



Christ the King Church

# ST MEL'S PARISH

**"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT 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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 October 2023

Readings for  
this week:



Isaiah 45:1,4-6  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21

Readings for  
next Sunday:



Exodus 22:20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Eucharistic Prayer part 7

#### Doxology

The concluding doxology is:

“Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. Amen.”

by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people's acclamation Amen. GIRM 79h.

The word “Doxology” is formed from two Greek words: DOXA which means opinion or glory and OLOGY which means word, discourse or study. As a liturgical word, Doxology has acquired the sense of a hymn of glory to God.

It is a brief prayer of praise which emphasises the Lord Jesus role as mediator in the context of the Trinity, thus turning the prayer into the praise and glory of God.

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### Looking at the Readings

The first reading from Isaiah may be inaccurately reduced to subduing the power of rulers of nations. Likewise the Gospel reduced to the issue of paying/avoiding taxes. But taking a synoptic view of the Old Testament reading and the Gospel together it is more than power and taxes. Rather it prompts us to find the right relationships between earthly authority and God's authority and will. Firstly God has called his people by their name, He has established and maintained a relationship of protection, compassion and justice.

Having that right relationship with God we give to God what is God's: praise and thanksgiving, worship and love, peace and justice, service to others and finally true happiness. Jesus neither advocates compromise or a sort of dichotomy between state and church authorities. The separation of powers, whether imposed, negotiated or presumed cannot be autonomous or absolute, or simply public and private There is an interdependence. Each has responsibilities towards the good of the people and the care of creation.

### Quote of the Day

“In the same way as Caesar looks for his image on a coin, God looks for his in your soul. “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's,” the Saviour says. What does Caesar demand of you? His image. But Caesar's image is on a coin, whereas God's image is in you. If the loss of a coin causes you to weep because you have lost Caesar's image, would not any damage brought in you to God's image be for you a cause for tears?” *St. Augustine sermon 24.*

### Prayer for the Week

O God, whose image we bear  
and whose name we carry,  
yours is the world and all it contains.  
Recall us to our true allegiance,  
so that above the powers and rulers of this world  
you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love. Amen.



### On the Lighter Side

I heard the atheists are trying to get tax exempt status now.  
They are a non-prophet organisation.

A successful tennis player has a lot of net income.

My local tax firm is a great place to work. Everybody counts.



*St Mel's Parish Is...*

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

## REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

Jesus and the Pharisees... not an easy relationship let alone a mindset bringing understanding. Theirs was a discussion going nowhere! In fact, they were seeking an outcome on lines of a "Caesar Tax"! in reaching a common cause. Jesus is tackled by a tax issue. Heaven forbid in our day and time, the thought of taxes!!! When Jesus is questioned about this, he speaks out against it, he can be charged with sedition and arrested. If he supports the tax, he discredits himself as a prophet in the eyes of the oppressed. With all the two and froing happening in this dialogue, Jesus says... give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

### STEWARDSHIP

Our third week in stewardship invites out thoughts to the word MISSION. My sense of this word is one taking us in our faith and thought to all we see outside of ourselves. Catholic Mission does this so well. October as a month is one where we are called into MISSION. What does Mission seek from us personally...???

For a beginning I suggest the word MISSION seeks from us an outside view!!! What desire do I seek God is asking of myself? The Second Vatican Council sought to bring me great images of God's presence. For a start the council related... "All the baptised in God's name are in fact on a mission". In our faith and belonging and in our common communion, we are in fact... "People living in communion and on MISSION together. We are in a modern world, a world seeking to rediscover our common mission as the Baptised people of God. Who do we repay our belongings too? This week in our stewardship we are seeking opportunities of Mission and where we REAP the living harvest of ourselves as the PEOPLE of GOD.

Money along with our political leaders are not the easiest of companions. Yes we might be tempted to unfold the nature of our common sakes and where Jesus brings us into the security of God's protection. The ultimate presence here is one where to avoid taxes is the be all and end all. We are Afterall a people, a people who see the marginalised for all they bring. Being a Church in a modern world is not easy. As well call on the same spirit we do knowing the Spirit's help is one we can depend upon, bringing us in our community through MISSION in seeing the lowly around us.

### NOVEMBER MASSES FOR REMEBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Envelopes (yellow) are available for you to write names of those you would like remembered during *NOVEMBER MASSES*.

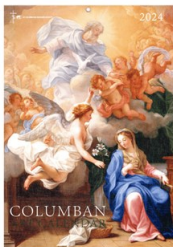
Please place these in the collection plates, or return to the office through the slot next to the door.

Names submitted will be included on the Church Screens every Sunday during November. It is intended the screens will move slowly so names can be read.

**ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES** - (Two will be offered)  
Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am and 5:30pm.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS** - (one Mass only)  
Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15am.

**SUPPORT REQUESTED** A Parishioner, currently supporting four children at school in the Philippines (their Father has abandoned them), is seeking support in shipping Balikbayan Boxes. This is an expensive exercise. If you are able to assist with shipping costs please call Tony on 5821 7425.



