

PARISH NEWS SHEET

Welcome to the Partnered Parishes of
St Peter Toorak and Our Lady of Lourdes Armadale
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
5th September 2021

**THIS SUNDAY'S MASS WILL BE BROADCAST ONLY.
THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASS IN EITHER CHURCH
A LINK WILL BE EMAILED AT 9.30am THIS SUNDAY**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Lourdes	Tuesday	7 th September	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wednesday	8 th September	NO MASS THIS WEEK
St Peter's	Thursday	9 th September	NO MASS THIS WEEK
St Peter's	Friday	10 th September	NO MASS THIS WEEK

Reconciliation

St Peter's and
Our Lady Of Lourdes

By appointment only for
the time being

Baptisms

Our Lady of Lourdes
and St Peter's

Please ring the Parish Secretaries to make
arrangements

Marriages

By arrangement with the Parish Priest



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

Responsorial Psalm: 145:7

Today is Father's Day. Fathers know a lot about imitating the Lord in keeping faith and being just. Fathers play a significant role model for their children in looking after the needs of people in the wider society. They have to teach and practise the virtues of generosity and thoughtfulness in their families.

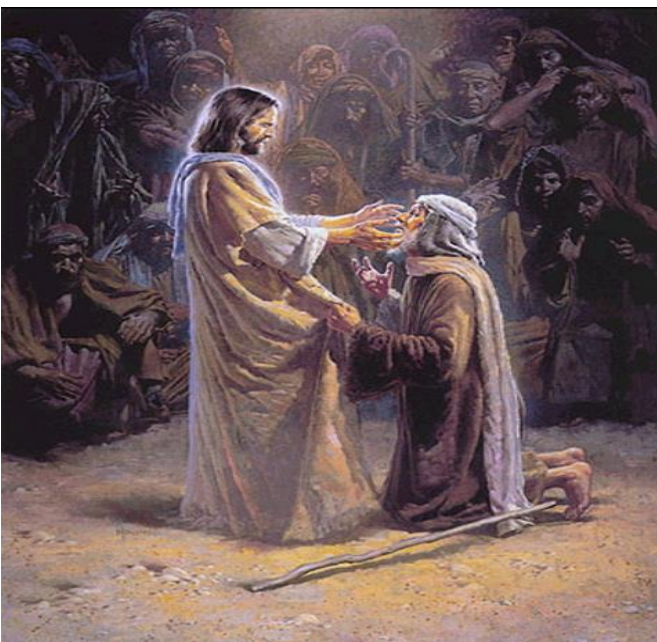
At this moment of the pandemic that sweeps across the globe, it is uplifting to celebrate our fathers, at home if possible, or by phone, greeting card, text and always ZOOM (and a modest present.) Let us be inventive with that.

Those who want only to pursue a career and make a pile of money for early retirement run the risk of losing it all: the trust of colleagues, the love and respect of family.

Those who work constantly to balance the needs and demands of work and family will suffer some setbacks. But honesty of intention and action, together with awareness of God's presence and grace, will win them true life.

Congratulations to all fathers.

Fr Hayes



A SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY LITURGY

The students at OLOL Primary School have created a very special video to wish all the special men in our lives a very special Father's Day. To watch the Liturgy please click the link:

https://youtu.be/Td_HfvArcE4

Irene Archer
Year 2 and 3 Teacher and Religious
Education Leader

Sacramental Preparation Program for Confirmation 2021

Whilst we have all been in our latest Victorian Lockdown, and working from home, the Preparation Program for this year's Confirmation Candidates, is still going on via Zoom, every Tuesday.

This coming Tuesday will be our fourth session via Zoom. We hoped that we would be able to run face-to-face classes at some point this month, but unfortunately we will have to wait to meet in person, sometime in October. I ask for all Parishioners to keep our Parish children and their families in your prayers as they Journey to making the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year, especially the children from the Parish and Parish Primary School who are yet to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, as it was postponed due to our last COVID Lockdown.

Delisa Gonsalves, Parish Pastoral Associate

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day Appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website:

www.cam.org.au/foundation (by credit card or direct debit). Receipts can be issued.

We will have a "Retrospective" Father's Day Appeal when Masses return to the Parishes. Currently there are 96 retired priests of the Archdiocese.

