



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 31st January 2021

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

**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: If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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| 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;<br>hail the rock who saves us.<br>Let us come before him, giving thanks,<br>with songs let us hail the Lord.   [R]  | 2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;<br>Let us kneel before the God who made us<br>for he is our God and we<br>the people who belong to his pasture,<br>The flock that is led by his hand.   [R] |
| 3. O that today you would listen to his voice!<br>'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,<br>as on that day at Massah in the desert<br>when your fathers put me to the test;<br>when they tried me, though they saw my work.'   [R] |  |

## SECOND READING:

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

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

# 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 still 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 MASS, WE ARE ONLY USING THE QR CODE FOR ALL ATTENDEES. PLEASE NOTE WE ARE STILL LIMITED TO 70 PER MASS.**

*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.*

## SERVICE VICTORIA QR CODE APP

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Office that some parishioners are having trouble using the QR code on their mobile phones. As assistance to everyone we have below the details on how to install on your mobiles the Service Victoria COVID-19 Check-in APP.

## How to check-in

1. Download and open the Service Victoria app.
2. Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to check-in
3. Submit your details and show the green success tick to staff.

Download the Service Victoria app below.



If you are still having problems, there will be volunteers at the Church who will be able to assist you with the check-in process.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Last year I called for nominations by 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

I am pleased to advise that the weekday Mass on Tuesdays will recommence starting next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.15am. Registration will be by QR code. For those wishing to attend please arrive at the Church between 8.55am and 9.10am as this greatly assists the registration process. Also please sit in the front seats as this also helps both with the distribution of Communion and cleaning.

## **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.

**Fr Alan**

## **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.

## **LOOKING TO SPEAK WITH PEOPLE....**

1. Broadcast Engineer/IT
2. Editorial Assistant

We are currently interested in talking to experienced people for the above two positions. Our new startup not-for-profit station will be based in Preston.

For any questions/queries please contact the Coordinator on email [coordinator@radiomaria.org.au](mailto:coordinator@radiomaria.org.au) and write in the subject line – Applicant – Position #1 or #2

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# JOCARE GATHERING

*Everyone is welcome.*

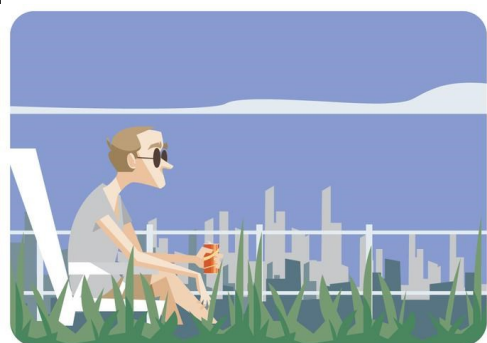


As a parish we have not been able to gather for many many months. Come and join us, share some time reconnecting with old friends.

Date: **Tuesday 2 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.

## 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)



*ThisDay's Smile* The first handshake in life is the greatest of all: the clasp of an infant around the finger of a parent.

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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.



## PARISH OFFICE IS STILL CLOSED

### PLEASE NOTE!

Until further notice the Parish Office is closed.

Chris and Kerri Anne are both still working from home.

**Chris can be reached on**

**0401 112 380 or**

**[info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)**

Anyone seeking assistance from the Parish Office is asked to please contact Fr Alan on 94016391 beforehand to arrange a time.



# **St Joseph's Parish Malvern is a COVID-19—Safe Parish**

We have been working hard to providing the safest environment for all our parishioners, office staff and visitors.

## **DURING THIS PERIOD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:**

- Regular cleaning of the Church is undertaken after all Masses
  - Pews
  - Door handles
  - Outside ramp rails
- Details of everyone who enters our premises for contact tracing purposes

## **IT IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT OF ALL WHO ATTEND ST JOSEPH'S:**

- Social distancing
- Wearing a mask
- Sanitising of hands upon entry, before communion and on exit
- Receiving of Communion on the hand only
- Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell

**Thank you for helping us to create a safe environment where  
all people feel comfortable.**

**We will advise you of any changes as they are made.**

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

## **LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIAN VOCATION**

Our Second reading for this Sunday tells us that we are called to give our undivided attention to the Lord. In the First Reading Moses tells the people that a prophet will be raised up amongst them. This prophecy was fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ. However, there is another layer to this First reading. I believe it also tells us that we are all called to live out a prophetic vocation. This comes from our baptism where we are proclaimed to be priest, prophet, and king. This is what our Lord wants us to give our undivided attention to; answering his call and seeking to live out that call everyday drawing on his grace and wisdom in the process. How well we live out our prophetic vocation will depend on how well we listen.

