Sunday 26th June 2022

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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Year C

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Jews and Samaritans were of a different ethnic mix and were religious adversaries – a volatile mix. It was not surprising that Samaritans refused Jesus entry to their villages 'because he was making for Jerusalem', the Jewish centre of worship.

What is surprising is that after several years with Jesus, James and John had not absorbed his teaching and practice of non-violence in dealing with enemies. They wanted to annihilate those they considered to be heretics. We are told that Jesus immediately 'turned and rebuked them'.

How many times must the Risen Lord have 'turned and rebuked' Christians for their murderous dealing with religious adversaries over the centuries? How often, in our own time, is He rebuking those seeking to wipe out those of 'heretical' views, either outside or within their own religious tradition? How must He be weeping at the genocidal carnage being wreaked on his own disciples, and those of other faiths, in the religious terror of the Middle East?

We might pause for a moment to seek forgiveness for the times we have wished a personal or larger-scale enemy to be done away with – lest the rebuke of the Prince of Peace ring in *our* self-righteous ears.

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Let us pray

Recent Death:

Gill Bliss, Rita Kunaratnam

Anniversary:

Maria Conti

Marge Bevan

Diane Mackay

Geraldine Parsonage

Judith Nowak

Melanie Hunt

Giovanni Caiazza





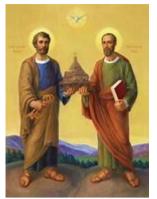
'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.



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JUNE— Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

27th St Cyril of Alexandria
28th St Irenaeus of Lyons
29th St Peter and St Paul the Apostles
30th The Martyrs of Rome under Nero
1st July St Aaron
2nd July St Processus and Martinian



Rosters for Next Week

3rd July 14th Sun Ord-Year C	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

St Flavia: The early Christian who lives in Melbourne

In a quiet spot in Carlton dwell the bones of a first-century Christian: St Flavia. Brought to Melbourne under Bishop James Alpius Goold, she resides here as a quiet witness to the faith—perhaps a saint for our own times.

St Flavia lived at a time when the Christian way of life was just beginning to emerge. As we navigate the 'nightfall' of Christian exile, it might be a good thing for us to remember St Flavia, to call upon her intercession so that Christ's light might shine through us, and we can be a witness of faithfulness – even unto death – for future generations. Through such witness and faithfulness, new life is breathed into the Church. After all, the blood of the martyrs is the seed of Christians.

Read more:

https://melbournecatholic.org/news/st-flavia-the-early-christian-who-lives-in-melbourne



READERS AND AUDIO OPERATORS NEEDED TO HELP OUT

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN READING AND LEARNING HOW TO OPERATE THE POWERPOINT PLEASE CONTACT CARMEL IN THE OFFICE.

DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU WILL BE TIED DOWN TO A ROSTER.

We would even just want people to be a back up should someone be sick or away.

Church Maintenance

It should be apparent to all, the church building is in need of renovation.

Fr lan has arranged for the Insurance Company to rectify slates on the steeple roof and repair a major leak, where there is currently a large number of buckets.

Prior to leaving, Fr lan agreed I could organise a plan for the renovation of the building. To this end, it would be best for a group of people with building experience to form, so as to determine what needs to be done and in what order. A retired builder has already offered his expertice and we would welcome other people with expertise to form this group. My experience is a committee is better than relying solely on one person. If you are interested in being part of this program, please contact Carmel in the normal way.

Following the development of this plan, another group will be formed of interested people, who have expertise in interior decoration, to prepare a plan for the interior. A call to join this group will be forthcoming.

The aim is to have this work complete by the time Fr lan returns from his well earned break.

Fr Stephen

