occasionally on a as needs basis.

Thank you to everyone who supported JoCare in 2020. It was a year of reinventing ourselves and reaching out to others through different approaches.

There will be time for our usual Cuppa, chat and games, weather permitting at our gathering. Many of us haven't been able to connect for almost twelve months, it will be good to see some familiar faces and share our stories.



If you require transport please Phone: 0403 572 440.

Transport provision is limited due to government restrictions.

### **ACCOMMODATION IN THE MALVERN AREA SOUGHT**

A mature gentleman is looking for either shared accommodation or a granny flat in the Malvern area. He is well known to me. Please contact Fr. Alan on either 0410 894 651 or email [agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) if you can help.

# ***Fr Alan's Reflection***

## **FISHERS OF PEOPLE**

When I was growing up, I would sometimes spend my holidays at my grandparents' place. They had a house right on the water. They had a dinghy, and my grandfather was very fond of taking the boat out on the weekends to go fishing. I would marvel at his ability to know where and how to fish at different times of the day. I would also marvel at his patience when it seemed that there were no fish to be caught.

The first disciples of Jesus were fisherman. They would have possessed the skills of knowing when to fish and how to fish. They would have learnt patience when it seemed that the fish were not biting knowing that if they waited long enough, they would eventually secure a catch.

When he called the first disciples Jesus told them that they were now going to be fishers of people. He informed them that the skills that they had learnt as fisherman would be the framework applied when it came to dealing with people. They would need to learn when to approach, how to approach and how to be patient when doing this.

This is part of our baptismal call as well. We are called to be fishers of people so that our Church will grow. This is not just about building the number of attendees at Church on a Sunday although that too would be a good outcome come the day when we are free of COVID-19 restrictions. More fundamentally it means giving the opportunity for more people to know and have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

In saying this I am aware that this may not sit well with everyone. After all most of us have had an experience where religion has been forced upon us and how off putting that can be. I simply ask one question: do we believe that we have something that is worth sharing when it comes to our faith?

I believe it is possible to present our faith to people in a way that will not people off. What we need is the wisdom of knowing when and how to approach people and to be patient with them. After all we all come to faith in our own time with the help of God. It is through our patience and kindness that opens the possibility for others to be "caught" in the right sense of the word where they will freely want a relationship with God and to be part of a community that shares the same values that they do. If our hearts are open to this possibility, then God will show us what to do.

I think that the day when Jesus approached the first disciples and asked them to follow him, he would have thought and prayed over when was the right time to approach them and what was the right thing to say. In reading the Gospels we know that he was certainly patient with them as he formed them to participate in his mission. As people called to build up the Kingdom of God in this world let us seek the opportunities where we invite others to know God.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

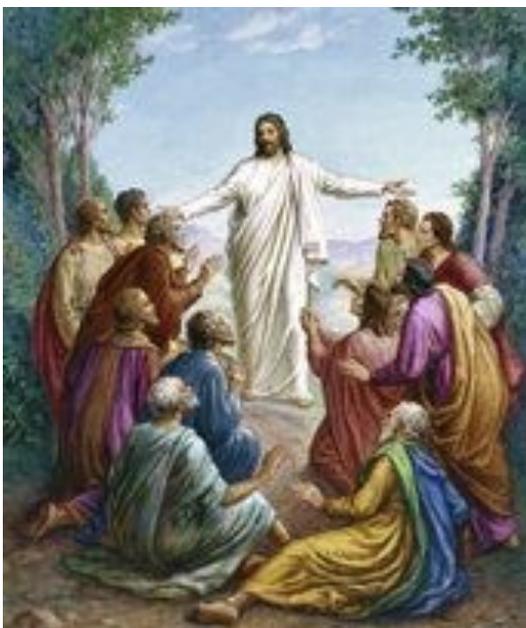
**The Conversion of St. Paul**

**Readings: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18**

**GIVING WITNESS**

‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.’ These words from the Gospel remind us that we are called to give witness to our faith. The importance of being a joyful Christian is one of the recurring themes of Pope Francis. He tells us that cultivating joy in our life leads to generosity because it will naturally follow that we will want to share that joy with others.

In the First Reading St Paul tells how he was asked to give witness. In the First Reading he shows us how we can do this by being willing to give our personal testimony. It does not mean we need to contrive situations so that we can get to do this. Rather it means to be attentive to the possibilities of when it might be appropriate and helpful to do so. The Gospel reminds us that we can achieve much if we believe that God is with us and wants to work with and through us.



