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God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



This weekend at all masses we will be holding a special collection for the priest's retirement foundation for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please give generously.

A Big THANK YOU to all parishioners who made the Father's Day BBQ and raffle a huge success. Thanks you to Lan, Harvey Norman and Bunnings for their part in our fundraiser. Congratulations to the Father's Day Raffle winners. Winners are: 1st Prize - Black E10, 2nd Prize - Red F02, 3rd Prize - Purple E48, 4th Prize - Purple E61, 5th Prize - Black E82.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES Thursday, 8th September at 6.00 p.m. Mass at the Chapel of the Maltese Centre, Parkville. Sunday, 11th September at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne. At 3.00 p.m. Rosary At 3.30 p.m. Concelebrated Mass

Safeguarding reminder: Parishioners are reminded that the room at the back of the Church is for the use of children (under 18 years of age) who are alter servers and only adults including alter servers over 18 years of age may enter/use the priests' sacristy. Thank you for your care in this matter.

WE PRAY FOR: Father's Day: Carmelo Cutajar, Joseph Cauchi, Denise Brown, Joe Michael Sacco, Daniel Snaize, **For Healing:** William Reynolds, Charlie Bonello, Simon & Clinton Walsh, Pat Reynolds, **Recently Deceased:** Thi Nghi Pham, Lucy Dobrani, Maria Maro, Doris Paris, Grace Tanti, Maria Dalli, Jimmy Vella, Tarcisio Cutajar, Concheta Pellegrinelli, Flora De Guzman, Vince Cassar, , **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 4th Sept 2022)

Saturday 3rd/4th Sept Baptism: Martin An Crosher

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Tarcisio Cutajar

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + George & Mary Borg, Mario DeBono, + Emmanuel Fenech, +Sam Bonnici & all Souls, + Luizinha Mascarenhas

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + John Mary Vella

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 5th Sept 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 6th Sept 8.00am English Mass + John Mary Vella

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 7th Sept 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

Thursday 8th Sept 8.00am English Mass +

The Nativity of the 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

11.00am Woorack

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 9th Sept 8.00am English Mass +

St Peter Claver 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

Saturday 10th /11th Sept Baptism:

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef,

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass



Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.*All who do ot re ou ce their possessio s ca ot be
my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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4 SEPTEMBER 2022

GETTING OF WISDOM

The search for wisdom has never been an easy one and each of us grapples with the challenge of making sense of the complex tapestry of life. As the first reading so pointedly observes, 'It is hard enough to work out what is on earth ... who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?' In the centuries that preceded Jesus' birth the people of Israel were fascinated, frightened and challenged by their encounter with the culture and philosophy of the Greek-speaking world. The book of Wisdom is one of the fruits of that encounter and was itself written in Greek. While the Greeks looked to Plato and Aristotle, the author of the book of Wisdom had come to see that true wisdom is a gift from God and is to be found in the traditions of Israel most particularly in the Law of Moses.

Jesus knew all too well that true wisdom has its price. As he journeys towards his death, those who would be disciples are forcefully reminded to carefully consider the cost of discipleship.

Paul was one apostle of the Lord who knew the cost of discipleship. For the sake of the gospel he had gone through many trials (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-29) and had suffered and learnt much. Writing from prison he now has to call on all his stores of wisdom to convince Philemon to take back his runaway slave Onesimus. In a world where slavery was an accepted reality, Philemon is challenged to see his former slave as a brother in Christ.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who ca comprehe d the will of the Lord?

'What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.It is hard enough for us to work out what
is on earth,laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightenedand men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

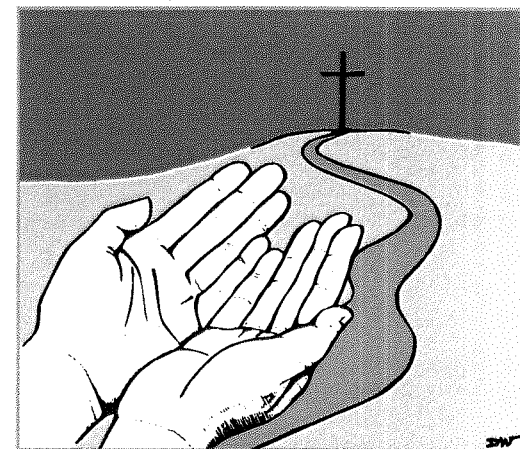
R. In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. R.

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. R.

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. R.

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. R.



SECOND READING

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
Philemon*Receive him, ot as a slave a ymore, but as a very
dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

■ The word of the Lord.