



ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN *stepping out in faith and trust*

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 9th February 2020



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

FR ALAN'S ABSENCE

Fr Alan will be away this week from Wednesday 12th February to Friday 14th February 2020 attending a meeting of the Provincial Council.

ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

At St Joseph's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This week I was reading a travel magazine which told the story of a couple named Mike and Gayle Quarmby who had lost their adult son several years ago in a tragic accident at home. It made them think about their own future and they decided to put their grief-struck energy into helping other people's adult children. They sold their house and their business and started to work with indigenous young men and women both in the Northern Territory and South Australia. They helped them to grow and market their own food. Their bush tucker program is known as Outback pride and Mike and Gayle donated their time and about \$250,000 of their own money towards it. They now have 20 aboriginal communities dotted around Central and southern Australia growing a wide range of bush foods that are sold in gourmet shops and some supermarkets. They had intended to do this for only five years but seven years later they are still going strong.

This Sunday we hear the words from the prophet Isaiah from the First Reading where he says, "Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor...turn not from your own kin...then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over." This is a call to redirect the pain we experience in our lives into a force for good.

When we experience pain whether it be physical, psychological or emotional pain the temptation when we pray is to focus on the pain. This is understandable especially when the feelings we experience are intense. However, the problem is we emerge from our prayer feeling no better than when we started. At these times we are called to focus on God and allow him to lead us. The answer we will receive is a call to serve others in some way. If we respond positively then we will experience the light that God continually holds out to us.

The Gospel from this Sunday calls us to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. This is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and follows the Beatitudes. The Greek word for Blessed is *makarios* and it means a serene untouchable joy, a joy that sorrow, grief and loss and powerless against. This is not minimizing the reality of pain that we can experience in our lives but rather it gives us the means to overcome it. Whenever we redirect our energy into a force for good then we become 'light' and 'salt' to others. Ultimately nothing can stop us making a difference to the lives of others unless we allow it to.

READING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW IN 2020

We commenced reading from the Gospel of Matthew on the first Sunday of Advent in December, 2019 and we continue reading from this gospel throughout 2020 (Year A).



Who was Matthew?

Scholars believe that the author of Matthew was a Greek-speaker who knew Aramaic or Hebrew, or both, and was probably a Jewish Christian. They tell us that Matthew's gospel was intended for an audience who were predominantly Jewish and it was written after the destruction of the Temple by the Romans (70 A.D.), at a time when the rabbis are striving to rebuild Judaism around the law of Moses. This means Matthew was written between 80 and 90 A.D., which is 10 or even 20 years after Mark's gospel was written.

Major theme — Jesus is God's messenger

Matthew proclaims that Jesus was not another false prophet or failed rabbi but the true Messiah, a new Moses, the one who gives birth to a new Israel. In place of the destroyed Temple, Jesus, the beloved Son of God, is a new presence in the world, '...Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us"' (1:23). Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ) in whom the history of Israel is fulfilled. His resurrection makes this clear: the time for waiting is over.

The Five Discourses, and the 'new Law'

The portrayal of Jesus as God's messenger, the bringer of a new Law of God for all nations, is fleshed out in five great discourses: the Sermon on the Mount (Ch. 5–7), the Mission Sermon (Ch. 10), the Sermon in parables (Ch. 13), the Sermon on the church (Ch. 18), and the Eschatological or 'last times' sermon (Ch. 24–25). Taken together, these discourses make up the 'new Law', summarised in three points by Fr José Pagoda in *Jesus. An Historical Approximation*:

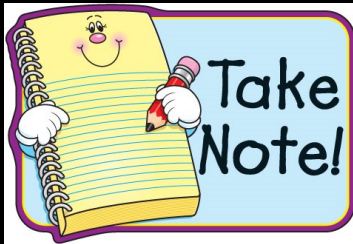
- The so-called golden rule: 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets' (7:12)
- The double commandment of love: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ... And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself' (22:37–40)
- '...the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith' (23:23)

The Church, Christ's community

Matthew also writes explicitly about the Church as the community of those who follow Jesus' call. This community belongs to Christ, and is built on Peter as its foundation. Everyone in the community is a disciple of Christ, brothers and sisters who are children of the one Father.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Parish Phone numbers have changed.
Please take note of the new numbers.