**2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS** These are now available to purchase from the Parish office for \$10 each. Please bring correct monies when purchasing. Thank you. They make a great Christmas gift!

Please join us to thank and

## FAREWELL FR. PETER

All Welcome

Sunday,  
October 29th  
11:00am till  
2:00pm

Where:  
St Mel's School  
grounds / Parish  
Hall. Enter via  
Hamilton St  
gates.

A BBQ with  
sausages in bread will  
be available for all.  
BYO any other meats  
to cook, a salad or  
sweets to share and  
your own drinks  
(no alcohol)

Some tables &  
seating will be  
set up.  
BYO picnic rug  
if preferred.

SEE YOU THERE!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL** World Mission Sunday is celebrated across Australia and the world on the weekend of 21st/22nd October.

This year, Pope Francis writes in his Message for World Mission Day 2023, “...it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church.”

It is in this spirit that Catholic Mission invites parishioners in every diocese in Australia to join with us again and support our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste.

Appeal envelopes are available from the Narthex. Your generosity to this is appreciated.

**STEWARDSHIP IN OCTOBER** Bringing our stewardship program through the nature of MISSION relates broadly to who we are for the MISSION HERE and for our attention worldwide. The Gospel readings are full of examples of disciples going out and beyond. Our place in this is by giving in God’s mission, reaching out here and to others who might appreciate our presence to them. To share financially is one practical resource in serving those whose needs are great. To be in MISSION through stewardship is to act with JUSTICE, be in PEACE, while recognizing our part in all of CREATION. Expressing this is to know we each can do our bit by having life in Christ. This is MISSION... This is GOSPEL CENTERED...  
Fr Peter

**SYNOD '23** From CATH NEWS... An item carried this week was around Synod members being asked to have patience as the process unfolds. One reflection said... ‘Synodality is not something born in a vacuum’. Catholic people live their faith through life from the Gospel. Bishop Shane Mackinlay has been interviewed for a new podcast by US based National Catholic Reporter, in which discusses women deacons, how the Synod is handling tensions among its members and lessons the Synod can draw from Australia’s fifth Plenary Council. In another comment, the centrality of Baptism gives women and men an equal presence and understanding before God and through the Church. We are in a time of the Church seeing a woman’s face in who we are in all we offer...  
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### **SANDHURST FORMATION FOR MISSION – CARRYING FORWARD THE**

**PLENARY COUNCIL** Decree Three ‘Called by Christ-Sent Forth as Missionary Disciples’

The third decree of the Fifth Plenary Council is a challenging but joyful reminder to all Catholics of the mission that has been entrusted to them through their Baptism. As disciples of Christ, the baptised are called to give loving attention to our world – marked by both sin and grace – to prayerfully read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel, to seek to grasp the meaning of human strivings and to discern God’s will under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* nn. 3-4, 11).

Please join Dr Chris Cotter and Leslie Cooper from the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life, as we explore this topic. All welcome, please sign up via trybooking. The seminar will take place on 25 October at 6:30pm OR 26 October at 9:00am, you may choose which date to attend.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLRIM>

Contact Leslie Cooper [Leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) for further questions.



### **THE ITALIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT THE ITALIAN MEMORIAL**

Located within the Murchison cemetery, will be held on **Sunday, November 12**, commencing at 11:00am and immediately followed by the celebration of Mass. After the service we can gather in the Murchison Community Centre or the park near the river for a BYO picnic. Please come along and support this unique event.

Attendees are advised to bring a chair and lunch if you will remain for the picnic.

***Il pellegrinaggio al sacrario militare di Murchison per la ‘Giornata del Ricordo’ quest’anno si terrà domenica 12 novembre.***

*La funzione inizierà alle 11:00 am, e sarà seguita dalla Santa Messa.*

*Dopo la funzione ci riuniremo per il solito picnic al Murchison Community Centre, o all’aperto nel parco.*

*Vi aspettiamo numerosi a questo unico evento.*

*Ricordate di portare la propria sedia, ed il pranzo se rimarrete per il pomeriggio.*

*Per altre informazioni, telefonate a Maria Gardani Calandro: 0421 568 459, (Corrispondente Consolare per Shepparton e la Goulburn Valley).*

**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.**

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th 2023

### First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

**The Word of the Lord**

**Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

### Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Weekday Masses this coming week October 23rd to October 29th 2023

Monday October 23rd - No Mass

Tuesday October 24th - 9:15am

Wednesday October 25th - 9:15am

Thursday October 26th - 9:00am

(note change in time)

Friday October 27th - 9:15am

Saturday October 28th - 9am

Sunday October 29th - 9:30am & 5pm

### READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER Sunday, October 29th 2023

9:30am - Denis Muto (Commentator) Zoe Hamilton (L1)  
Melissa Hamilton (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Sr Pam Barlow & Sev Cortese

5:00pm - Tim Kelly (Commentator) Helen May (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Angie Knez & Sarah Maloney



**Recently Deceased:** Ian Kay, Desmond Walker **Anniversaries:** Claudio & Cosimo Aloi,  
Mary Monaghan, Guilia & Girolamo Tassone, Giuseppe Primerano



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