



Christ the King Church

# ST MEL'S PARISH

*"BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."*

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St Mel's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2 October 2022

Readings for this week:



Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

Readings for next Sunday:



2 Kings 5:14-17  
2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Luke 17:11-19



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Anointing of the Sick 5

The Rite of "Commendation of the Dying" consists of a short scriptural text that may be softly repeated two or three times. Example: "Who can separate us from the love of Christ?" or "To you Lord, I lift up my soul." Then the Word of God is proclaimed by one who is present or the priest. The Rite has 13 plus more in the appendix to choose. A long or short litany of the saints follows with the response: "pray for him/her". Then a Prayer of Commendation may be said if death is very near. Five choices are given or other prayers may be used or added. Finally there are prayers after death and prayers for the family and friends. "For the solace of those present the minister may conclude these prayers with a blessing or with a symbolic gesture, for example, signing the forehead with the sign of the cross and/ or sprinkling with holy water." p188

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### Looking at the Readings

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him. © Dianne Bergant CSA

### Prayer of the Earth (part 6)

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

### Quote of the Week

Even if you think you are faithful, you have not yet attained the perfection of faith. You must also say: 'Lord, increase our faith.' For you have hardly anything of your own, but must receive much from the Lord. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechesis 5:9-11

### On the Lighter Side

Q: What credit card do you use for buying condiments?

A: A MustardCard.

Q: Why was the hamburger chef thrown out of the army?

A: Because he couldn't pass the mustard.



*St Mel's Parish Is...*

**"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."**

## **REFLECTION FROM FR PETER**



The phrase 'from little things big things grow' has become familiar more so from the television program .... 'all creatures great and small'! The familiar story used by Jesus of the small seed producing into the large tree ( mulberry tree) is one where an answer is given ...."increase our faith". In light of this parable, we could do well by asking ourselves ....'How is my faith increasing?' Being in a semi - rural environment as is ours, where we have seen fields produce, trees bring forth growth, so we can translate this into the field of God's Word and how we sow this into our motivation in faith.

A further impression from this Gospel story is an image Jesus uses of an up rooted mulberry tree. It is believed these trees grow up to seventy meters high with a root system which is invasive. For those who have coped with root damage to homes and plumbing systems would appreciate the first century Palestinian law prohibiting the planting of mulberry trees near cisterns and buildings. Coming back to the point of increasing faith is to be likened with the disciples as they and we build at times in our own labouring as followers of Christ.

This Sunday is the last in a Season of Creation. It's been a season quite unique and different to other seasons, given the intensity of rainfall. Water levels around the Goulburn Valley are at a high. There is suggestion here as to what increase water levels rise to? Increase in faith and increase in water raises a thought as to one's personal openness to the increase of life in our efforts of building the life of God's Kingdom.

This year's theme for the Season of Creation is around "listening to the voice of Creation". So as I bring this season to a close for this coming Tuesday, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron of creation some of the following quotes and thoughts maybe helpful in you bringing this season to a close, by taking a few moments to read reflectively and with imagination .....

- . What kind of world do you want to leave for the one's coming behind, to the children growing up?
- . Everything is related, as human beings we are interconnected on a pilgrimage. What is your understanding in this?
- . Let us keep on singing amidst our struggles, fears, joys and hopes.  
What is your place in this and for the ongoing presence of our earth our common home?

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**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY** Before each Sunday Mass in October, at both the 9:30am and 5pm Masses, the rosary will be recited in St Mel's Christ the King Church, commencing at 9am and at 4:30pm.

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** Patron of God's creation, is remembered this Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. As the Season of Creation concludes this Tuesday, we are encouraged to bring St Francis into our prayer and for him a steward of God's creation.



**CHRISTIAN INITIATION** Into our Catholic Life here at St. Mel's Parish. I have recently received a strong expression of interest from a mother of children who herself wants to make a journey to Easter for 2023. If anyone knows of another who is seeking an understanding of our Catholic Faith an INQUIRY EVENING will take place on Sunday evening, October 30th, 2022 at 7pm in the Gathering Room at the Parish House. There will be another Inquiry evening on Sunday, November 6th at 7pm. Here's hoping we may have some potential candidates for Easter next year.

Fr Peter

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OUR OFFICE**

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**St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES**

. **FR PETER ON HOLIDAYS** From October 3rd to October 28th Fr Peter will be taking annual leave. The office will remain open and Fr Paul Sireh O.CARM will be here for Sunday Masses and Priests from St Brendan's will support with offering Mass on Wednesday's and Saturday's at normal times.

. **AINSLEY ON LEAVE** From October 11th to November 18th Ainsley will be away on leave. The office hours will change slightly. Please see the back of the bulletin for more detail.