SICK LIST Jane Wetzler, Claire & Doug Mitchell, Therese O'Hehir, Paul Mohan, Peter Lindley, Noela & John Gibb, Robert & Bobby Panton, Mary Lennox, Dr Bill Mitchell, Dr David Phillips, Ranjan Gregory, Isuzu Nishimura, Peter Renehan, Mark Ryan, John Bongiorno (in USA), Dympna Brady, Adrian Mitchell, Teresa Sheehan, Jean Ryan, Helen Hudson, Patricia Webb, Evelyn Hughes, Adrian Gazzard (gravely ill), Dr Jean Allison (parishioner of TUC), David Blake, Abigail McMeekin, Cathy Moore, Alan Molyneux and Dr Giuseppe Pagliaro

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr John Somerville,
Dr Michael O'Loughlin, Lynette Cook

ANNIVERSARIES: John Coutts, Noel Rowan, Emmanuel Raj, Elizabeth Whelan, David Conroy, Dr Charles McCann, Irene and Bobby Kingsley, Gilbert Holmes, John O'Sullivan, Dr Peter Mangos, Rita Tonelli, Maria Ostrugnaj, Lawrence Sweeney, Rosa Schillaci and Don Lunn

READINGS – 12th September

First reading	Is 50:5-9
Psalm	Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9
Second reading	Jas 2:14-18
Gospel	Mk 8:27-35

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

As of 8.00pm Thursday 5th August 2021 the following 'snap lockdown' measures will be applied across Victoria, and will extend until the 23rd September or as otherwise notified..

Religious Ceremonies:

No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

Funerals: Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

Weddings: Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

This week on the Journey (Ep 422)

On the Journey this week: Fr Joseph Murphy says this gospel foreshadows the liturgical action during baptism. Mother Hilda on the constant stream of little things that show love and appreciation, Michelle Vass ponders the mystery of God's will for us, and Torrien Lau on falling, getting back up and repeating instead of allowing ego to fool ourselves. Plus, more great music!

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

- Parish Secretary, Catholic Parish of Castlemaine
- Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- Parish Seniors Advocate, St Xavier's Parish, Box Hill
- Finance Officer, Catholic Development Fund (CDF) - Part Time

For details go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8th September:

the Birthday of Our Lady.

Thursday 9th September:

St Peter Claver (1580 – 1654)
Jesuit missionary in Colombia and protector of the African slaves.

FIRST READING [Is 35:4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1](#)

Response:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING [Jas 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

A GENTLE REMINDER

As the current lockdown has been extended and we still do not know if we will be out of it by the 2nd September, may I ask that you keep in mind the desirability of continuing to support our partnered parishes and your parish priest.

If you would like to make a credit card or direct debit payment, please call the parish office during office hours as per the front page of this Newsletter. Parishioners were very thoughtful during the long lockdown of last year and your continuing generosity will be of great benefit to everybody in the partnered parishes.

Fr Hayes

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of
the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL [Mk 7:31-37](#)

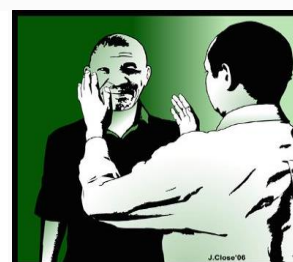
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

THE EPHPHATHA PRAYER

After a baby is baptised the Celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the infant with his thumb and says: *The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.*

This gesture nicely replicates the powerful action of Jesus in the Gospel.



PRAYER DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear Parishioners,

In this difficult time which we face could I suggest that you set aside 15 minutes, Monday to Friday, noon to 12.15pm to pray.

Suitable intentions could be:

For people in Australia who have COVID,
for those who look after them,
for children and teenagers doing home-schooling,
for people who live by themselves and
for parents and other people who have to work from home, for people overseas who have COVID, especially in developing countries, and
for the people of Afghanistan whose freedom is seriously threatened.

You could say a decade of the Rosary or read from your Book of Prayers or a passage from the Bible.

Fr Hayes

T@P Eastern Catholic Churches Livestream w/ Mons. Joe Takchi

T@P is back online this coming Monday, with another livestream over on Facebook. Our speaker this month is Monsignor Joe Takchi, a Melbourne based Maronite Priest who will be speaking on the Eastern Catholic Churches.

Grab a drink and join us over on our Facebook page this coming

Monday, 6th of September, at 7:30pm

Check out the link in our bio for more details!

Talk commences: 7:30pm

Where: Facebook Livestream

When: Monday the 6th of September 2021

Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tapmelb/

Website: www.theologyatthepub.com.au

[Click here to go to the Facebook Event](#)



La Tienda
A Colombian Restaurant
268 High Street, Windsor
is giving free meals
to those in need
3-6pm Mondays and Tuesdays

In accordance with Archdiocesan Policy, the Parish Communities of St Peter and Our Lady of Lourdes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.