



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

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

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We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 October 2023

Readings for
this week:



Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Readings for
next Sunday:



Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Liturgical Jottings Eucharistic Prayer part 5 Oblation

"The oblation is the offering by which, the Church gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church's intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all. GIRM 79f

Oblation was once a name for the Eucharist yet while focussing of the offering of the material elements of the bread and wine the name also included offering of ourselves, offering of praise to God, offering our prayers. "Offering" and "offer" is mentioned seven times during the First Eucharistic Prayer, and less in the others.

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Looking at the Readings

Two parables about vineyards in the readings today both end in disaster. From the prophet Isaiah, the property is fitted out, the vineyard is properly planted and tended but produces sour and bad grapes and then destroyed. Jesus' parable tells of a similar building, planting and tending, but this time the harvest is good but the owner is robbed of its produce and his son is killed by the workers he trusted. Australian wine makers reflect another twist to this fragile industry when their great produce faces uncertain markets.

In the first parable, the vineyard is the image of God's people, or as expressed in the Responsorial Psalm: "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel." In the second parable the owner's son is an image of Jesus, the workers who rejected the son are the ones Jesus addressed the parable to: "the chief priests and the elders of the people."

Today, "the Church receives the parable as an admonition addressed to itself. It cannot fail to do so because Matthew has too consistently insisted on the necessity of bearing fruit. The Church will be faithful to its mission and election only if it welcomes the prophets whom God does not cease to send it, only if it practices the gospel of his Son, only if it remains faithful through everything. The vineyard song still resounds in today's Church: Master of the vineyard, do not reject the work of your hands." (Year of the Lord Vol.4 p.213)

Feast of the Week Saint John Henry Newman 9 Oct.

As an Anglican clergyman for over 20 years he won renown as a preacher, theologian and one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement. On 9 October 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church and ordained priest on 30 May 1847. He was an influential writer on many subjects: the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education and author of several hymns. He died in 1890 and canonised in 2019.

Prayer for the Week

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene;
one step enough for me. *St John Henry Newman*



On the Lighter Side

Oenology: the study of wines
Ontology: the study of being and properties of nature
Oology: the study of bird's eggs
Otology: the study of the ear and its diseases

St Mel's Parish Is...

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

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

Absentee Landowners were well known to Galilean peasants. Sometimes they would rent out their land to tenant farmers who worked the land and then received a certain meager percentage of the crop's return. At harvest time, the owner's agents would be sent to collect his dues. The vineyard in the parable we hear today being the third of a trilogy of vineyard stories over the past Sundays has been created by the landowner God who planted it, protected it, built a winepress for the crushing of grapes, a watchtower to give guidance and protection.

STEWARDSHIP

This Sunday we take up the theme of COMMUNION. We associate this word through receiving of the Eucharist. The very means by which Communion engages our life in the God drawing intimately through Jesus, the essence of our communion. In offering this theme for this week, I liken the word COMMUNION with all we can BUILD. Often times through the cycle of the Church year we celebrate the Apostles. The APOSTLES are a continuing legacy for foundation upon which we build today. It was their human capacity despite their weakness Jesus saw a purpose for building. For example, Peter, the first of Popes was granted the keys, linking earth with heaven.

Here at St. Mel's we have experienced the great legacy given by the Scalabrinian Priests, who to this day are fondly remembered. They built along with the Religious Sisters of the Divine Zeal and the Sisters of Mercy who both laid foundations in whose story of vision gives us a vision and presence, passionately given still by Sr. Pam Barlow RSM giving outreach and confidence of all we become today. St. Mel's can be grateful for all Sr. Pam brings and gives in her ministry.

May this coming week be one where in your well-considered judgment and way of generosity see your personal capacity as a BUILDER IN FAITH. To build is to see a lived thought of COMMUNION allowing us to see together as Jesus seeks of us being his Kingdom people. From the Gospel, we see our place in the vineyard equally as tenants and where each is given their proper reward.

Happenings ! IN OCTOBER: UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS / OFFICE CLOSURES AT ST MEL'S PARISH

- The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, October 12th as we assist Fr Peter with moving. For urgent matters on this day please phone 0400 150 188.
- Sacramental Enrolment Masses on Sunday, October 15th at either 9:30am or 5pm. Candidates please bring your completed forms and place in the basket at the Narthex.
If you haven't yet, but wish to collect an enrolment pack, please contact Mel at the Parish office.
- The Parish office will again be closed on Tuesday, October 17th as Ainsley and Mel will be attending the annual Parish Administration Conference in Bendigo.
- The next Parish Pastoral and Mission Council (PPMC) meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm in the Parish House Gathering Room.
- There will be no Finance and Management committee meeting in the month of October.
- Join us for one last happy hour with Fr Peter on Thursday, October 19th at 5pm in the Parish House Gathering Room. All welcome.
- The Sacramental Program Adult Faith Development evening will be held in St Mel's Christ the King Church on Thursday, October 26th. This is an adults only session.
- Our Sacramental Commitment Masses are scheduled for Sunday, October 29th. During either 9:30am or 5pm Mass our Candidates and their parents will make their commitment to journey through the Steps in Faith program and receive their Reconciliation books.
- Mark this date on your calendars: Sunday, October 29th. A farewell for Fr Peter will be held between 11am and 2pm at St Mel's Parish Hall / School grounds. Sausages in bread will be available. Please bring a salad or sweets plate to share, and your own drinks (no alcohol). All welcome.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY Before each Sunday Mass in October, both the 9:30am and 5pm Masses, the Rosary will be recited in St Mel's Christ the King Church, commencing at 9am and at 4:30pm. If anyone would be interested to assist in leading the Rosary, please see Sev, Maureen or Ainsley.

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS These are now available to purchase from the Parish office for \$10 each. Please bring correct monies when purchasing. Thank you.

