



# St Anthony's Parish



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**22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**2nd September 2018**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Fabian Smith

**ASSISTANT PRIESTS:** Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Joseph Panackal IV Dei

### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

**Parish Secretary:** Lesley Morffew

**Admin Assistant:** Judy Johnson

**Parish Office Hours:**

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.00am—4.00pm

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### ST BERNARD'S PARISH

**Parish Secretary:** Dolores Turcsan

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### **ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

### **ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Cathy Belcher	0431 082 886
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Emilio Scalzo

### **CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS**

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)

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Please contact Judy Johnson for any Parish news you would like published in the Newsletter

Articles must be received by midday Tuesdays. Email: judyparishnews@gmail.com

For appointments with Father Fabian please call Judy on 0414 007 009

## MASS AND DEVOTIONS

### ST ANTHONY'S

#### MASS TIMES :

<b>Monday :</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday morning:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>Tuesday evening:</b>	6.30pm	FJP
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.15am	FFS
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>Friday:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>1st Friday Devotion:</b>	7.30pm	FJP
<b>Saturday Vigil :</b>	5.30pm	FFS
<b>Sunday :</b>	8.30am	FPB
	10.30am	FJP

#### INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass

#### ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

#### ADORATION:

30 minutes before and 30 minutes after every weekday Mass.

**During School Term Mass on Monday at**

**CRC Melton Chapel: 8.00am FFS**



### ST BERNARD'S

#### MASS TIMES :

**All Week Day Masses ( except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel**

<b>Monday :</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday :</b>	5.30pm	FPB
<b>Wednesday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
<b>Thursday :</b>	9.30am	FFS
<b>Friday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
<b>Saturday :</b>	5:00pm	FPB
<b>Sunday :</b>	8:30am	FFS
	10:00am	FFS

#### INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass

#### ROSARY:

Prayed every Monday at 7.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

Rosary is also held on the first Friday of the month following morning mass.

Next Date : **7th September**

#### ADORATION:

1 hour before every weekday Mass.

#### SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors. Next Senior's Mass: **21st September**

#### PROVIDENCE MASS

Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am

The Village 5-7 Griffin St, Maddingley

Next Mass: **14th September**



### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

#### MASS TIMES :

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30pm Mass	FJP
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## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018** featuring our new Archbishop, Peter A Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The title of his address is "Being a man; a man of God!" **The venue** is the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. **Cost** \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. **Enquiries** Michael Bohan 0439 172 465.

The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

**MELBOURNE YOUTH: HAVE YOUR SAY! Thursday 13 September, 8–9.30pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne** Join us at an AOY Plenary Listening and Dialogue session. This will be a chance for young people to have their say and experience the 'Listening and Dialogue' process so they can host other sessions in their local youth and young adult groups. **Cost:** Gold coin donation for pizza **Enquiries:** aoy@cam.org.au or 9287 5565 **RSVP:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/240714789902010/>

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

### PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION—SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will be having our annual Father's Day Collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. The Appeal supports retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. Please give generously. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Envelopes are available for donations.

### THE SPIRIT OF TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

**Youth and Family BBQ and Fun Night!** Introducing **The Spirit of the Two Hearts Youth Group** *Sharing the Spirit of God through Faith, Friendship and Fun* **When:** Sunday, 16th Sept 2018 @ 3:30pm **Where:** Two Hearts Centre 274 La Cote Road, Greendale, Vic 3341 **Cost:** Free - snacks, BBQ and sweets galore provided! **RSVP:** Monday, 10th September 2018

**Contact:** Sister Clare **Mobile:** 0415 806 217 or **Email:** [twoheartscentre@bigpond.com](mailto:twoheartscentre@bigpond.com)

Coordinated by The Missionaries of Love and Peace.

### CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Catechism sessions are being held from 6:30 -7:30pm, after Saturday evening Vigil Mass in St Anthony's Padua Hall, with the Brothers and Sisters of the Two Hearts. All children are welcome to join for the last three sessions: Sept 1, Sept 8, and Sept 15, 2018. Parents and family members are invited to join for a special last session on Sept 15, 2018.

### WATAN—A FILM BY JAMES L BROWN

Watan seeks to inspire action through connection, empathy, and recognition. It shines a much needed light on the human stories at the centre of the global debates of immigration and asylum. **When:** Tuesday 11th September 7pm -8pm

**Where:** CRC Melton PAC 109-141 Bulmans Rd Melton West **Cost:** Gold coin donation. Money raised will go to Asylum Seekers Resource Centre.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

### ST ANTHONY'S

#### MEMORIAL BOOK ENTRY - WITHOUT DATES

There have been a few requests from family members for names of their loved ones who have passed away prior to the last entry, to be entered into the memorial book.

Since the pages are printed in chronological order (27/11/1951 to 04/01/2017 ) we are unable to insert names into the existing pages. It has been suggested that a new page with only names (without dates) be printed, as is on the first page of the memorial book.

