

Sunday 4th July 2021

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what

we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Recent Death:

Francis West,

Frank Auditore,

John Yerecic

Anniversary:

Judith Nowak,

Edward Shea,

Albert Fox,

Owen Potter



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.



JULY: The Precious Blood

4th St Elizabeth of Portugal

5th St Anthony Zaccaria

6th St Maria Goretti, St Isaiah

7th St Willibald

8th St Procopius

9th St Veronica Giuliani

10th St Secunda, St Rufina



COVID REMINDERS

1. CHECK IN WITH QR CODE
2. MASKS TO BE WORN INDOORS
3. HAND SANITISE
4. PHYSICAL DISTANCE

If you love peace, all will be well. St Elizabeth of Portugal

11 th July 2 nd week 15 th Sun Ord / Year B	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lectors	Anna Conti	John Reddie	Michael Heffernan
Special Ministers	Volunteers	Pauline Bourke Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Data Projector	Cristiano's	C & T Dial	Teresa Myer

'Reframing Retirement', Saturday 24 July 2021, 10am-3pm. Does our sense of vocation or calling end with Retirement? Does the final 'third' of life signal a decline, or an opportunity to encounter an unexplored terrain of life...and of oneself? And what can our faith journey become at this time of transition? Whether voluntary or involuntary, Retirement can be a wake-up call, summoning us to reframe our vision and our purpose. This reflection day is led by Simon Jenkinson, qualified clinical psychologist and spiritual director. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC.

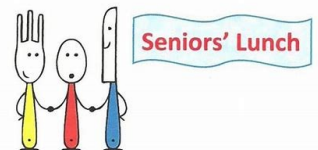
Cost \$60 (morning tea provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

All Welcome..... SENIORS LUNCHEON

When: Tuesday, 13th July, 12 noon

Where: Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Rd, Bentleigh

Please phone Sue Sharry 9592 7229 or 0458 086 602



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY Brighton East

Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society, 14th June 1931

Saint Vincent de Paul Donations

To make a donation (and get a tax deductible receipt)

prior to June 30, this is easily done online at

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.