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Australia Day**

**Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35**

**THE TRUE FAMILY OF GOD**



‘Anyone that does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.’ In these words, Jesus makes it clear that having true kinship with him is not just a matter of flesh and blood. We develop a true relationship with Christ by seeking to do the will of God. We are called to have hearts that seek to obey God above every other attraction, priority, feeling or convenience. Concretely this means to live our lives by doing acts of charity towards our neighbours. Early last year around Australia Day 2020 the world’s attention was not drawn towards our extreme weather resulting in bushfires but also to the ways people reached out and helped those who were suffering. Conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society helped locals as their homes burned. Firefighters bravely fought the odds to save what they could. During this year of pandemic there have been many instances of people reaching out to others who were living alone.

These are the values our country has been built upon and it is in putting aside our own self interest for the good of others that we belong to the true family of God.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20  
BEING OPEN MINDED**



In today's Gospel Parable of the Sower and Seed Jesus tells us that there are four ways of hearing God's word. The fourth way were those who listened with an open mind. The result was that they produced, thirty, sixty and even a hundredfold in their lives. The reason they achieved this was because they were willing to learn, to understand, to consider new possibilities and focus their energy on what was being said.

At the beginning of the Parable Jesus says one word that we should always consider: imagine. The Gospel reminds us that we will bear fruit in our lives if we listen to what God is trying to tell us and we focus our energy on how we can best put that into practice. Let us not permit ourselves to be choked by negative thoughts. Let us seek to be open to the Word of God and be willing to learn what it is trying to teach us.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Feast of St Thomas Aquinas  
Readings: Hebrews 10:19-25;  
Mark 4:21-25  
KEEPING OUR FAITH ALIVE**

The image of the lamp in today's Gospel tells us about the importance of keeping our faith alive. The author of Hebrews in the First Reading tells us how to do that. Firstly, we must be sincere in heart. Are we sincerely in our dealings with others? Are we sincere in our relationship with God? Secondly, we should seek to be free of any trace of bad conscience. This is done by reconciling with others in our daily lives and seeking God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thirdly, to keep firm in the faith we profess. Yesterday's Gospel reminded us that our faith should not fall away at the first instance of trouble. Fourthly, to be concerned for each other. The Gospel follows this up by reminding us that our generosity towards others will be blessed.



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Readings: Hebrews 10:32-39;

Mark 4:26-34

## THE SEEDS WE SOW

Both Parables in today's Gospel remind us that big things can grow from small seeds. This can work for us in both positive and negative ways in our lives. Negativity can take hold in our lives when we start to sow small seeds of doubt, judgement, bitterness and unforgiveness in our hearts. On the contrary it can work for us in positive ways if we seek to sow daily small seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faith, hope and love. There are a couple of steps we can take to ensure that we are heading in the right direction. Firstly, to contemplate on how we can put seeds of positivity into action. Secondly, deciding to put into practice all those things that reflect fruits of the Holy Spirit in the words we speak and the things that we do for other people. It is through our daily fidelity to doing good things that the Kingdom of God grows in our lives.

What seeds am I currently sowing in my life?

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Readings: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19;

Mark 4:35-41

## FAITH

One day, a little girl and her father were crossing a foot bridge. The father asked her to hold on to him, but she asked him to hold her hand instead. The father asked her what the difference was. The little girl answered: 'If I hold your hand, I might let go but if you hold my hand, whatever happens, I know you will never let go of me.'

Today's Readings give us contrasting instances of faith. The first Reading from Hebrews tells us that it was faith that enabled Abraham to travel to a distant country and to be willing to sacrifice his only son Isaac. It was faith that enabled Sarah to believe that she would be able to conceive a child despite her great age at the time. It was their belief that God holds us tightly in His hands even though they did not know how God's promises would come about or what it would require of them.

In contrast there is the lack of faith shown by the disciples in today's Gospel. Although Jesus was asleep it was their faith that was asleep. They gave in to fear because they failed to recognize that Christ was still with them in their hour of need and would never let go.

Where do we stand in our faith journey? Do we recognize the Lord's presence in us, especially when we meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Do we remain trustful and hopeful in God's promises?



# Safeguarding Matters



## SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT AND VOLUNTEERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are having trouble downloading and/or unable to print either of these forms please contact Chris on 0401 112 380 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

Message from Fr Alan:  
I am grateful to all volunteers for all they do and acknowledge that there are volunteers in our parish community who have generously served our parish community for many years with great integrity.

