



ST. PAUL PARISH

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Reflection: The golden calf remains a potent symbol for the idolatries of our own time. It represents our collective wilfulness dazzling us right to the edge of destruction. Our world is polluted by extractive industries and consumer greed, our focus on making and having shiny metallic things. Our society often resembles that of our spiritual forebears in the wilderness, busily inviting disaster. We stand on the precipice of a climatic catastrophe of our own manufacture.

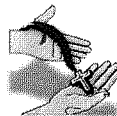
But the core message in all of today's readings is that God is merciful, not vengeful. The scriptures are about salvation, not devastation. So, in this Season of Creation we may well wonder how our habits and mindsets contribute to our ecological woes. If we recognise our faults – including our ecological sins and omissions – might we find a path back from the edge? **by Nick Brodie**

Thank you for your kind donations for the Father's Day Appeal - the parish raised \$1964.70

INVITATION: Join the International Prayer for the Care of Creation - September 1st to October 4th 2022. at seasonofcreation.org and #SeasonOfCreation.

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: *William Reynolds, Charlie Bonello, Simon & Clinton Walsh, Pat Reynolds, Recently Deceased: Phillip Magri, Hazel Win, Pamela Jacinto, Thi Nghi Pham, Lucy Dobrani, Maria Maro, Doris Paris, Grace Tanti, Maria Dalli, Jimmy Vella, 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 11th Sept 2022)

Saturday 10th /11th Sept Baptism:

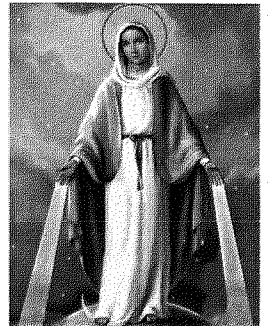
Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Patricia Snaize, + Tarciscio Cutajar, + Tessie Borg,</i>	
Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)		
8.00 am	English Mass + <i>Patricia Snaize, + Josephine & Emmanuel Galea, Charlie Zammit, Jeaneth Bautista, + Tessie Borg,</i>	
9.30am	English Mass + <i>Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Issac (for healing), +Emanuel Fenech, + Patricia Snaize, +Tessie Borg, Danica Marie (for healing), Liam Jhon, Louise Margaret, Mark Wendell, Isaiah Grey (for thanks giving), +Marc Rainer, +Edwin Galan, +Christopher Ian,</i>	
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass	
1.00pm	Spanish Mass	
6.00pm	Youth Mass	

Monday 12th Sept	8.00am	English Mass +
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	11.00am	Lady of Knots
	12.00pm	Funeral for Hazel Win
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday 13th Sept	8.00am	English Mass +
St John Chrsysostom	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	10.00am	Italian Prayer Group
	6.45pm	Benediction, Novena, Adoration
Wednesday 14th Sept	8.00am	English Mass +
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)
Thursday 15th Sept	8.00am	English Mass +
Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	9.30am	Legion of Mary (English)
	11.00am	Funeral for Phillip Magri
	2.00pm	Benlynnne
	7.30pm	Spanish Prayer Group
Friday 16th Sept	8.00am	English Mass +
St Cornelius	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy



Saturday 17th /18th 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 + <i>Joan & Carmelo Micallef,</i>	
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass	
1.00pm	Spanish Mass	
6.00pm	Youth Mass	



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends, and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 15:1-32

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

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GOD'S MERCY AND FORBEARANCE

If anything could be said to lie at the heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is the message of the love, mercy and forbearance of God. Many people would falsely characterise the God of the Old Testament as a God who condemns and judges. However, the incident of the golden calf is one of several occasions in the Old Testament where God's mercy is shown to be far more powerful than any desire to condemn.

The beginning of the first letter to Timothy reflects on Paul's experience of this loving-kindness of God. It was well known that he who had persecuted the Church (Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6) had still been called to serve the Lord as an apostle. The core of the gospel is succinctly stated in one powerful phrase: 'that Christ came into the world to save sinners'.

This is nowhere more beautifully treated in the Gospels than in Luke 15. Faced with the opposition of the scribes and Pharisees when Jesus chooses tax collectors and sinners as companions, Jesus seeks their understanding and a softening of their critical stance by using parables that speak powerfully of God's mercy. It is not simply a matter of God being merciful since it is accompanied by a call for us to share in it by rejoicing that what was lost has now been found. In the kingdom of God sinners that repent will have a special place at the banquet table. The question remains as to whether our hearts are big enough to accept it.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

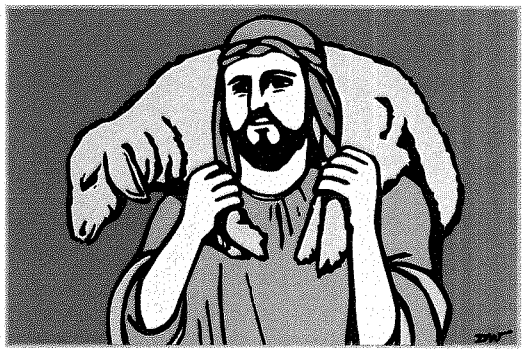
But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk. 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
3. O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. / My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; / a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. R.



SECOND READING

1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!