



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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 July 2022

Readings for
this week:



Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Readings for
next Sunday:



Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42



Liturgical Jottings

The Gloria

Originally a hymn written by an early Christian in imitation of the biblical hymns like the Magnificat. It is a hymn to God and Christ to praise God and profess faith in Christ. It remained as a hymn outside Mass for a few centuries and became an opening hymn at Christmas Mass in 530. From a people's song, to a bishop's only recitation the Gloria gradually became a hymn that priests and congregation could sing together. But it was not until the eleventh century that it became an integral part of the Mass rite on every feast day. Today the Gloria has the character of an introduction, and a preparation to the Mass. (GIRM 46) The text may not be replaced by any other. It is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character. (GIRM 53)

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Looking at the Readings

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and especially, those whom we are not inclined to love. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Day

In Christ you draw near to us, God of mercy and compassion,
lifting us out of death, binding up our wounds,
and nursing our spirits back to health.
Let such a tenderness as yours compel us to go and do likewise.
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Quote of the Week

Christian love is loving without counting the cost. This is the lesson of the Good Samaritan; this is the lesson of Jesus.

Pope Francis

On the Lighter Side

A zookeeper noticed one day all the animals were laughing, except the donkey. The next day he saw the donkey laughing but no others. He asked the lion what's going on. He said yesterday the giraffe told a joke but it was only now that the donkey got the joke.



St Mel's Parish Is...

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

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

There is so much to absorb through the parable of the Good Samaritan as it asks about our relationships with God and one another. It is introduced with the lawyer's determined effort to justify himself with regard to the great commandments: love of God and love of neighbour. The Lawyer's questioning is about his own self – justification.

From this we see a way of bringing this story to life. A commitment to following Jesus' way is from the 'half dead', 'the fallen', 'the wounded one', 'those who feel abandoned'. It's the Samaritan considered despised, the least, who does an action raising the hopes of the man by the roadside.

Just recently, not far from St. Mel's I was driving in my car when I came across some people on a corner street. It became clear to me there was an incident of an elderly man laying on the edge of a kerb. Naturally I stopped and enquired as to what happened. A young woman recognized me and said, 'the man was hit by a car and the driver drove off! Another young man was on his phone in contact with the police and ambulance. The police and ambulance were quick onto the scene and blocked the street. The elderly man was obviously shaken and his human condition somewhat fragile was taken off in the ambulance.

I relate this because it elaborates we have Good Samaritans those young people on the corner who witnessed the accident, stayed and comforted the elderly man.

Coming back then to the Gospel, the brilliance of this story is how humanity is shown in all of the characters, those who offer help.

The point of Christianity is seeing outside of one's own agenda. Who then becomes the neighbour is telling. In light of who we are as a community in our faith connections this Gospel story brings clarity to the neighbour within our Church and faith practice.



I will be away from Monday 25th July to Friday (late) 29th July, 'winter escape'. No weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday that week. Mass will be offered on the Saturday 30th July at 9am as usual.

Fr Peter

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM Welcome to Kalilah Sloan McKinnis child of Zachary and Tiaan, Baptised here at St. Mel's last Sunday.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meets this Wednesday, July 13th in the Gathering Room at 7pm.

PARISH COMMITTEE OVERSEEING THE PARISH BLOCKS Meets on Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL meets next on Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30pm.

WELCOME TO BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY on his pastoral visit to St Mel's NEXT SUNDAY July 17th. Bishop Shane will lead our 9:30am and 5pm Masses on this day. Following the 9:30am Mass there will be a light morning tea available, please feel free to bring along a plate to share, all welcome.

ST MEL'S / SSCC'S WINTER NIGHT (SHELTER) SUPPORT

"I was hungry and you gave me food....." (Matt 25 v 35)

Last Friday week, eight guests enjoyed a delicious hot meal and took two meals to their friends. Thanks go to our volunteers who provided food and a homely atmosphere. This was the highest number to come to the Lake so far. Jesus' words are echoing in our ears but what is the best way to support the men and women who are homeless in our city?