Anyone who wants to have their loved ones in the memorial book, please contact Godwin on [0425 734 449](tel:0425734449).

#### SPIT ROAST LUNCH INCLUDING DESSERT

Please note that due to the of numbers, unfortunately the Spit Roast has been cancelled

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

We are starting a young women's group (aged 16 and above) every first and third Sundays. Our first meeting will be a meet and greet over CAKES and tea at 5pm on the third Sunday of September (16th of September). Come and join us for a fellowship with like-minded sisters in Christ! Please put your name and number on the clip board at the back of the Church.

#### 'CUPPA WITH MARY'

Will take place on Monday, September 3 at 10.00am and on Tuesday, September 4 at 10.30am. For further information please contact Sr Therese Dagge RSJ on 0418 480 880.

#### SPECIAL CUPPA WEEKEND—FATHER'S DAY

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat after Mass this weekend to celebrate Father's Day.

### ST BERNARD'S

#### FAMILY BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018

For a fun night, come along to Mark Farrell's farm 4099 Bacchus Marsh-Geelong Road, Parwan.



3 course Dinner, Guest Speaker, Bonfire and Music. Tickets on sale after Masses this weekend.

Tickets also available from the Presbytery and the School office.

Adults \$15 and Children \$5

Enquiries – Mark 0416 251 025 or Ron 0419 156

#### SPIRIT OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Sharing the Spirit of God through Faith, Friendship and Fun. Experience faith, friendship and fun through: Praise and worship, Music, Trivia nights, Game nights, Movie nights, Team building activities, Outdoor activities, BBQ's, Bush walks, Bonfire nights, Camps, and much more....**Age group:** 11 years +

**When:** Every 4th Thursday of the month,

7:00pm - 9:00pm Starting in September 2018

**Where:** Two Hearts Centre , 274 La Cote Road, Greendale, Vic 3341 **Contact:** Sister Clare

**Mobile:** 0415 806 217 or

**Email:** [twoheartscentre@bigpond.com](mailto:twoheartscentre@bigpond.com)



# WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

## ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

**NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER:** 8th & 9th September

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Gavin Pereira  
8.30am: Ineke Allen  
10.30am: Leonia Jessop

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Philip Anyayahan (P) & Ann Tennakoon  
8.30am : Geoff Sutton (P), Lillian Christian & Anthea Scerri

10.30am: Elaine Lacey (P) & Rita Harinos

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact the emergency minister on the roster. Thank you.

### ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Mason Azzopardi  
8.30am: Rhys Tuala  
10.30am: Gavin Maitre & Nick Taunuu

### MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Carmen Vella & Dolores Turcsan  
8.30am: Indika Silva & Lina Calleja (K Dumandan)  
10.30am: Ken Dumandan & Carmen Vella

## ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

### **We pray for the recently deceased:**

John Montgomery

### **We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:**

Malaga Niko Levi, Terence Cyril Pereira, Marie Rietschel & Giovanni Viscosi

### **Please pray for the Sick:** Jean Barnett, Nickolia &

Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Clint Abela Wadge, Michael Wright & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May you be wrapped up in God's love,  
Found deep in his everlasting wings;  
Carried and kept safe and cherished.  
May the healing power of Christ be  
with you.  
Amen



## ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

**NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER:** 8th & 9th September

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Maureen Zahra  
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi & Magaret Love  
10.00am: James Waters & Diane Corro

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Mary Beaton  
8.30am: Brendan Harrison  
10.00am: Jennifer Taylor

### ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm:  
8.30am: Roster Pending  
10.00am:

## ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

### **We pray for the recently deceased:**

Barbara Callan

### **We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:**

Sister Mary Frances Coburn, Veronica Dally, Greg Hynes, Peg Shanahan, Fr Peter Taffe & Jim White

### **Please pray for the Sick:**

Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Ian Dominquez, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Maryo, Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Arabella Periera, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Julie Scott, Ken Shaw, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Mitchell Tung, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Carol Wells, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young, Hannah Young.

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## SERVICE / COMMUNITY

### ST ANTHONY'S

**VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND:** 8th & 9th September

#### **PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS**

**5.30pm:** Lorraine Tellis  
**8.30am:** Ineke Allen  
**10.30am:** Imalsha Silva

#### **CUPPA ROSTER**

Next Cuppa Weekend: **22nd & 23rd September**

**5.30pm:** Judy Van Hoos & Gladys Clarke  
**8.30am:** Geoff Sutton & Skye James  
**10.30am:** Mangala Rowell & Doris Bonello



#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Doris Bonello &  
Josephine German



#### **CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday**

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.00am.

New members most welcome.

Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' at the back of the Church. Thank you.