I see there are four steps we can take to live out our Christian vocation well.

Firstly, to be positive. Sometimes we can fail to respond to the Lord's call because we do not believe that he could possibly be calling us to do something for him. We can focus on our perceived shortcomings and inadequacies. When he calls us, God asks us to direct our attention to what he has gifted us with. That way our attention is directed to see what is possible rather than looking for excuses not to respond.

Secondly, to be protected. In the Gospel it tells us that Jesus spoke with authority. This authority did not depend on the volume of his voice or how polished his presentation may have been. It depended on drawing on the power that comes from God. If we seek to protect ourselves by drawing on God's power in our lives it helps us to respond to God's call with purpose. Failing to do that results in us trying to move forward recklessly and it is not possible to succeed in that way.

Thirdly, we must listen to what the Word of God is saying to us each week with undivided attention. A simple test is to ask ourselves each week after Mass has concluded, how much of the readings can I recall? How many times would we have to say, 'I don't remember' because our attention was divided, and our minds were somewhere else? When our attention is divided, we too are commanded by Jesus to be still and to be silent. He tells us that we are his and he has everything to give us.

Fourthly, to rid ourselves with what is unclean in our lives. What are we listening to? What are we watching? What are we filling our hearts with? Are we pure?

Jesus stands before us as the mirror image of who we can become. He calls us into our true self, as people who are made in the image and likeness of God. If we listen to that voice, we will be astounded of what can become of our lives.



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

**Readings: Hebrews 11:32-40;**

**Mark 5:1-20**

**CLEANLINESS**



Create a clean heart within me. Put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit (Psalm 51). I was thinking of these words as I was reflecting on the Gospel about unclean spirits. Sometimes when we think of spiritual uncleanness the first thing we may think about is sexual sin. It can be that, but a pure heart is also how we relate to people generally. Do we want what is best for others or do we think about how they can best serve our own interests? What do we feed ourselves with what we read, watch and listen to? Let us also recognize Christ as the Holy One of God and live our life according to his will.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

**Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40**

**PROMPTED BY THE SPIRIT?**

Today's Gospel tells us that prompted by the Spirit Simeon went to the Temple. He believed that he would not see death until he had encountered the Christ. This movement showed that he was in tune with the Holy Spirit in his life. What is the Holy Spirit moving us toward? What does the Holy Spirit want to reveal to us? What are we called to do before our life is over? Whatever it is, let us not delay in presenting it to the Lord.



## FAITH

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith shown by his own people and as a result could work no miracle there. We too can prevent God's power from working in our lives when we start to think things are impossible because of circumstances or particular people that we must deal with. Let us keep looking towards Jesus who visits us every day and accept his word. Just because what we might be facing presents plenty of challenges does not mean it is impossible. The First Reading reminds us that God always has our best interests at heart and will help us. All it requires is a little faith on our part.



# DETACHMENT



When I reflect on today's Gospel the word that comes to me is detachment. Jesus was instructing his disciples to take only what was necessary for the journey. Being detached leads to a greater dependence on God and a deeper trust that he will provide.

What is the unnecessary clutter in my life that I need to detach myself from? The disciples were told to shake the dust off their sandals whenever they met a dead end. What is it that I need to move on from to free myself so that I become more available to the call that God is placing on my life?

# GREED

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## DYING TO SELF

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St Paul Miki and Companions who met the needs of others by fearlessly preaching the Gospel to the people of Japan. In today's Gospel Jesus met the needs of others even though he was tired and in need of rest. If we want a joy filled life, then we must try and be a blessing to others. Who could we ring or visit? Who needs help with their shopping? Celebrating the Feast Day of Martyrs like we are doing today reminds us all of our Christian calling to die to ourselves so that we might live for others. If we do this our generosity towards others will grow and we will want to help them even when we are tired and in need of rest.





