



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.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 2023

Readings for this week:



Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Readings for next Sunday:



Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



Liturgical Jottings Eucharist Prayers part 11 Renewal and Reform

Two principles of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) were *Aggiornamenta* From the Italian meaning bringing up to date to meet current needs and *Ressourcement* from the French meaning in this context to return to the authoritative sources of Christian faith. The two principles are seen most active in the reform of the Eucharistic Prayers (EP) in the Roman Missal. The Roman Canon was the only EP approved after the reforms of 1600. It had a structure adopted from the Alexandrian tradition and needed some rework. Other EP's were sourced from the Antiochene traditions, giving special attention to the placements of the epiclesis and intercessions. EP2 was largely reworked from EP of St Hippolytus, EP3 adapted from the Gallican and Mozarabic traditions and EP4 from Egyptian anaphora of St Basil in structure and wording.

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospels of last week, this week and the next are from Matthew Chapter 25. Three parables that Jesus addresses to his disciples about the waiting for his return. They are the last parables and come just before the account of his passion, death and resurrection. Last week and this, the gospel insists on the urgency of active watchfulness since no one knows when the Son of Man will come again. The Gospel for next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, Christ has come, like a king to judge the people.

The celebration of these Sunday urges a fresh awareness for the essential and dynamic dimensions of the believer's everyday life and the way they participate in the liturgy. Like the bridesmaids in the parable last week, we want to be awake and ready, and like the servants in today's gospel we want to be diligent in our tasks allotted to us. And so may we participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice at the altar is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. (cf. Prayer over the Gifts, Holy Thursday)

Book of Proverbs

This Old Testament Book is a collection of collections of maxims, proverbs and an acrostic poem (today's first reading). While many parts were written over a long period of time the final edition was probably 6th-5th century BC. The poem about the "ideal wife" (Jerusalem Bible) or "virtuous woman" (Good News Bible) seems anachronistic to modern ears. It is like an eulogy intent to give praise to the diligent person who is in wonder and awe of God.

Pope Francis' Laudate Deum

3. The Weakness of International Politics: There is need to provide a response to new problems and to react with global mechanisms to the environmental, public health, cultural and social challenges in order to consolidate respect for the most elementary human rights, social rights and protection of our common home. All this presupposes the development of a new procedure for decision-making and legitimizing those decisions. In this framework we require spaces for conversation, consultation, arbitration, conflict resolution and supervision. It is no longer helpful for us to support institutions in order to preserve the rights of the more powerful without caring for those of all.

Quote of the Week

Patience and Diligence, like Faith, move mountains. *William Penn*

On the Lighter Side

Diligence is the mother of good luck. *Benjamin Franklin*

The harder I work, the luckier I get. *Samuel Goldwyn*



St Mel's Parish Is...

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

Weekly Reflection

The Right Idea of God

In the parable, the lazy servant failed to fulfill his life-mission and was cast into darkness. Why did he fail? Because he had the wrong idea of his master. He saw him as a harsh and unreasonable master and feared him like a slave. Maybe he even resented his master for giving him only one talent. From this self-centered perspective, his life-mission seemed unreasonably demanding, which paralyzed him and kept him from doing what he was meant to do.

We can fall into the same deception that the devil used in the Garden of Eden. Thinking of God as harsh and unreasonable can provide an easy excuse for giving in to laziness and self-pity, something our fallen nature loves to do. However, Jesus is not a harsh and unjust master; he is a good, generous, and powerful King! He proved this by his self-sacrifice on the cross and the clarity of his teachings, like the revelation he gives us in this parable. He explains the meaning of life and shows us that our life-mission is to take our God-given gifts and put them to good use, shaping the world around us as Christ would have us. Our destiny depends on our making a decent effort to fulfill that mission.

Although such straight talk about heaven and hell may seem shocking, it flows precisely from his goodness and love. He wants us to know life's true purpose and end because he wants us to live well now and be with him forever in heaven. We believe in a God who wants to save us and give us joy if we will only trust him enough to follow where he leads.