#### **COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC**

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need and walk alongside them to reduce dependency through friendship and education.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

Hours: Mon– Thurs: 10.00am—3.00pm

Friday : 10.00am—12.15pm

School Holidays : 10.00am—12.30pm

### FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL COMMITTEE DATES

**19th Oct:** Parish & School Fete

**11th Nov:** Family Day

**31st December:** New Year's Eve Dance  
Aspendale Gardens  
Fundraiser for New Chapel

### ST BERNARD'S

**VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND :** 8th & 9th September

#### **PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS**

**Saturday:** Trish Davine  
**Sunday:** Carol Ryder

#### **MORNING TEA**

Is held on the the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: **2nd September**

Host: Baptism Preparation Team



#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Jan Carragher

#### **COUNTING TEAM # 5**

Pat O'Leary  
Jo Cowan  
Peter Lafranchi  
Frank Pomeroy  
Stuart Robertson



#### **PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (September)**

Front Garden:

Back/Side Garden: Chris Eggleston

Parish Centre:

Carpark/Pines:

Back Paddock: Colm Carragher

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. We are calling for more volunteers. If you would like more information please ring 5310 6322.

#### **THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE**

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

Our committee consists of two representatives from each of the participating churches who normally are nominated and appointed at our Annual General Meeting which was held in May.

Currently we only have one representative from the Catholic church and we are calling for a volunteer from St Bernard's Parish to take up this position on The Neighbour's Place Committee of Management. We only meet once a month and it provides two-way communication of information, ideas and opinions on our outreach work.

Contact: Fr Fabian 5367 2069

#### **PARISH CENTRE BOOKING**

Tel: 5367 3427

Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

# FAITH FORMATION

## ST ANTHONY'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 27th Sept**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 7th & 21st October.**

See details on Parish Homepage as listed on front page and download forms. Forms are also available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass from Father.

Both parents are required to attend these meetings. We kindly request adults only and a copy of the birth certificate.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

**BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson**

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held during Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm .

### FATIMA STATUE

(These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish)

Group 1: **Brian Barker** **0408 974 322**

Group 2: **Leonia Jessop** **0405 371 965**



## ST BERNARD'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.

Next program: **Sunday 23rd September**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **Sunday 7th & 21st October**

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website [www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh](http://www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh). Bring completed Registration Form with a copy of Birth Certificate to the program.

Please note: Both parents are required to attend the program.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

**COORDINATORS : Justin & Katie**

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held every Sunday during 10.00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.



### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil;

may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Amen.

### NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

# WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 14

**Comm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**All:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart.

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

**All:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

*Be doers of the word.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,  
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

**First Reading:** Is 35:4-7;

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5;

**Gospel:** Mk 7:31-37

# 2018 the Year of Youth: World Youth Day Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2013 II

We present this Sunday the second and final part of the homily that His Holiness Pope Francis delivered at the final Mass for the 28th World Youth Day in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro. Pope Francis celebrated the Mass on the waterfront at Copacabana Beach on Sunday July 28, 2013.

And then, Jesus did not say: “One of you go”, but “All of you go”: we are sent together.

Dear young friends, be aware of the companionship of the whole Church and also the communion of the saints on this mission. When we face challenges together, then we are strong, we discover resources we did not know we had. Jesus did not call the Apostles to live in isolation, he called them to form a group, a community.

I would like to address you, dear priests celebrating with me at this Eucharist: you have come to accompany your young people, and this is wonderful, to share this experience of faith with them! Certainly he has rejuvenated all of you. The young make everyone feel young. But this experience is only a stage on the journey. Please, continue to accompany them with generosity and joy, help them to become actively engaged in the Church; never let them feel alone!

And here I wish to thank from the heart the youth ministry teams from the movements and new communities that are accompanying the young people in their experience of being Church, in such a creative and bold way. Go forth and don't be afraid!

3. The final word: *serve*. The opening words of the psalm that we proclaimed are: “Sing to the Lord a new song” (Psalm 95:1). What is this new song? It does not consist of words, it is not a melody, it is the song of your life, it is allowing our life to be identified with that of

Jesus, it is sharing his sentiments, his thoughts, his actions. And the life of Jesus is a life for others. The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service.

In our Second Reading today, Saint Paul says: “I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more” (1 Corinthians 9:19). In order to proclaim Jesus, Paul made himself “a slave to all”.

Evangelising means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness, it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did.

Three ideas: *Go, do not be afraid, and serve. Go, do not be afraid, and serve.* If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelises is evangelised, the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy.

Dear young friends, as you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel.

In the first Reading, when God sends the prophet Jeremiah, he gives him the power to “pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant” (Jeremiah 1:10). It is the same for you. Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, so as to build a new world.

Dear young friends, Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always accompany you with her tenderness: “Go and make disciples of all nations”. **Amen.**

The theme of WYD Rio was the text:  
“Go and make disciples of all nations”  
(Matthew 28:19).