



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent- C

Sunday 3 April 2022

Readings for
this week:



Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Readings for
next Sunday:



Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56



Liturgical Jottings Act of Contrition II

The eleven "Acts of Contrition" or "Prayers of the Penitent" in the Rite of Penance, Chapter One, do not contain the common ones we use in Australia. What are given are ones based on biblical texts:

Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me a sinner. (Luke 15:18, 18:13)

Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. (Ps50:4-5)

Remember, Lord your compassion and mercy, which you showed long ago. Do not call the sins and failings of my youth. In your mercy, remember me, Lord, because of your goodness. (Ps24)

In the ritual, the rubric states: The penitent expresses sorrow in these or similar words (n.25). There is choice and flexibility.

Looking at the Readings

This year's cycle of Gospel readings are normally from Luke, though this Sunday we hear from the Gospel according to John. Following the last two Sundays on Forgiveness and Reconciliation, this Gospel again takes up Christ's ministry of compassion and mercy. The scribes and pharisees wanted to trap Jesus by asking: "What have you to say?" If he followed the Law of Moses he would harshly condemn a woman to death, a penalty obsolete at that time. If he acquitted the woman he would be guilty of ignoring the Law. His response was silence. He gave them time to consider their options and to examine their own consciences. They left. Jesus shows the woman both mercy and justice: "Go! Sin no more!". The "Prayer of the Penitent" in the Rite of Penance (Reconciliation) contains these two imperatives.

The sequence of Old Testament readings this Lent prepare us for Easter by recalling the past events of God's marvellous deeds from creation to salvation. This reading from the prophet Isaiah, recalls God's goodness but not the peoples wayward past. The text is in the present tense for God but speaks of the future for the people. God is the eternal NOW recreating all things NEW for us.

Prayer for the Week

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope. Look not upon the sins of our past but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we may find refreshment and life in Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!" *St John Chrysostom*

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." *St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

The Story of Susanna

Monday's first reading at Mass has themes of corruption, wisdom and judgement. Daniel (Dan-el means God judges), the young investigator, exposed the wickedness of the guilty and spared the life of the innocent. It is the longest reading in our lectionary.

On the Lighter Side of the Internet

If an anonymous comment goes unread, is it still irritating? • What is the sound of no hands texting? • To see a man's true face, look to the photos he hasn't posted.

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St Mel's Parish Is...

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

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

A common connection between each of the readings is a means of people being set free and being called out from different captivities where they find themselves. This week might be one of our world being set free from the bondages of war, disease and famine, with climate change being another restrictive element along with homelessness, poverty, despair, and many other human factors holding one back from a true conversion and change of heart.

What I see from these is a call to seeing one's charity of mind and heart as a means of personal release. It's a good thing and motivation to be inspired with charity. Often through the Gospels we see Jesus meeting people at their lowest. As with the woman accused, sees Jesus saying ..."Has no one condemned you?". We need sparks of the Gospel as light bulb moments. Most of us have known people whose simple and strong faith with warmth and generosity have deepened our own perspective on life.

Charitable organizations have often begun by people with a great compassion, motivation of bringing out the best in others. Often in their struggles they have had to work hard making sure they keep to the hopes of their founder. This has given much by way of releasing many caught up in hardship. So there's the warmth being put back into charity.



This fifth Sunday of Lent is a period of time where we anticipate Holy Week commencing next Sunday. This is a good week from Sunday to bring renewed motivation of the days leading to Jesus and his final days on this earth. Our anticipation of Holy Week brings a freedom of faith of Jesus who encounters suffering, betrayal, death to open for us a life giving resurrection and freedom of living to newness of faith and life.

POSITION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER AT ST. MEL'S PARISH

Our much valued and appreciated employee of six years, Ainsley Yandall Etuale, has reached a decision of needing to resign her role as our Parish Administration Officer, due to family reasons. We will have an opportunity to thank Ainsley at a time suitable for her.

So... this important position is now being advertised first in our Parish Bulletin. The applicant will need relevant skills in administration, a finance/accounting background, good communication, a knowledge of the Catholic Church, it's community and of a faith background.

A resume and cover/application letter can be submitted to the St Mel's Parish Office, 18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton or via email at sheppartonsouthcdos.org.au by MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022.

A POINT OF INTREST...

TEARFUL UKRAINIAN ARCHBISHOP SAYS HOPE COMES FROM FAITH

Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych repeatedly apologised for the tears and acknowledged the contrast between his daily video messages of encouragement to his people and his talk during a webinar on Tuesday, sponsored by Rome's Pontifical Oriental Institute.

He started the videos to keep in touch with his people and "just to let people know that I am alive, the city of Kyiv lives," he said, his voice breaking.

