



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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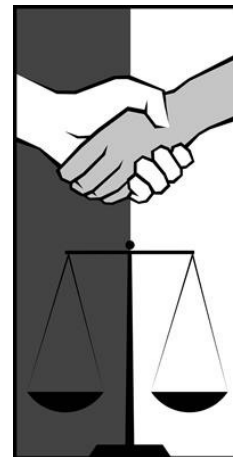
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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 16th February 2020

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.



Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and

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.

if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

FR ALAN'S ABSENCE

Fr Alan will be away on Tuesday 18th February 2020 attending a Professional Standards Day for the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in Sydney.

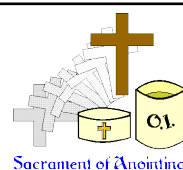
ANOINTING MASS

Tuesday 18th February,

10.30am.

Refreshments afterwards will be held in the Kildara Centre.

If you require transport please contact the JoCare office on 8508 7207.



FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

GOD SEES ALL

Today's readings speak about the interior life of the committed follower of Jesus Christ. They make it clear that God sees within our hearts. I heard someone once say "if you are ever in doubt about the rightness or wrongness of an action you should ask yourself " would I be comfortable sharing this with someone else? That will give you your answer."

This Sunday's reading impress upon us the importance of ensuring that our exterior actions reflect what is going on inside of us. The First Reading reminds that God knows what is in our hearts. We are left with a choice to either accept or reject him. This determines whether we spiritually live or die. We are told to avoid sin and we do this by avoiding the occasions of sin. Actions will follow whatever thoughts we entertain if we hold on to them long enough. Therefore it is important if a thought comes into our mind that is not good we are called to get rid of it quickly. We can't help what enters our minds but we can make a decision whether or not it stays there.

This is what Jesus means when he says that unless our holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees we will not enter the Kingdom of God. We need to fight off any tendency that goes against God. It should be a signal for us anytime we contemplate an action we don't want anyone else to know. God peers into the depths of our souls. The past two Sundays have reminded us that we are called to be people of the light. This represents a call to grow in virtue.

PLEASE WELCOME

This week we have three Presentations:



VICTOR JAMES WALL, child of Marie-Lisa & James Wall

THEODORE MICHAEL BOWLY, child of Emily & David Bowly

HAILEY ROSE MILLS, child of Lauren & Trent Mills

THROUGH BAPTISM, WE CONGRATULATE:



CHLOE ALICE DORAN, child of Chloe & Rory Doran

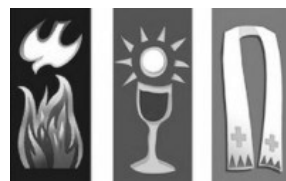
We thank them for bringing their child to Baptism and support them as they commence their journey of faith.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

For details see the Parish website—

www.stjosephsmalvern.org.au and complete the registration form.

Enrolments for ALL Sacraments are NOW OPEN.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MALVERN



OPEN DAYS for prospective families for 2021:

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



HEARING LOOP IN THE CHURCH

In the Vestry as you enter the Church we have portable electronic devices that connect normal hearing aids to the Parish speaker system, in order that hard of hearing people can fully participate in Mass and other ceremonies. If you are interested in learning more, please contact John Davies on 0418596983 or by email John@daviesfamily.com.au

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



Our first Hot Button issue for 2020 will take place **Sunday 16th February 2020** after the 10.00am Mass, from 11.15am-12.45pm in the **KILDARA CENTRE (please note change of venue)**.

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 Church goers 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."

DON BOSCO RETREAT CENTRE LYSTERFIELD THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

A retreat with Fr Frank Moloney SDB. Monday 16th March—Thursday 19th March 2020

Cost \$430—all inclusive—Retreat, Meals & Accommodation

Registration: via Don Bosco Retreat Centre on 9752 2432 or dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

For further information see the noticeboard at the back of the Church

SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS **FORUM**

FREE EVENT

Date: Tuesday 31st March

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall
47 Stanhope St Malvern

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIAXI>



SPEAKERS

- **Dr Lidia Engel** Health Economist
- **Mr Geoff Sharp** Director Volunteering Victoria

Social Isolation and Loneliness are a growing concern with well documented direct and indirect effects on physical and mental health. Belonging to a community which provides meaning and support and being involved in local activities can be vital for personal and communal well-being.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #3 supports health and wellbeing for all at all ages and #11 is to make cities and communities, inclusive safe, resilient and sustainable. Let us make these goals the centre of our community.