# 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. Take away your ice cream—swap your cup and spoon for a tasty cone.
2. Stay hydrated this summer and always carry your reusable cups and water bottles. **Use the tap finder** to find a tap near you or ask for a refill at a friendly café.

### THE QUIET TREE WITH A NOISY MINER

Michael McGirr

*God of beauty,  
We thank you for our world, especially  
for birds.  
They go about their business and don't  
seem to realise how beautiful they are.  
Jesus asked us to consider the birds of the  
air.  
He said that they don't sow or reap, but  
that not even a king looked as majestic.  
Jesus' message was not to worry too  
much.  
To accept each day.  
To deal with its challenges honestly.  
To give thanks for the gift of life in all its  
forms.  
To get on with life whatever this day  
presents.  
May we all take his advice!  
Amen.*

## ACRATH in Bakhita Day Online Prayer Marathon

Pope Francis has declared the feast of St Josephine Bakhita on February 8 the **International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking**. Join ACRATH and mark this day by sharing information, joining the world community in prayer and committing to do something in your own life to end slavery.

**Josephine Bakhita** was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She became a Catholic and eventually a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

To mark this year's International Day ACRATH is part of a special seven-hour **Marathon of Prayer** moving around the globe and including a prayer and address from Pope Francis. In fact a group of ACRATH members and a participant from New Zealand, will kick off the event in the first hour.

To join the online **Marathon of Prayer against human trafficking**, go to:

<https://preghieracontrotratta.org>

The marathon begins on February 8 at 8.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time. For 15 minutes, during the first hour, ACRATH members from across Australia will pray the ACRATH song, **Can You See Me?** by Margaret Scharf OP. Pope Francis will join the Marathon at 11.30pm AEDT.

ACRATH has also developed **Bakhita Day resources**, including a poster for use in your school, parish, community or workplace. Find all Bakhita Day material, including prayers of intercession, and **Talitha Kum** material relating to the prayer marathon at:

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>



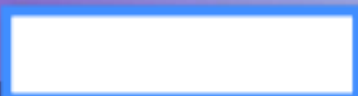
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People are NOT for sale