Thanks (Sr Pam).



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

A SANDHURST DEVELOPMENT For a Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council. A preparation and consultation stage. Bishop Shane has written to parishes this week informing us of the hope for this new Diocesan Committee.

We are in a stage of preparation and in coming months (dates to be confirmed) to engage people across the Diocese in a spirit of co-responsibility and synodality. The meetings will encourage expressions of interest in becoming a member of the council. Feedback from the meetings will inform the Statutes of the Council. The Preparation and Consultation meetings are to commence in July concluding in December. Given this is to bring effect to parishioners, in particular parish pastoral council's parish staff, be given an opportunity to attend such meetings. On behalf of the Parish, I will do my best to keep you informed of dates and developments.

SANDHURST PRIESTS CELEBRATING JUBILEES AT THIS TIME

60 Years: Monsignor Francis Marriott OAM

50 Years: Fr Des Welladsen, Fr Vin Walsh, Bishop Les Tomlinson

The Priests gather in Bendigo on Wednesday, July 20th to celebrate with our jubilarians.



ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON CARE OF THE ELDERLY “A Society that does not appreciate the value of its elderly is an impoverished society”, says Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ. Over the past year or so much has been related of aged care homes and treatment of the elderly and some in homes who have suffered abuse and other abuses. Ours is a time of seeing the elderly as lived sources of wisdom of the love they bring and witness. Our Parish of St Mel's offers a profound ministry of outreach from our ministers of the Eucharist (first Friday) and other moments during the week. We are grateful through Sr Pam in her co ordination of this ministry.

CATHOLICS ENCOURAGED TO STUDY VATICAN II BEFORE HOLY YEAR

From Cath News, Pope Francis is offering the year 2025 to be a Holy Year for the Church throughout the world. In a lead up to this next year 2023, to be a year for a study of the documents of Vatican II with the year 2024 to be one of prayer. For your interest the four PRINCIPAL Documents of the Vatican Council are:

- . Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)
- . Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)
- . Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)
- . Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)

I'm not sure if you have become familiar with these 'pearls of wisdom'. When I went to the seminary in 1982 one of the books we were to have was the documents of the Second Vatican Council. I remember saying to my late mother Wilma, 'Mum did you know there are documents about the Second Vatican Council??? Answer: neither of us knew!!!

Next year it is a hope of mine we as a Parish have some gatherings looking at these documents. If anyone feels inspired to join with me in how we provide a follow up of Pope Francis' desire, please let me know!!!

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop,
pray for us.*



PLENARY COUNCIL At the time of writing the bulletin notes, the Plenary Council is still going. On the Wednesday there was a clear disappointment expressed as to the motions of “Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men” in the Church. The Plenary Council Vice President, Bishop Shane Mackinlay (Sandhurst) mentioned the emotional aspect of this and seen as part of the “journeying together” the council has promoted.

TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17th JULY 2022

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week

11th July to 17th July 2022

Monday 11th July - No Mass

Tuesday 12th July - 9:15am

Wednesday 13th July - 9:15am

Thursday 14th July - 9:15am

Friday 15th July - 9:15am

Saturday 16th July - 9:00am

Sunday 17th July - 9:30am & 5:00pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday 17th July 2022

9:30am - Xavier Tanner (Commentator) Jacqui Avard (L1)

Mary Calandro (L2)

9:30am- Special Ministers: Maree McKenna

& Trish Mathisen

5:00pm - Paul Bertoli (Commentator) Dom Poppa (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Lin Waite & Sarah Maloney

Recently deceased: Barbara Teesdale, Bryan Cosgriff, Nazareno Gallace, Francesco Mario Gallace (Italy)

Anniversaries: Francesco Conte, Domenico Conte, Cecilia Tassone, Vincenzo & Domenico Mamone