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Do you have a talent, interest or gift you could share with us? Do you have a means for certain tasks? Or would you like to be involved more in our Parish? We are currently in need of assistance in various tasks. For example if you love content, you may be interested to assist as a social media monitor... Data entry coding, church set up or cleaning, gardening, special events, groups including liturgy, music, bereavement, baptism preparation or the sacramental program, office duties (filing/shredding), and so much more! We would love to hear from you. Please contact the office, by phoning during office hours or email anytime, with your details and we will be in touch. **Together we can!**

Volunteers Needed!



Reminder - The Parish office will close early at 1pm on Tuesday, November 20.

CHANGE TO MASS TIME ON SATURDAYS Beginning December 2 onwards, our Saturday Masses at St Mel's will be at 9:15am. This is to simplify our Mass schedule and have all at the same time across the weekdays.

CCR SANDHURST RENEWAL DAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Day Christmas celebration and lunch is on November 25th at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre. Time 9.30am to 3.30pm. St Brendan's Shepparton. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. We enjoy fellowship over meals, and all are welcome. For more details contact Brigita Hore on 0412 042 196. A flyer with more details is on the Church Notice Board in the Narthex.

POP UP CHRISTMAS MARKET 16 Fraser Street, Shepparton

Friday December 8, 9am—4.30pm and Saturday December 9, 10am—1.00pm

Christmas goodies, Preloved clothing, Home Made goodies, lots of stocking fillers, well established plants.

We are raising funds to enable those with disabilities to go away for the weekend.

CASH ONLY.

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.

Recently Deceased: Tayla Barber

Anniversaries: Michelina Mossuto

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Each November, a Mass of Remembrance is held to remember parishioners who have died over the past year and to remember all our loved ones who have died. ***The Mass will take place this Wednesday, November 22, at 7pm in St Mel's, Christ the King Church.***
All welcome. Please let others know.



**WELCOME DINNER FOR THE
ROGATIONISTS**

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, 26th November we have the opportunity to witness and participate in a very special event here at St Mel's Church. Father Rene Ramirez will be installed as our new Parish Priest by the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst.

This Installation as Parish Priest will take place at our 5pm Mass. A number of dignitaries will be present as well as representatives of the Rogationist Order and friends of Fr Rene's from Maidstone and overseas.

Following this Mass, we are inviting parishioners to dinner at the Goulburn Valley Hotel to celebrate with Fr Rene. We encourage as many as possible to attend to help make this a joyful event as it represents an important moment in Fr Rene's priesthood and is a wonderful way to welcome him to our Parish.

To attend we ask that you book online via this link:- [St Mel's Parish Welcome Dinner for the Rogationists](#)

The dinner will consist of a set menu with an alternate drop of two main courses and two desserts. The cost of the dinner is \$50. Drinks can be purchased at bar prices and complementary tea and coffee will be available.

Due to the short time frame, we must close bookings at midnight on Monday, 20th November as the GV Hotel needs to know final numbers by next Tuesday. We apologise for the short notice but hope you can come along and help make it a great evening.

The online booking system allows you to stipulate any dietary requirements and pay for the dinner.

Thank you in anticipation,

Xavier Tanner
Chair, St Mels Parish Pastoral and Mission Council



The Catholic Community of
St Mel's Parish

*cordially invites you to the
Solemnity Mass of Christ the King
and the Installation as Parish Priest of*

Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ

to be presided by His Excellency

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay DD
Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst

on the 26th of November 2023 at 5:00 PM

*at St Mel's Parish
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton VIC 3630*



For those who are unable to book online, please place \$50 per ticket in a clearly marked envelope with your name/s of those attending, any dietary requirements, and a contact phone number, into the Parish office slot beside the door no later than 9am this Tuesday, November 21 and we can book these for you.

We are seeking donations to assist with the additional costs of the dinner. If you are in a position to help with this, please contact the office or place an offering in the collection plate over the coming weeks. Thank you.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26th 2023

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week November 20th to November 26th 2023

Monday November 20th - No Mass

Tuesday November 21st - 9:15am

Wednesday November 22nd - 9:15am

Thursday November 23rd - 9:15am

Friday November 24th - 9:15am

Saturday November 25th - 9am

Sunday November 26th - 9:30am & 5pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER Sunday, November 26th 2023

9:30am - Maureen Munro (Commentator) Mick Hanlon (L1)

Mary Calandro (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Loretta Hanlon & Sev Cortese

5:00pm - Xavier Tanner (Commentator) Dom Poppa (L1)

Chris Summers (L2)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Not required



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