# Jesus is the Good News

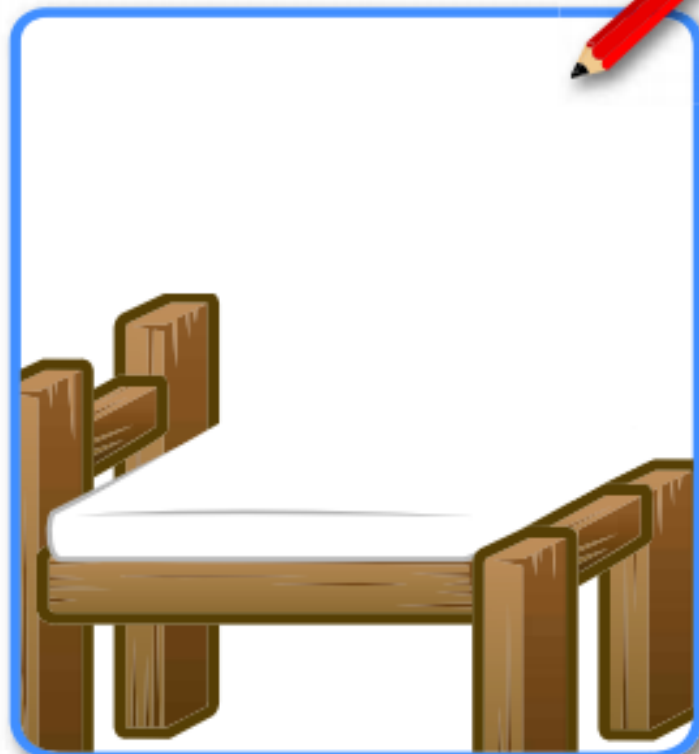
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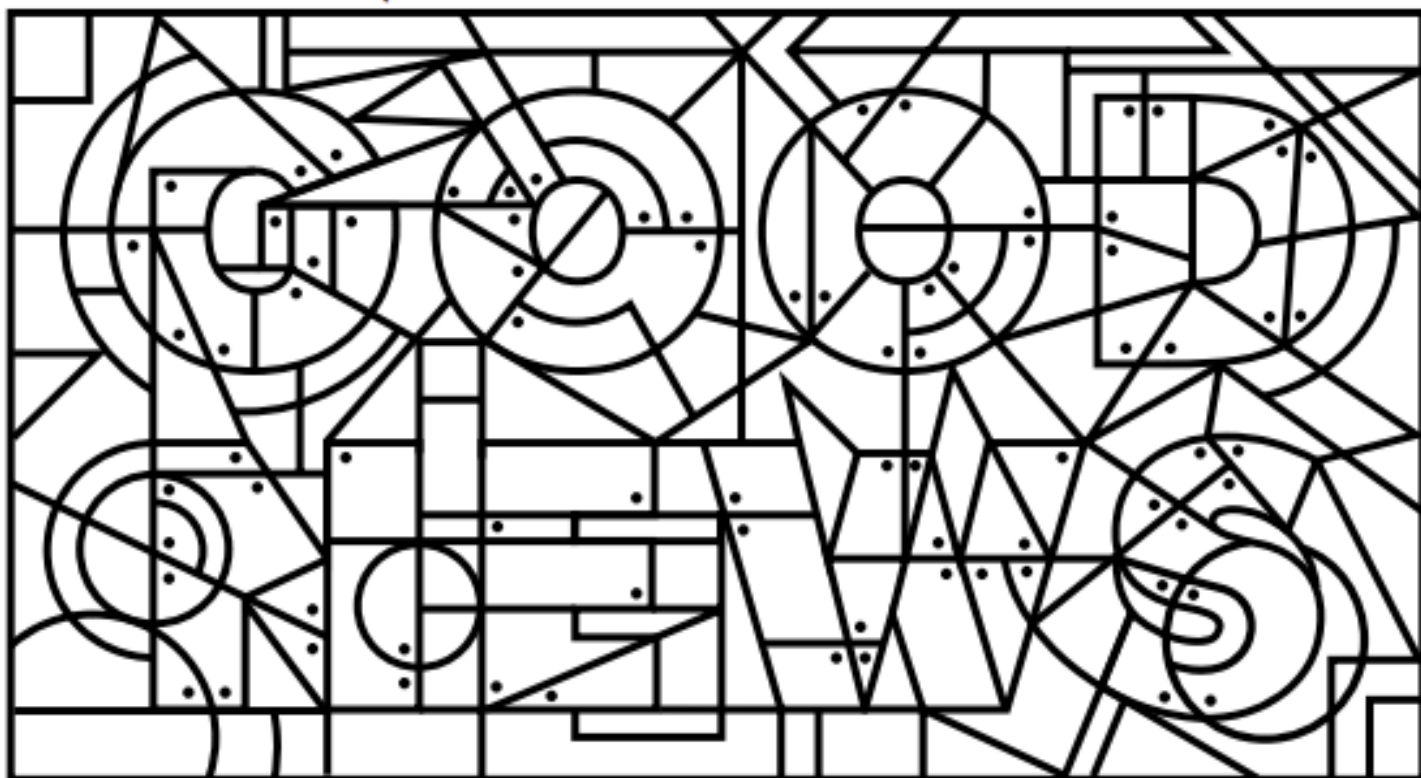
Draw Jesus healing Simon's sick mother-in-law



Jesus went away to be alone and pray.  
Where are some places that you pray?



Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.