MEN'S GROUP Our next Men's group gathering will be at St Mary's Parish Mooroopna on Saturday the 14th of Oct. We will gather for Mass at 7.30am to commemorate the canonization of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop which is on the 17th of Oct, and then enjoy a lovely breakfast in the Marian centre afterwards. Please feel free to Join us, if you need transport let me know Anthony 58212633 Tues, or Thurs.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SEMINARS 3 workshops are being offered at Wangaratta South on Saturday the 14th October, 10:30am start and Shepparton Wednesday the 18th of October 5:30pm start. Plenary Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries. This will be followed by a choice of 3 workshop options: 1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter; 2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; and 3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries. For Bookings or more info refer to QR code on poster and www.trybooking.com/CJJVX for Wangaratta or www.trybooking.com/CJJVO

STEWARDSHIP IN OCTOBER As the SYNOD is underway in Rome, discerning the presence and future direction of the Church, so too our time here at St Mel's enables a looking forward in our contribution to our Parish and the future. Even though we anticipate a new presence of priestly ministry here with the Rogationist Priests coming, we still keep an eye on who we are in our COMMUNION with one another. Fr Peter

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER For the Synod gathering in Rome that the Church may adopt a listening and dialogue at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Especially in the country of Ukraine.

CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS The Shepparton Italian Women's Group (who we fondly refer to as 'Our Italian Ladies') who meet on Wednesday's here at the parish house, enjoy a social time together... Sometimes I reckon their voices can be heard well outside the house!! It's then they need 'silenzio'! They play a game called 'tombolo' (Italian Bingo). These ladies have been gathering for 40 years!! Amazing effort under the Presidente of Giovanna Busiello, who calls the numbers and is very definite in how these games are played!!! So, ladies on Wednesday 25th October we thank you for your socialising and the passionate presence this club dear to you as you remember 40 years... Fr Peter



ST MALACHY'S NAGAMBIE 150TH CELEBRATIONS St Malachy's Church Nagambie invites you to the celebration of our 150th Year Commemorating the past moving forward in faith. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay DD Bishop of Sandhurst at St Malachy's Nagambie Sunday 19 November 2023 10.00 a.m. After which will be the renaming of the former presbytery to the Kearns Centre followed by light refreshments at St Joseph's School. RSVP: 1 November to Wendy Keenan: 0459 595 908

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Gowola Homework Club runs every Tuesday during school terms at Rumbalara Football Netball Club rooms. Volunteers have an opportunity to support students in their education journey. Students are from schools in the local area and range from Prep to Grade Six. Anyone who enjoys spending time with young people, and who believes in the value of education, would be qualified and warmly welcomed. A Working with Children Check will be required. (Assistance will be given to apply for WWCC and there is no cost.) If you are interested or have any questions, please contact either Gabrielle, Mob: 0438 622 696 or Sue, Mob: 0448 621 203

OCTOBER IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH GROW Australia is a community based organisation that has helped 1000s of people with their recovery from mental ill-health through a program of mutual support and personal development. No referral is needed to attend the confidential weekly group meetings. We know that 1 in 6 people have anxiety issues. If you have questions or wish to join one of the five groups in our Diocese, check this week's edition of Sandpiper eNews for location and contact details. Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator. Diocese of Sandhurst.



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.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS Dear Monsignors, Fathers, and Council, Committee and Staff members,
On the recommendation of the College of Consultors, I am very pleased to announce the following clergy appointments:

Kennington - Parish Priest: Fr Jake Mudge, from 20 January 2024

It is planned to make a further appointment to Kennington in due course, to support Fr Jake in continuing his appointment as a lecturer for 2 days/week at Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.

Rushworth - Supervising Priest: A new appointment will be made to this position before Fr Andrew Fewings concludes his appointment as Parish Priest of Kennington.

Rutherglen and Chiltern - Parish Priest: Fr Peter Taylor, from 4 November 2023

Shepparton South and Nagambie (previously announced) - Parish Priest: Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ, from 4 November 2023. Assistant Priest: Fr Ruel Desamparado RCJ

Tatura and Kyabram - Parish Priest: Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS, from 13 January 2024

Wodonga, Tallangatta and Corryong - Fr Andrew Fewings will lead the establishment of a Ministry Team in these parishes towards mid-2024, after undertaking a sabbatical in the first months of the year.

Team Moderator, and Pastoral Leader of Wodonga: Fr Andrew Fewings

Pastoral Leader of Tallangatta and Corryong: Fr John Paul Pasala, from 13 January 2024

Team member: Fr Adi Indra

From 27 December 2023, until Fr Andrew's return from sabbatical, Fr Adi Indra will be Administrator of the parishes

Yarrowonga and Cobram - Parish Priest: Fr Junjun Amaya, from 27 December 2023

I am grateful to all those who have generously offered themselves for these appointments, and ask that you hold them in prayer, along with these various communities, as they prepare for these significant transitions.

Yours sincerely, *+Shane Machinlay*

Weekday Masses this coming week
October 9th to October 15th 2023

Monday October 9th - No Mass
Tuesday October 10th - 9:15am
Wednesday October 11th - 9:15am
Thursday October 12th - **No Mass**
Friday October 13th - 9:15am
Saturday October 14th - 9am
Sunday October 15th - 9:30am & 5pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER
Sunday, October 15th 2023

9:30am - Sr Pam Barlow (Commentator) Mick Hanlon (L1)
Sev Cortese (L2)
9:30am - Special Ministers: Chris Summers & Lucy Ciancio
5:00pm - Helen May (Commentator) Rosemarene (L1)
Dom Poppa (L2)
5:00pm - Special Ministers: Helen May & Erin Tanner

Anniversaries: Mick Villani, Eugenio Calandro



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