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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

We are preparing young people for the Sacraments of:

First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in 2020.

For details see the Parish website—www.stjosephsmalvern.org.au
and complete the registration form.

Enrolments for ALL Sacraments are NOW OPEN.



HOT BUTTON ISSURE: 'BECOMING AN ALIVE AND VIBRANT PARISH IN 2020'

Our first Hot Button issue for 2020 will take place on **Sunday 16th February 2020** after the 10.00am Mass from 11.15am-12.45pm in the

Parish Hall. Our speaker is Lorraine McCarthy and she will speak on

'Becoming an alive and vibrant Parish in 2020'. Lorraine has worked as a Pastoral associate in a number of Melbourne Parishes since 1999. She has travelled to Canada and has seen the success of the work of Fr James Mallon who wrote the book

Divine Renovation.



What can we do, here and now, to grow our Parish? These are not ordinary times in the Church.

Within a decade or two most of our current Churchgoers will no longer be with us.

What do we need to change in order to be an "attractive" Parish that is culturally relevant to emerging generations?

Is this even possible?

Come along and hear how Parishes both in Australia and globally are changing in order to grow.

Can we do it too?

Pope Francis, November 2019: "The Church is either on the move or she is not Church. Either she evangelizes or she is not Church. If the Church is not on the move, she decays, she becomes something else."

CHILD SAFETY UPDATE

1. PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

Towards the end of 2019 Fr Alan approached a few members of the Parish and asked if they would be interested in attend a Training for Setting Up of a Safeguarding Committee.

This Safeguarding Committee has now begun working within the Parish.

Members are: Fr Alan, Chris Earl, Amy Alston, Sally Buick and Ron Farrell.

2. PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS

Coordinators of all Parish Ministries are asked to please notify Chris at the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au, with details of any new members and/or any other changes within your Ministry.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN
OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE

JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM

This month is the 7th birthday
of **JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM**.

Fr Donald Calloway has just
released his book called

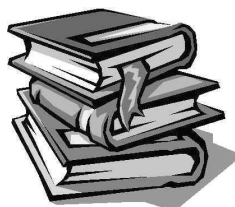
"Consecration to St Joseph". It is a 33-day
preparation and consecration to St Joseph. It
also contains: Theology of St Joseph,
Doctrinal issues, Devotions to St Joseph.
What saints and popes have said about
St Joseph, Apparitions of St Joseph,
Religious communities founded on St Joseph,
Shrines of St. Joseph, the Miracles of St
Joseph, Artwork and Commissioned artwork
on St Joseph.

Fr Donald Calloway is going to hand a copy of
his book to Pope Francis personally and ask
the Pope to declare a year of St Joseph the
Patron of the Universal Church.

This book is not stocked in **JOSEPH'S
BOOKROOM** but one that is recommended
after whom our Church, school and Parish are
named.

JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM is open before
every Mass and it will be open on **Saturday
15 February from 10:00am–11:00 a.m.**

Come and browse or 'pay a visit.'



THROUGH BAPTISM, WE CONGRATULATE:



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LUA SALINAS RIDRIGUEZ,
child of Carolina Rodriguez Zuniga & Oscar
Salinas

ADRIANA PRASTALO, child of Kathleen &
Nenad Prastalo

CLARA FRANCES MAYES, child of Virginia
& Timothy Mayes

We thank them for bringing their child to
Baptism and support them as they
commence their journey of faith.

