



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 September 2023

Readings for this week:



Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Readings for next Sunday:



Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 1

The main elements making up the Eucharistic Prayer in the Mass consist of these:

- Thanksgiving
- Acclamation: Holy, Holy, Holy
- Epicicles
- Institution narrative
- Acclamation: Mystery of faith
- Anamnesis
- Oblation
- Intercessions
- Concluding doxology
- Acclamation: the great Amen.

The Roman Missal contains ten Eucharistic Prayers plus three more for Masses with children that are printed separately. Each Eucharistic prayer contains these elements with some rare, but interesting, exceptions. The centre of the entire celebration is the Eucharistic Prayer, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. Cf. GIRM 78 & 79

Looking at the Readings

The concepts of rejection, sacrifice, suffering and acceptance are contained in the readings this Sunday. While rejection and suffering are not sought by the faithful follower, they are consequences of the greater good that the believer seeks as expressed in the responsorial psalm: "O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting..." Ps 62:2. Jeremiah suffered rejection by his people but accepted it as a consequence of being faithful to his calling as a prophet of God.

Jesus in preaching the good news to the poor and freedom to the captives makes himself vulnerable to the rich and the powerful. He is aware of the passion and fate of Jeremiah as the archetype of his own passion and fate. Peter has not become aware of these things and the direction Jesus is taking. Peter tempts Jesus to take it easy. This is reminiscence of the devil tempting Jesus to take it easy in the wilderness and enjoy the power and good life of the world. Jesus rebukes him and then addresses him and the others to take up the cross, follow his direction and "gain life".

While it takes time and experience to understand and accept, Peter does follow Jesus and is strengthened by the cross and suffering to lead the apostles and the early church after the resurrection. Jesus is able to transform the weak and the doubtful into strong and committed disciples and leaders.

Pope Francis on the Season of Creation 2023

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance.

Prayer for the Week

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us, grant us a bold and faithful spirit, that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead in Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A little child in church watched the collectors taking up the collection. When they neared her seat she piped up for all to hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

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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

Welcome to this month... A SEASON OF CREATION! September is a month where change and growth are revealed, a time for the excitement of footy finals (if you're a Hawthorn supporter it will be quieter!!!, then again September in past experiences has been great for Hawk fans), so in our lives in faith we are drawn to the hand of God reaching out possibilities for us... Living on mother earth, living on a common home!

Over past years during the Papacy of Pope Francis much has been offered for our thoughts as to where the gifts of God's creation are taking us, especially in our Australian way of life and being. For most of us this is new thinking. A collective thought from Pope Francis for this month goes on these lines... "Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane.... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth, it embraces and penetrates all creation".
Laudato SI #236.

The great gift of the Second Vatican Council to the Church over 60 years ago declared that the Liturgical life of the Church is not only the summit of Christian life but its font. It is in prayer we most intensely connect with God the creator and learn how God wants us to relate the rest of creation of which we are a part. So having taken this thought and vision we are called into a season for renewal of creation.

Celebrating the Sunday Eucharist is the way we believers see nourishment to our lives and journeys in faith in fullness together and all that joins us in creation. We are being encouraged into a new ecological conversion of seeing with 'ecological eyes', to a new sensitivity of our being a community in the loving kindness of all we enjoy in participation of creation.

Enjoy this month as you live in God's creation using your gifts!!!

SANDHURST PRIESTS DAYS OF INSERVICE This year we gather at Cadel on the Murray at Moama, from Monday evening September 4th to Thursday 7th. These are important days for our wellbeing and learning and being with each other in our ministry.
Fr Peter



TODAY Please join us today as we gather after 9:30am Mass, with a hot drink and some biscuits. It's an informal way to meet with other Parishioners here in our Parish community.



St Brendan's
Faith on Tap

Come and listen to our World Youth Day pilgrims stories over drinks, a meal and conversation on
Thursday 7th of September
at 6pm
The Terminus Hotel Shepparton
All are welcome
Please come and support our youth.

To assist with numbers please text/call
Aleena: on 0470 571 931 or
email on pklaleena@gmail.com
by September 5th to assist with planning

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.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

'God is truly good to us all.' Mary MacKillop, 9.7.1873

An Australian Pilgrimage; The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For detailed information visit our website: www.marymackillopplace.org.au or take a flyer from the Narthex. Booking & Enquiries for further information or to make an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator Email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au Telephone 02 8912 4818



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH Presented by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union, and Garratt Publishing. The next Synod session this October will be crucial as it will set the tone and lay the groundwork for the second Synod in October 2024. The open consultative, listening style of the *Instrumentum Laboris* must be established as the normal operating procedure of the Church to enable it to regain credibility and relevance. Particular issues such as the status of women, LGBTQI+, and remarried people must be resolved responsibly. The focus of the *Synod on Synodality - Room for Everyone in Our Church* convocation will be a discussion on these issues. Leading the discussion is one of the ACBCs representatives at the Synod, **Shane Mackinlay**, Bishop of Sandhurst (Vic). We hope you can join us as we build this new way of being Church.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thursday 14 September 2023 **Time:** 7.00pm (AEST) **Where:** Via Zoom

Cost: FREE **Registration:** To register, please click here

The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal or scan the QR code.



MARIAN FESTIVAL Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

'Finally my immaculate Heart will Triumph' - Our Lady of Fatima, July 15, 1917

Sunday, October 15 2023 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

11am Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

12 noon BYO Lunch in the Colonnade

1pm Festival begins

3:45pm Festival concludes with afternoon tea in the colonnade

Piety stall on the Cathedral

Please see flyer in the Narthex for more information

At this stage, it is being ascertained as to whether booking a Coach to travel across to Bendigo for the Marian Festival will be feasible or not.

To do this we please ask (first) that you contact Maureen on 0403 876 578 by the 15th September. Thank you!



ST MEL'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

An information night for the 2023 – 2024 St Mel's Parish Steps in Faith Sacramental Program

Reconciliation – Confirmation – First Eucharist

Will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 7pm in St Mel's Christ the King Church

(Please enter through the side door off the Hamilton St car park)

Parents wishing for their child/ren to journey through the program and receive the Sacraments of Initiation are encouraged to attend as expectations, dates and costs will be explained, any queries discussed, and enrolment packs distributed.

This program is suitable for children in Years 3 and above.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th 2023

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

The Second Collection during today's Masses (03/09/23) will go towards the Sandhurst Retired Priests Foundation Appeal. Thank you.

Weekday Masses this coming week
September 4th to September 10th 2023

Monday September 4th to

Thursday 7th September 1st - **No Masses**

Friday 8th September - 9:15am

Saturday September 9th - 9am

Sunday September 10th - 9:30am & 5pm

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER
Sunday, September 10th 2023

9:30am - Maureen Munro (Commentator) Sev Cortese (L1)
Jacqui Avard (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Trish Mathisen & Chris Summers

5:00pm - Sr Pam Barlow (Commentator) Rosemarene (L1)
Paul Bertoli (L2)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Sarah Maloney & Sr Pam Barlow

Anniversaries: Antonio Crupi, Matt & Carmel Guerra, Cange Anderson (nee Guerra),
Rebecca Kelly **Prayers for the sick:** Anne O'Donoghue



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