The signing of these forms simply represents a commitment by our parish to effectively safeguard our children and young people.

# Climate Action Tips



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

1. Install a source of renewable energy on your house ie: Solar Panels or sponsor someone.
2. Time to consider downsizing your home? Do you really need all that space and the energy it requires?

## THE TREE WITH A SPIDER'S WEB

Michael McGirr

*God of gentle strength,  
A spider's web is a thing of great beauty  
but also fragile. Just like our lives.  
A spider's web is the result of a lot of  
hard work. Just like our lives.  
A spider's web can get damaged. But the  
spider is never discouraged. The spider  
just gets back to work and tries again.  
Just like us.  
A spider's web is easy to overlook. Some-  
times that is just like us.  
Let us pray that we can appreciate the  
beauty of the world around us.  
Let us pray that we can appreciate the  
beauty and wonder of our own lives and  
the lives of those we love.  
Let us give thanks for small moments of  
grace.  
Amen.*

St Patrick's Cathedral Concert

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Friday 5 February 2021 6pm - 7pm

Works by

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# Calendar of Events

## **JANUARY 2021**

17 Mass @ 10.00am	18	19	20	21	22	23 Mass @ 6.00pm
24 Mass @ 10.00am	25 Parish Office Closed	26 Parish Office Closed	27	28	29	30 Mass @ 6.00pm
31 Mass @ 10.00am						

## **FEBRUARY 2021**

	1	2 JoCare Gathering	3	4	5	6 Mass @ 6.00pm
7 Mass @ 10.00am	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mass @ 6.00pm
14 Mass @ 10.00am	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 Baptism Preparation	19	20 Mass @ 6.00pm
21 Mass @ 10.00am	22	23	24	25	26	27 Mass @ 6.00pm
28 Mass @ 10.00am						

## SENIOR WORDSEARCH

# They believed God's message

Jon 3:1-5, 10  
Ps 25:4-5abc, 6 & 7cd, 8-9, R, v.4a  
Mk 1:14-20

J C H N I F D X T U A B M Z I W Z  
K O C H E S B W N C R A E S P J P  
H P I T Y M C B Q Q V O Z A C L A  
M G E W L P R L O O J W U M A H D  
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N M R O E E R H T L R O Z E P K  
W O O I M G T E C E X V Y B A G  
Y T Y C P T C B W R Y E T V D Q V  
C G S A T E E G M Q H I T Q M Z D  
L U D X X Y J M W F C U G G Y

Try to find these words:

Andrew  
boat  
city  
destroy  
fishermen  
Galilee  
James  
Jonah  
net  
Nineveh  
pity  
three



# Follow me!



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

If you had to tell someone the good news about Jesus, what would you say?

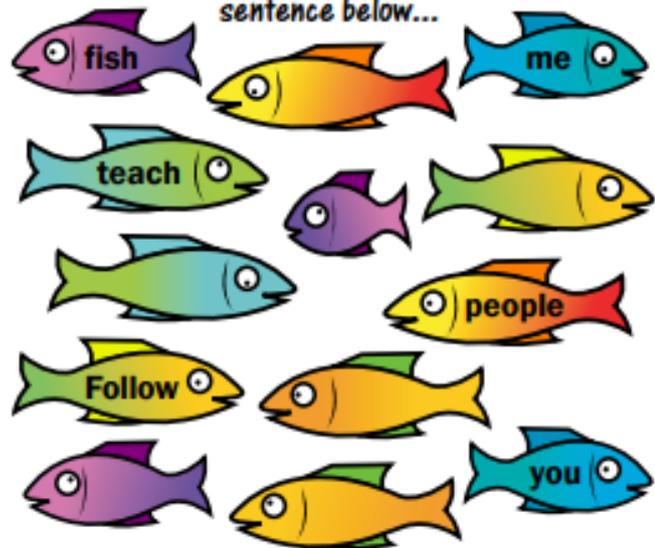


## Answering Jesus' Call

The disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God. Write or draw some of the ways that we can bring people to God in our everyday lives.



Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...