ONLINE 'FREE' WEBINARS

1. Helping kids thrive online—
parents & carers of young
people 5-12 years old
2. Tech, teens & time online—
parents & carers of young
people 12-18 years old

Registration at:
[https://www.esafety.gov.au/
parents.webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents.webinars)

An opportunity for our parish to
build on a prevention and
awareness focus about online
safety and security

BRIGID'S WELL

KILDARA CENTRE 2020

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

10.00am—12noon

Facilitator: Barbara Horrigan

NEWCOMERS ALWAYS

WELCOME

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

10.00am—12noon

Facilitator: Catriona Devlin

NEWCOMERS ALWAYS WELCOME



MOVIES WITH MEANING

This is a group to join if you enjoy looking at movies with others, sharing a meal together and discussing some reflections about the particular movie viewed that evening.

Dates: Fridays 20 March, 22 May, 4 Sept, 6 Nov

Time: 6.00pm—9.00pm

Facilitators: Kathleen Murphy & Catriona Devlin

SCOTTISH GAELIC CHOIR

This is a group to join if you enjoy singing with others and especially enjoy singing Celtic airs.

Prior knowledge of Gaelic is not a prerequisite; only a love of Celtic music is essential. You will also need to become a member of the SGSV (Scottish Gaelic Society of Victoria).

Thursdays (during school terms): 7.00pm—9.00pm

Contact: Rachel Hay on rachel.hay@iinet.net.au or Maurice on moef53@yahoo.com.au

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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You are invited to join us for the



St
Valentine's
Day High Tea

Friday 14th February 2020 at Sofitel on Collins

Intense love does not measure. It just gives. - Mother Teresa

Date: **Friday 14th February 2020**

Venue: Fitzroy Ballroom
Sofitel Melbourne On Collins
25 Collins Street, Melbourne

Tickets: \$50
<https://www.trybookings.com/BHEDP>

For more information call 9412 8412 or
Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au

VISIT OF BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR

Come and hear Brother Peter Bray speak about life in Bethlehem and the amazing ministry of the only Catholic University in Palestine and its challenge to educate a new generation of Christian and Muslim leaders in a land ravaged by injustice, occupation and oppression.

Sunday 23rd February, 6.00pm at The Cunningham Centre (opposite St. Bernadette's School) 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe.

Please RSVP to Parish Office 9499 1515 or Ivanhoe@cam.org.au All Welcome!

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MALVERN



OPEN DAYS for prospective families for 2021:

Tuesday 25th February
Tuesday 16th March
Monday 20th April

LENTEN CONVERSATION GROUPS

In keeping with past years we will be having Lenten Conversation groups as usual.

The resource that we will be using this year is entitled **Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles**. It is from the Alive in the Word Series. Please see the link

<https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9780814644140/> for further information.

The resource will cover 4 sessions.
Further details to come in the next couple of weeks.
Fr. Alan

2020 Strength in Weakness Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am–6:30pm,
400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)

A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera.

We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online.

For more information & free registration visit
www.strengtheninweakness.com.au

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm (Cabrini Chapel)

Sunday 10.00am and 6.00pm (St Joseph's)

Weekday Masses

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 9.15am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 12noon (Cabrini Chapel)

Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.30pm (Cabrini Chapel)

or by appointment

February:

Tuesday 11

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room
St Joseph's Refugee Support Group
Theatre Night

Thursday 13

Sunday 16

HOT BUTTON ISSUE #1—'Becoming an Alive and Vibrant Parish in 2020', 11.15am-12.45pm in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 18

Anointing Mass @ 10.30am, followed by light refreshments in the Kildara Centre

Wednesday 26

ASH WEDNESDAY, Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Thursday 27

Finance Committee Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room

**5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:7-10**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-16**Next Sunday's Readings****6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

BAPTISM: Clara Frances Mayes,
Lua Salinas Rodriguez, Adriana Prastalo



THE SICK: John & Marie Horan, Mim Nerlich,
Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy, Mal Logan, Anne
Peric, Br Paul Smith fsc

RECENTLY DECEASED:**ANNIVERSARIES:****MASS INTENTIONS**

Feb 8 (Vigil)

Feb 9 10.00am

Feb 9 6.00pm

People of the Parish

Feb 11

Feb 12

Feb 14

De La Salle Brothers (Int)

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention,
please call the Parish Office on 8508 7200 or
info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.