

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.
I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
P. O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
After the Preface, we sing or say:
All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
P. The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE
P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 110:4-5
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL
CHOOSING THE BETTER PORTION

Two sisters, Martha and Mary, give hospitality to Jesus. Martha appears to be the dominant personality, perhaps the elder. Certainly, her hospitality is more active and practical. Her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens. This sets up the kind of 'triangular' pattern often found in scenes in Luke's Gospel: Jesus interacts with a character, usually someone in a marginal situation; a third character takes offence at this and grumbles. Jesus defends the more marginal party, showing how their action is the more appropriate in view of what he has to bring.

In this case, it is Mary whom Jesus defends. Martha fusses about preparing many dishes. (Think of non-Western cuisine when several different dishes—fish, chicken, lamb, vegetable, etc.—are placed before guests all at once.) Jesus points out that just one dish would have been enough. Drawing a metaphor from the meal, he states that, by simply listening to him, Mary has 'chosen the better portion'—that is, of the 'meal' that *he* is providing. Many readers of this episode, especially women, side with Martha. Her complaint is very reasonable. But this is precisely the point. Frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what is most appropriate. Good people often measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord, forgetting that nothing that they can ever do could match all they need to receive. The Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow life, love and salvation. That is the 'better portion' that Mary understands and receives.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C 21 JULY 2019

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 53:6, 8
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. Your are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT
P. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING Gen 18:1-10
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.
R. Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1
R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 1:24-28
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.
R. Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH & 21ST JULY 2019/C

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MASS TIMES:

Weekend
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 10am
Weekday
Monday 9am Communion Service
Tues-Fri 9am preceded by Rosary
SPECIAL DEVOTIONS
Friday after 9am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena,
Benediction

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm or by apt

BAPTISMS

Are held during the 10am Sunday Mass.
Enquires are to be directed to the Parish Office.

LITURGY OF THE WORD - 27th & 28th July, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading - Genesis 18:20-32, 2nd Reading - Colossians 2:12-14, Gospel Luke - 11:1-13

FEAST DAYS - 20th July - St Apollinaris; 22nd July - ST MARY MAGDALENE;
23rd July - St Bridget; 24th July - St Sharbel Makhlof;
25th July - ST JAMES, APOSTLE; 26th July - Saints Joachim & Anne

ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

SOCIAL LUNCH: The next social lunch will be on Thursday the 1st of August at the Highett R.S.L at 12noon. All are welcome and please contact Sybil for more information on 9555 8336.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Please Collect your Thanksgiving envelopes from the Church foyer.

PROPAGATION OF FAITH APPEAL: Thankyou to all the parishioners who donated to the Propagation of Faith appeal. \$303.40 was donated thank for your generosity.

ST MARY'S ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT: The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project are holding a trivia night on Friday the 23rd of August, at St Mary's Hall, Holyrood Street, Hampton at 7:30pm. Cost is \$25 per head. You can make a table of 10 or join a table. Raffles on the night. BYO drinks and Nibbles. Bookings - call Colette on 9598 7329 or email on colfox@gmail.com.

PARISH LIBRARY: Looking for volunteers to catalogue/tidy the parish library. If you can help, please contact the Parish office.

AUGUST ROSTER: The August Roster is now available in the church foyer. If your name is not on the Roster this would be because we do not have a copy of your WWC and or police check. In September there will be a new roster which will include all new ministry members who have a WWC and or a Police check. Thankyou for your patience.

CHOOSING LOVE - CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME. On Thursday, 1 August, 12.00- 1.25pm Pat Long will lead a very worthwhile discussion on exploring our response to the Earth's beauty and diversity, and our call to a new Christian lifestyle outlined in Pope Francis' Encyclical, 'Laudato Si'. Pat is an experienced educator, spending many years raising ecological awareness, and a great speaker. The event will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 9 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham 3192. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. Please bring your friends. Enq: Adrian Foley: ade.foley@gmail.com. Mobile: 0497 780 233.

THE ST AGNES SCHOOL FETE: St Agnes Fete will be held on Sat 16th November between 10am - 3pm and the committee welcome the continued support of the Church community in any way you feel you can contribute. The Devonshire Tea has previously enjoyed the strong support of ladies to help with the baking and or serving and we call on that again. We have also appreciated those willing to count the funds on the day and ask for people to again assist in this important role. If you can volunteer in any way please contact Jacinta Whelan on 0418 605 165.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-2020 Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world
We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This Year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Please keep the St Agnes Primary School Principal appointment Team in your prayers.