Please join us on the 31st March 2020 to learn from experts in the field, and discuss how your organisation can contribute or benefit from initiatives, that can increase connectedness within our local community, making it more inclusive, welcoming and neighbourly. This forum aims to bring together local community groups to begin to work together on small community initiatives to decrease social isolation and loneliness in the local community.

JoCare is a free home and residential volunteer care visiting program, currently providing connection and companionship to Stonnington residents.

Call Kerri Anne on
Ph: 9401 6392 Mob: 0403 572 440
or email - jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au
<https://www.trybooking.com/BIAXI>

JoCare
Caring for neighbours

FURTHER READING ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



In last week's parish bulletin there was an article about Matthew's gospel which we read during 2020 (Year A).

If you want to read more about this gospel, here is a short reading list. It includes books that are readily available from places like the Pauline Bookshop in East Camberwell or online via Amazon etc.

Brendan Byrne S.J., *Lifting the Burden. Reading Matthew's Gospel in the Church Today*. St Paul's, 2004. [One of four on the gospels by the renowned Australian Jesuit author; scholarly but not technical; 230pp]

Wilfred Harrington O.P., *Reading Matthew for the First Time*. Paulist Press, 2014. [Well-regarded Irish Dominican scripture scholar; 160pp]

Barbara E Reid O.P., *The Gospel According to Matthew*, New Collegeville Bible Commentary, New Testament, Vol. 1 [First in a series written for the general reader; 120pp.]

The parish library also has copies of eight short articles on aspects of Matthew's gospel which you can borrow. They are from recent issues of *The Bible Today*, edited by Fr Donald Senior C.P., a renowned US scripture scholar.

The Bible Today, Vol 55, No. 1, January/February 2017. *The Sermon on the Mount*.
'Matthew's Beatitudes' by Emeritus Prof. Fr Dennis Hamm S.J. [6pp]
'Violence and Nonviolence in the Sermon on the Mount' by Assoc. Prof. Peter J Judge [6pp]
'The Sermon and Authentic Piety' by Dr. (Sister) Luma A Khuder O.P. [6pp]
'The Repayment of Good Deeds in Matthew's Sermon' by Assoc. Prof. Nathan Eubank [5pp]

The Bible Today, Vol 58, No. 1, January/February 2020. *The Ethics of Matthew's Gospel*.
'Matthew's Vision of Church' by Prof. John W Martens [7pp]
'Forgiving the Sinner: The Church as a Christ-Like People in Matthew 18' by Assoc. Prof. Michael P Barber [5pp]
'The Death and Vindication of God's Faithful Son: Matthew's Passion Narrative' by Prof. Fr Donald Senior C.P. [6pp]
'Choosing Sides: Matthew 25:31–46' by Fr Benedict Viviano O.P. [7pp]



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

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**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm (Cabrini Chapel)

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

Weekday Masses

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 10.30am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 12noon (Cabrini Chapel)

Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.30pm (Cabrini Chapel)

or by appointment

February:

Sunday 16

HOT BUTTON ISSUE #1—'Becoming an Alive and Vibrant Parish in 2020', 11.15am-12.45pm in the **KILDARA CENTRE** (please note change of venue)

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

**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FIRST READING:**

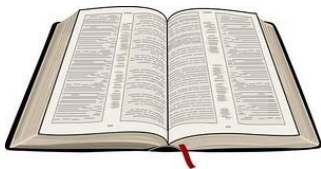
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:17-37

**Next Sunday's Readings****7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:****BAPTISM:**

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Solange Keisler, Ermelinda Schiavello

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Feb 15 (Vigil)

People of the Parish

Feb 16 10.00am

Solange Keisler (an)

Feb 16 6.00pm

Murtagh Dempsey (Int)

Feb 18

Ermelinda Schiavello (an)

Feb 19

Feb 21

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.