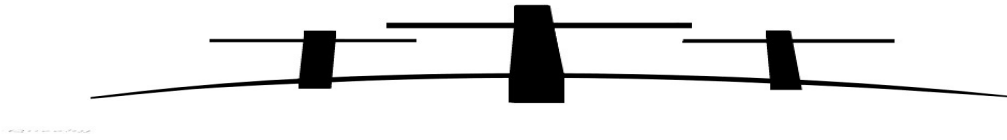
"Forgive me for my tears, but I think I can (cry) with you," he said. "With my people, I feel an obligation to be a preacher of hope, a hope that does not come from military power or from the possibility of diplomacy — we don't have those hopes yet — but a hope that comes from faith."

In too many cities in Ukraine, the archbishop said, the Russians have "razed everything to the ground" and the only food the people have is what they get from the Churches and other aid agencies.

"I feel an obligation to be the voice of this suffering people and to be a simple witness to the reality being lived by our people in Ukraine," Archbishop Shevchuk said.

"I never would have imagined being the head of the Church in a time of war," he said. "No one is ever prepared for war except for the criminals who plan and put it into action."

(from CathNews - A service of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)



LENT 2022 ... PARISH SPEAKERS Our final speaker for this season of Lent is Dom Poppa, THIS Thursday evening at 7pm. All welcome!!

FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS ... I require about six reasonable size pots of greenery for the evening Mass on Holy Thursday. Could you let me know if you can provided these. The pots will need to be taken away after the Mass. Thankyou.
Fr Peter

HOLY WEEK ... at St Mel's Christ the King Church 2022

PALM SUNDAY ... 10TH April ... your most welcome to bring your own, palms will still be provided. Gather outside the Church for blessing of palms. **9:30am** and **5pm** Mass.

CHRISM MASS ... Tuesday 12TH April... referred as the blessing of the oils (sick, baptism, and chrism) **11am** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

PARISH RITE of RECONCILIATION... Tuesday 12TH April at **7pm** in the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY ... 14TH April... Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7pm** with the watch until **9:30pm** which concludes with night prayer of the Church.

All ministers of the Eucharist are invited to come and renew your commitment to this ministry. During the Mass all will be invited to have their hands washed.

GOOD FRIDAY ... 15th April ... 9am Prayer of the Church, followed by the stations of the cross at **9:30am**. At **3pm** the celebration of the Lord's Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY ... 16TH April ... 9am Prayer of the Church with the EASTER VIGIL commencing at **7pm** with the lighting of the Easter Fire and presentation of the CANDLE outside the church.

EASTER SUNDAY ... 17TH April ... ONLY ONE MASS AT **9:30am** !!! There is **NO 5PM** Mass this day !!!

TO HELP MAKE EASTER MEANINGFUL AND WHERE HOPEFULLY NO PHONE CALLS NEED BE MADE A roster sheet is on the table in the Narthex for you to avail yourselves with readings and ministry of the Eucharist. This will help enormously making the Easter ceremonies easier to organize. Thank you.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM ... Welcome to Milla Elise Ganino, daughter of Kayla and Alexander, who was Baptised last Sunday.

On Wednesday Matthew and Alex Khan, who are children at St Mel's School, were Baptised in front of their class groups. Matthew and Alex are children of Shahid and Korona Khan here in Shepparton. Our congratulations to these families.



GRATEFUL THANKS... Our sincere thanks to Mrs Phyllis Thompson from Harmony Village, who has been leading a Communion Service for the residents of Harmony Place Aged Care Home ever since Fr Michael left St Mel's Parish to minister at Numurkah. As well as a weekly Communion Service, Phyllis has been taking Communion to residents who are unable to attend the Service due to mobility concerns or who are bed ridden. This has been a wonderful ministry and, as a Parish, we are most grateful. Time has come for Phyllis to retire due to her age and ill health. We wish her well.
Sr Pam Barlow

FOR YOUR INFORMATION... The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 12th April... as both Ainsley and Mel will be with me at the Chrism Mass.
Fr Peter

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time

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All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week 4th April to 10th April 2022

Monday 4th April - No Mass

Tuesday 5th April - 9:15am

Wednesday 6th April - 9:15am

Thursday 7th April - 9:15am

Friday 8th April - 9:15am

Saturday 9th April - 9:00am

Sunday 10th April - 9:30am & 5:00pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday 10th April 2022

9:30am - Sr Pam Barlow (Commentator) Jacqui Avarð (L1)
Mary Calandro (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Sarah Maloney & Lucy Ciancio

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

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Rosana Legalo & Lin Waite

Recently Deceased: Frank Londrigan, Terry Brashers, Trish McCullum, Anna Cutrali, Ryan Hainsworth, Mark Mitchell.
Anniversaries: Maria Carmela Condello (One month mind), Ted Cahill, Jack Monaghan, Mary Ben.