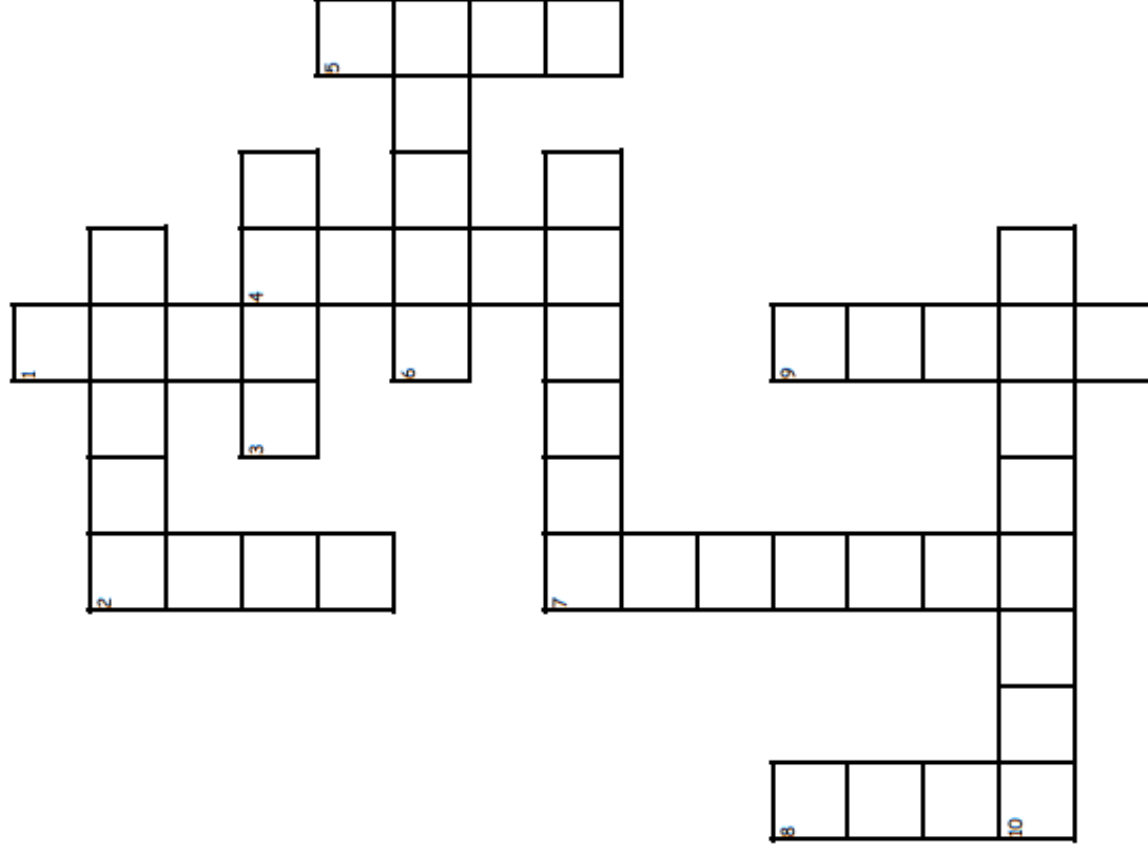




# CROSSWORD

## Jesus is the Good News

Mk 1:29-39



### Across

- 2: Jesus healed this man's sick mother-in-law  
 3: talk to God  
 6: a type of building people live in  
 7: to come together in one place  
 10: Jesus healed all kinds of terrible \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

- 1: you open this to enter or leave a room  
 2: unwell  
 4: on your own  
 5: after Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law, she served them a \_\_\_\_\_  
 7: Jesus went to many Jewish meeting places in this town  
 8: the opposite of bad  
 9: someone with a high temperature could have 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—9.15AM

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 weekday Mass on Tuesdays at 9.15am and weekend Masses at 6.00pm Saturday and 10.00am Sunday.

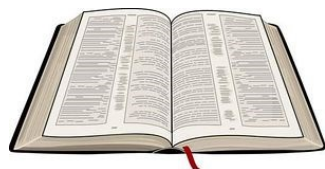
Unfortunately, personal visits to the Church are still not permitted until further notice.

### 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:21-28



#### Next Sunday's Readings

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 7:1-4.6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

Mark 1:29-39



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**BAPTISM:** Charlotte Kate Granger

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Xavier Carroll

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ermelinda Schiavello



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30 January	People of the Parish
Sunday 31 January	Giuseppe & Giovanna Fonti (dec)
Tuesday 2 February	Ermelinda Schiavello (an)
Wednesday 3 February	
Thursday 4 February	
Friday 5 February	De La Salle Brothers (Int)
Saturday 6 February	People of the Parish

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

### Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.*