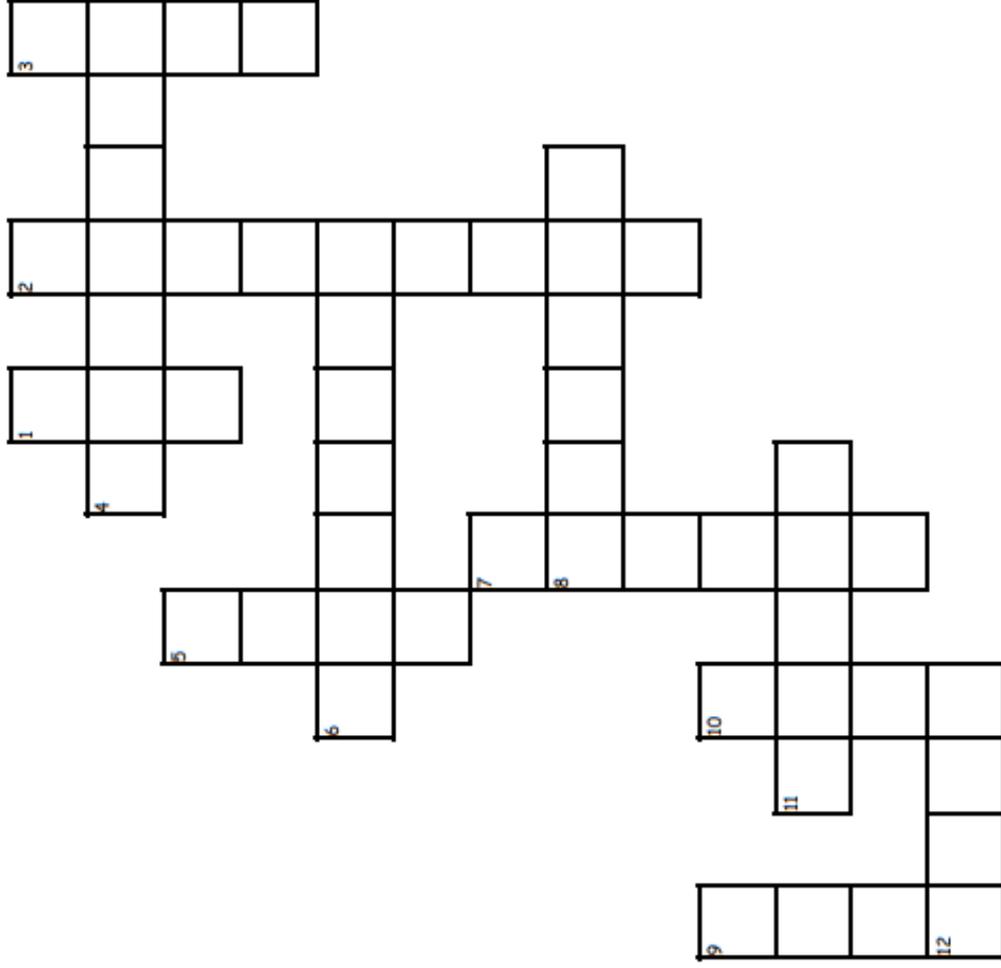
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# CROSSWORD

## Believe the good news

Mk 1:14-20



### Across

- 4: to accept the truth
- 6: Jesus walked along the shore of this lake
- 8: Simon Peter's brother
- 11: this man was John's brother
- 12: you use a clock to tell the \_ \_ \_ \_

### Down

- 1: fishermen use one of these to catch fish
- 2: men who catch fish
- 3: a report of a recent event
- 5: this is used to travel across water
- 7: the opposite of mother
- 9: the fishermen left their nets and boats behind and \_ \_ \_ \_ with Jesus
- 10: Jesus saw the fishermen casting their nets into this

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—6.00pm (St Joseph's)

Sunday—10.00am (St Joseph's)

### 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 6.00pm Saturday and 10.00am Sunday.

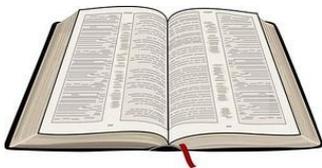
Unfortunately, personal visits to the Church are still not permitted until further notice.

## 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5.10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20



### Next Sunday's Readings

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### BAPTISM:

**THE SICK:** Fiona Egan, Frances Cushing, Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

### ANNIVERSARIES:



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23 January

Nicola Bufalo (an)

Sunday 24 January

Godwin Chan (an)

Tuesday 26 January

People of Australia

Wednesday 27 January

Catherine Livera (dec)

Thursday 28 January

Friday 29 January

Saturday 30 January

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.