



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation.

Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to flourish.

10TH/11TH OCTOBER 2020, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

ENCYCLICAL LETTER - FRATELLI TUTTI

OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

Inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis gives us *Fratelli tutti*, a proposal for a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. It is a call to love others as brothers and sisters, even when they are far from us; it is a call to open fraternity (FT 1), to recognizing and loving every person with a love without borders; it is a call to encounter others in a way that is capable of overcoming all distance and every temptation to engage in disputes, impositions, or submissions (FT 3).

Fratelli tutti does not claim to offer a complete teaching on fraternal love, but seeks rather to consider its universal scope (FT 6).

COVID-19 forced the Pope to interrupt his writing of *Fratelli tutti*. This pandemic has exposed our false securities, our fragmentation, and our inability to work together (FT 7).

In the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or to ignore others, *Fratelli tutti* is an invitation to respond to God's call with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship (FT 6).

The Holy Father hopes that, in these times, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity by acknowledging the dignity of each and every human person (FT 8).

The link for the letter:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html



ENCYCLICAL LETTER
FRATELLI TUTTI
Of the Holy Father Francis
On fraternity and social friendship

WHAT IS IT?

The third encyclical of Pope Francis, after *Lumen fidei* (2013) and *Laudato si'* (2015).

It was signed on October 3, 2020, in Assisi, Italy.

ON WHAT IS IT BASED?



- ▶ Questions about fraternity and social friendship that have concerned the Pope in recent years.
- ▶ Themes put forward in the *Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*, which the Pope signed jointly with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb in February 2019.

WHAT DOES IT PROPOSE?



- ▶ It is a social encyclical dedicated to fraternity and social friendship.
- ▶ It treats the universal dimension of the doctrine of fraternal love.
- ▶ Its aim is to put forth a new vision of fraternity and social friendship.]
- ▶ It encourages us to dream as a single human family and as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh.

TO WHOM IS IT ADDRESSED?



To all persons who will accept this reflection an invitation to dialogue.

HOW IS THE ENCYCLICAL ORGANIZED?

- ▶ *Fratelli tutti* consists of a general introduction and 8 chapters.

Introduction
Chapter I: DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD
Chapter II: A STRANGER ON THE ROAD
Chapter III: ENVISAGING AND ENGENDERING AN OPEN WORLD
Chapter IV: A HEART OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD
Chapter V: A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS
Chapter VI: DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP IN SOCIETY
Chapter VII: PATHS OF RENEWED ENCOUNTER

WHERE DOES THE TITLE COME FROM?



- ▶ *Fratelli tutti* is an expression of Saint Francis of Assisi (Admonitions, 6, 1).
- ▶ The saint used the expression to propose a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel.
- ▶ Saint Francis invites all men and women to a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance.



ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN PRAYER
 "Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover a new that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves."
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MASS TIMES: No Public Masses at this time

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by appointment

WEDDINGS: By appointment

FIRST RECONCILIATION,

FIRST COMMUNION,

CONFIRMATION:

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

LEGION OF MARY: meeting on Zoom All Welcome. contact Sue mob 0499260206.

PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY:

Statue not in circulation until further notice mob Sue 0499260206

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PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John's are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage. Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop. To order your free and exclusive copy of "**Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer**" please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or Telephone: 02 8912 2777.

It inspires us all to "take fresh courage.." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

MASS ALFRESCO: As per the Government and Archdiocesan guidelines we are able to say mass in an outdoor space for 5 people (not including the minister). Mass will be said Tuesday to Sunday at 9am in the memorial garden maze. A second mass will be held on Sundays at 10am. Those wishing to attend mass are asked to email the parish address at heidelberg@cam.org.au to make their booking. Email is preferable as it allows us to easily record the names and contact details of those attending. You will be contacted back to confirm your booking.

Mass will be cancelled if it is raining. Those who miss out on such days will be offered the next available date. You will be required to wear a face mask during the service, except when assisting with a reading and when receiving Holy Communion. There will be some protocols to see to, so do try to be present at least a couple of minutes prior to mass beginning. If you'd like to go to the sacrament of confession before receiving communion again, be there earlier still. I'll be around the church and happy to oblige. I ask you to please be patient and understanding through this.

Fr Joel.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARY: Gerald James (Jim) Lanigan, Denis and Margaret Kennedy, James and Sarah Hannon

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Pauline Hewatt, Colin Bolger, Giovanni Mirabella, Patrick Morel, Sandra Ashton, Sam Palmieri.

Names on the sick list remain for six weeks, unless otherwise advised.

*Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday morning.***

INVITATION TO PRAY THE 54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR AUSTRALIA AND VICTORIA: You are invited to pray for God’s peace and blessing upon Australia and in particular, upon Victoria from 8th October to 30th November. The 15 decades of the Rosary will be prayed each morning from 7.15am to 8.30am on Zoom. Welcome to join in anytime during the period using Link <https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/93483011034?pwd=NOZNMUd1Rk9xRVNWWURWZzFYZFh6UT09> Meeting ID: 93483011034 Password: 206443 more information contact Sue on 0449 260 206.

PONDERING GRIEF: Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 17 Oct 2020, 10am-1pm (AEST). Facilitated by Counsellor/Supervisor/Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creative, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$30. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLUEA>. More information at holsc@bigpond.com, tel 9890 1101.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU TO FR MARIO: Dear members of the St. John’s community, as many of you will want to show appreciation for all that Mario has given to our community we thought we’d organize a group gift. Easier for everyone to pay online and sign the card and we can give one great gift! There’s no obligation but if you’d like to contribute, we’ll present the gift voucher to Mario in late November. Link to contribute at <https://www.grouptogogether.com/FarewellFrMario>

Alternatively if you wish to contribute by cheque/cash they can be dropped off at the Parish office or please contact Michelle Penson on 0499 891 101.
Thank you. Parish Pastoral Council

INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF LIFE

The parable of the Wedding Banquet is an allegory of the story of salvation. The banquet represents God’s intent for human beings, which is simply to have us as honoured guests at the banquet of life. The bridegroom is Jesus. The servants sent out to issue the invitations are the Old Testament prophets and then Christian missionaries. The response of the king to those who rejected the invitations reflects early Christian belief that the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE was retribution for failure to accept Jesus as Messiah. The new invitees from the highways and byways are Gentiles (non-Jews) who have joined the Church in large numbers.

We should not too readily identify the king in the parable with God. Jesus takes illustrations from life as it is, using aspects of the way people, including kings, behave to illustrate what he wants to convey.

The parable thus serves as an explanation of otherwise disturbing developments. Israel’s No to the Gospel and the fact that the Church includes bad members as well as good has all been foreseen and foretold by the Lord.

What about the poor wretch caught out for not wearing a wedding garment? The wedding garment symbolises transformation of life. You don’t have to be good to get into the community of the Kingdom: the invitation to the banquet is a great net of grace enclosing all, good and bad alike. But, once within, believers must allow the grace they have received to transform them and make them worthy of God’s invitation to the banquet of life.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

<p style="text-align: center;">HAVE YOU THOUGHT? INCLUSIVITY</p> <p>This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn’t obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the ‘shunned’ and ‘left out’ in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today’s society?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">‘HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?’</p> <p>In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 79:9. 12-16. 19-20.

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

or

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.