. **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RECONCILIATION** The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, November 10th at 7pm at St Mel's Christ the King Church.

. **NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS** will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm, follow by refreshments in the Parish House Gathering Room.

. **CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATIONS** Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a special festive celebration of the feast of *Christ the King* at the St Mel's Parish Hall, commencing at 12 noon. Food, drinks, and entertainment will be provided. All welcome at no cost. Just bring yourself.



**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL** All the best to our school communities, staff and students, of St Mel's Primary and St Anne's College as they return to commence term 4 tomorrow.

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2022** This year we have joined the Resurrection Catholic Church in Keysborough for their annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle or CCP Raffle. During the month of October (or until sold out) tickets will be available to purchase before and after both 9:30am and 5pm Masses at the main entrance to the Church or from the office during opening hours. Each ticket is only \$2! Limited tickets available. 1 fabulous car along with gift cards to be won!!

**BISHOP JOE MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop Joe Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration is being held on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton. Please see flyer in the Narthex for more information.

## **POSITION AVAILABLE ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MAINTENANCE / GARDEN**

**OFFICER** Permanent Part Time, 4 hrs per week 8am—12 noon Wednesdays. Applications close 7th October 2022. For all enquires or to obtain a Position Description Email: [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) OR phone 5821 2633 Monday-Friday 9am—2pm.

**POSITION VACANT - PARISH SECRETARY** St. Mary's Catholic Parish, Mooroopna. Permanent part-time position 14 hours per week. We are looking for a highly motivated individual for this diverse role. Applications close at 5.00pm on 14<sup>th</sup>. October, 2022.

For a Position Description, contact the Parish Secretary on 5825 2034 (Tuesdays or Thursdays) or email [mooroopna@cdos.org.au](mailto:mooroopna@cdos.org.au)

**ECUMENISM** Archbishop of Canterbury U.K Justin Welby, he was the one who preached the homily at Queen Elizabeth's funeral. He is soon to undertake a tour of Australia. This tour will take in places like Lismore N.S.W which was recently devastated by floods. According to reports, the Archbishop has a feeling for places and communities who are "doing it tough". Archbishop Welby is the 105<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, having held the position since 2013. He is the senior Bishop of the Anglican communion throughout the world.

**PRAYER** "Changing the world, one million Rosaries at a time". International Catholic pastoral charity and pontifical foundation, Aid to the Church in Need, is inviting parishes, schools and families to join in the annual prayer initiative. "A million children praying the rosary". This to take place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the prayer campaign aims to ask for peace and unity throughout the world, while encouraging children and young people to trust in God during difficult times. This prayer initiative began in 2005 when a group of children were seen praying the rosary at a shrine in Venezuela. Some adults witnessing this remarked, "We were reminded of the words of Padre Pio, who once said, "When a million children pray the rosary the world will change". This has since become a worldwide phenomenon.

**GOOD SAMARITAN SISTERS** are seeking stories. While having not served here in Shepparton, I from a personal experience have seen the works of this congregation of Sisters in my time when I ministered in the Parishes of Kerang and Cohuna. The sisters have commenced a 12month discernment process leading up to their Chapter Gathering in 2023. They are inviting anyone who has had an association with the sisters to take part. On their website the sisters remark this discernment time will shape the congregation into the future. We wish the sisters our prayer and thoughts.

Fr Peter

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th 2022

### First Reading

*A reading from the second book of the Kings*

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm - The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.'

And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

**From Tuesday, October 11th to Friday, November 18th the Parish Office will be open  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:30am to 2:30pm  
and Fridays from 9:30am to 12:30pm.**

#### Weekday Masses this coming week October 3rd to October 9th 2022

Monday October 3rd - No Mass  
Tuesday October 4th - **No Mass**  
Wednesday October 5th - 9:15am  
Thursday October 6th - **No Mass**  
Friday October 7th - **No Mass**  
Saturday October 8th - 9:00am  
Sunday October 9th - **9am & 4:30pm Rosary**  
9:30am & 5:00pm Masses



#### READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER Sunday October 9th 2022

9:30am - Chris Summers (Commentator) Zoe Hamilton (L1)  
Melissa Hamilton (L2)  
9:30am - Special Ministers: Trish Mathisen & Lucy Ciancio  
5:00pm - Helen May (Commentator) Dom Poppa (Lector)  
5:00pm - Special Ministers: Erin Tanner & Cathy Cannatelli

**Recently deceased:** Betty Boyer, Alfonzo Aloe, Mauro Cenedese (late of Myrthleford), Catherine Hanlon (niece of Mick & Loretta)

**Anniversaries:** Michelina Mossuto (100th Birthday) Carmel & Matteo Guerra, Bruno Zito