1ST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli. Parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass of the Imposition of the Pallium celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio in Australia at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on Thursday, 1 August 2019 commencing at 7pm. Mass will be followed by light refreshments.



Sick List: Monica Harris & Noel Konzag, Francis Xavier & Margie Arokiasamy, Nicholas Lourdes
Anniversaries: Margaret Dowsey (1st Annv)



GOSPEL APPLICATION



"You worry and fret about so many things." Reflection

Is it better to give or to receive? Our traditional Christian response is to answer, "to give", taking our lead from the second great commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. But the question is perhaps more complex than we first think. Do we give unconditionally without any thought of what we might get out of it? Or do we look on our generosity as a sort of investment, looking for a response of loyalty, compensation or gratitude on the part of the receiver of our bounty? **Gospel Teaching** Martha and Mary are often used as images of the active and contemplative life. If Jesus seems to favour Mary, many people feel that Martha has been hard

done by. In practice, we may wonder, would Jesus and his disciples have been happy if Martha had just sat there like Mary? A first thing to note is how when Martha and Mary are mentioned in both Luke's and John's Gospels, it is Martha who takes the lead. Here she is up front in complaining to Jesus. In John's Gospel she is the one who goes out to confront Jesus and ask him why he has not saved her brother. Jesus enjoys her challenges and uses them to reveal deeper elements of his message of salvation, even if he seems to tease her while doing so. Her role is similar to that of Peter, unafraid to say what is in her mind and engaging in a very real exchange. There is no sitting back and wallowing in anything Jesus says.

The Gospels use Mary to balance this vigour. If we are to give, we also have to receive. Jesus himself is extravagant in his healing of sick people, in his feeding of the crowds, in the time he gives to everyone, but in Luke's Gospel, we notice that he can only do this by communing with his Father in prayer. Before any important activity, we find him turning aside to pray. Jesus has to receive his power from the Father before he can be so lavish with it.

Application Perhaps, we don't have to choose to be either givers or receivers. We are called to be both.

From *The Living Word*

ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

MEETING FOR MINISTRIES FOR ST AGNES: There will be a Ministry meeting for ALL old and new volunteer parishioners who have signed up for the St Agnes Ministries in a few weeks time. The meeting will be after the 10am Sunday Mass. Following the meeting, there will a morning tea which all parishioners are invited to attend. Fr O'Reilly is looking forward to meeting you.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2019 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm Dr Trudy Dantis
The Voices of Plenary Council Bookings and Information: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3366 R.S.V.P.: Tuesday 13 August **Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne**

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND POLICE CHECKS: Thank you to all the parishioners who have contacted the parish office and have either given a copy of their W.W.C / Police check details to us or have started the application process. If you are one of the volunteers who hasn't, please attend to your application ASAP. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to apply for a W.W.C.C. To obtain a Police Check please come to the parish office and pick up a form. If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance to apply please come to the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday. There are no out of pocket expenses for volunteers. **ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS:** please ensure that you have a WWCC and/or Police Check.

ALIGHT FAMILY FIESTA: St Bede's College, Mentone, on Saturday, 21 September. There will be a cooking demonstration, rides and faith formation. Starts with a 9:30am Mass with Archbishop Comensoli. More info on www.cam.org.au/alight19.

ROSTER		© = NURSING HOME		
DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTER	OVERHEADS
20th July - Vigil	Rachel Pereira & Mila Rivera	Patricia Dwyer & 1 Volunteer		
21st July - 10am	Mary Moran & Catherine Gill	Rita Gori, Antoinette Cesario & P Wickremasinghe © Rita Gori & P Wickremasinghe	Group 3	Helen Reece
27th July - Vigil	Natalie Cerovac & Lynn Lewis	Patricia Dwyer & 1 Volunteer		
28th July - 10am	Volunteer - 1st Reading Volunteer - 2nd Reading	Frank Forbes, Margaret Taylor & 1 Volunteer © Frank Forbes & 1 Volunteer	Group 4	Emilka Paplinski