



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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## Gospel Reflection by Greg Gunter

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment.

Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon.

To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions. This weekend is the Catholic Care Sunday Appeal. Catholic Care Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospital and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. Please support Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Fathers day - raffle and sausage sizzle will be held on the 28th of Aug at all masses, please keep this date free. Raffle tickets will be available in the church foyer.

King single (1 year old) electric bed for sale call 0404 960 449

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

## WE PRAY FOR:

**For Healing:** Charlie Bonello, Simon & Clinton Walsh, Pat Reynolds, **Recently Deceased:** 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, Citeku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Misud, Nina, Carmenu & Savu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avelino, Joe Carruana, Emy Saffarose, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, Connie Cahia, Maria Gaffiero, Teresa & Dick Smith & family, Dora Mercieca, Lena & Joh Fenech, Vincent Abela, and all souls.



## Church Diary (Week beginning 21st Aug 2022)

Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am	
4.00pm	Wedding	
6.00pm	Vigil Mass + Maria Rosa Sacco, + Tarcisio Cutajar	
Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)		
8.00 am	English Mass +	
9.30am	English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Helen Gauci & Mary Gatt, + Emmanuel Fenech & Linu Zammit, + Manani & Manuel Tanti	
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass	
1.00pm	Spanish Mass	
6.00pm	Youth Mass	

## Monday 22nd Aug

8.00am	English Mass + Noreen Williams
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
11.00am	Lady of Knots
7.00pm	Choir Practice
8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
10.00am	Italian Prayer Group
6.45pm	Benediction, Novena, Adoration
8.00pm	Rehearsal for wedding

## Wednesday 24th Aug

9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
7.30pm	Vietnamese Legion of Mary
8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
9.30am	Legion of Mary (English)
7.30pm	Spanish Prayer Group
8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
12.30pm	Wedding
3.00pm	Divine Mercy

## Thursday 25th Aug

8.00am	English Mass
9.00am	English Mass

## Saturday 27th/28th Aug Baptism:

8.00am	English Mass +
9.30am	English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef,
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm	Spanish Mass
6.00pm	Vigil Mass + Tarcisio Cutajar
Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)	
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

## Friday 26th Aug

8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass

## 6.00pm

8.00am	English Mass
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# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C



Isa 66:18-21

**FIRST READING**  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 116. R. Mk 16:1-5

**R. Go out to all the world; and tell the**

**Good News (or Alleluia)**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim

2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for

ever. R.

**SECOND READING**

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in

which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly;

but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves

and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training;

God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him?

Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says

the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through

me. Alleluia!

Jn 14:6

# Breaking Open the Word

## WORTH THE STRUGGLE

While the people of Israel were rightly thankful for being chosen by God, they often reflected on their relationship with the nations that surrounded them. The experience of the exile would change them forever since Jews could then be found throughout the ancient world. What was their role among the nations? Would the nations come to worship the living God? One response is represented for us in the last chapter of the book of Isaiah who saw that the role of the survivors of the exile was to be a light to the nations. Their faithful witness would result in conversion and worship in Jerusalem.

When Jesus was asked, 'will there be only a few saved?', his reply adds a new dimension to the equation. 'The nations will come and take part in the banquet of the Messiah, but some of those who felt they had reserved places will be forced to look on from outside! The determining factor is how people respond to the salvation and life which Jesus offers. Simply being part of the people of Israel is not enough; later Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because you did not know the time of your visitation' (Luke 19:44).

Today's passage from the letter to the Hebrews sets out to help Christians who were discouraged by the opposition and suffering they were experiencing. Rather than suffering being a sign of God's rejection, they are encouraged to see it as how they are being prepared to take their places at the messianic banquet.

Christopher Monaghan CP

A reading from the holy Gospel according

to Luke.

*From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets," but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**  
Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.



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