

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Following from last week's reading Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. On arriving at Simon and Andrew's home, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus

is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. But, here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Living the Gospel - Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless,

Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

Greg Sunter

THE DIVINE TOUCH

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

Rev Prof Michael Tate

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

St Joseph, you were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:

may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly

the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation:

help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

MASS ONLINE

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Masses are livestreamed daily on our Archdiocesan YouTube channel and on Sundays are available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

BOX HILL PARISH

Daily Masses: <https://www.facebook.com/GBHparish>

Sunday Masses also on:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GreaterBoxHillParish>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Available at Network Ten - 10 Play

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

VIETNAMESE SUNDAY MASS AT 5:00 PM

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimvn>



Our Thanksgiving Online Payment Portal is **Parish Pay Portal**

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116521&langPref=en-CA>

Gratitude for your continuing support.

You may also opt to use the direct debit facility, kindly email or call us for application form or the Parish bank details.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: 1st Sunday of the Month (9:00 AM Mass)

- ◆ Reconciliation
- ◆ Marriage
- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Funerals



Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

2021 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

- ◆ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.
- ◆ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00-3PM and Friday from 1:00- 5:00PM

MASS TIMES:

- ◆ Saturday: 6:00 PM
 - ◆ Sunday: 9:00 AM
 - ◆ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or ANH TOAN 0422 295 115.

WEEKDAYS:

- ◆ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ◆ Every Friday, 10:00 am

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ◆ 8 February - Saint Jerome Emiliani and Saint Josephine Bakhita
- ◆ 10 February - Saint Scholastica
- ◆ 11 February - Our Lady of Lourdes

VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

- ◆ THE FIRST DAY OF VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR
Friday 12 February, Mass at 7.30pm
- ◆ THE SECOND DAY OF NEW YEAR
Saturday 13 February, Mass at 7.30pm
- ◆ THE THIRD DAY OF NEW YEAR
Sunday 14 February, Mass at 5pm



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

17 FEBRUARY

- ◆ 9:15 AM
- ◆ 7:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of Readers and Proclaimers. Training will be provided. Ring or email office.



THE NEED IS ACUTE!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations.

To properly prepare for a 2022 placement, enquire now at Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Rm., 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE on 20 February @ 10:00am. palms.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Carmel McCormick, Jaime Narciso, Alan Maher, Frederick Bradley, Peter Shannahan, Leo Belot, John Desmond O'Hagan, Robert Withers, Wanda & Anthony Rusc, Michelle Gooden, Thevathasan Saverimuttu, William Mullane, Annamma Mathai, Josef Fabian Radinja, Lina Natoli, Patrick & Marcella O'Reilly.

ROSTERS: 6:00PM 9:00AM

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

◆ This Week	Mary Italiano	Anico Yee
◆ Next week	Susan Chen	Laura Cigana

PROCLAIMERS

◆ This Week C:	Peggy D'Cruz	Kath Barritt
P:	Patrick Kelly	Daphne Hickman
◆ Next week C:	Hubert Lobo	Trevis Yee
P:	Rachel Grealy	Ryan Yee

COUNTERS

This Week: Barry & Christine Silvester
Next Week: Margaret Leach / Fela Colasanti



POPE ESTABLISHES WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established an international day to honour grandparents and seniors to take place each year on the fourth Sunday of July.

“The Holy Spirit ... arouses thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly today: their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and guards the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, to transmit to young people an experience of life and faith,” Pope Francis said in the library of the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace yesterday.

“Grandparents are often forgotten and we forget this wealth of preserving and passing on the roots. For this reason, I have decided to establish the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly,” the Pope said.

The World Day for the Grandparents and the Elderly will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne.

This year it will take place on July 25, and Pope Francis will offer a special Mass to mark the occasion, according to the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life.

OPPOSITION TO GAY CONVERSION BILL GROWS

The Catholic bishops of Victoria and the Islamic Council of Victoria have added their voices to growing concern over so-called gay conversion therapy laws being debated in the state’s Parliament.

They have written an open letter to Premier Daniel Andrews seeking an urgent “pause” on the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020 which could be brought before the Legislative Council this week.

In the letter, the bishops, along with the President of the Islamic Council of Victoria Mohamed Mohideen, express their concerns with the bill’s overreach, saying that it risks criminalising conversations between children and parents, interferes with sound professional advice, and silences ministers of religion from providing personal attention for individuals freely seeking pastoral care for complex personal situations.

“Unfortunately, this bill doesn’t just ban out-dated and insidious practices of coercion and harm, which we firmly reject,” the letter states. “It includes ill-conceived concepts of faith and conversation, vague definitions, and scientifically and medically flawed approaches. It places arbitrary limitations on parents, families and people of faith.”

“People change for all kinds of reasons, and should feel free to do so, whether it be on matters of personal identity, gender, sexuality, family association, or religion. Contrary to its intent, this bill obstructs people’s freedom by limiting, restricting and removing options for their good, thereby creating undesirable possibilities of harm.”

NEW CHURCH PROTOCOL PUBLISHED FOR RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ABUSE

Anew protocol introduced this week provides a framework for Catholic entities across Australia to respond consistently to people raising concerns or allegations of child sexual abuse.

The National Response Protocol, which was adopted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at its November 2020 plenary meeting, is the product of two years of work and widespread consultation within and beyond the Church.

That consultation included engagement with victims and survivors and their advocates.

“The Church continues to work hard to strengthen the safeguards that have been put in place in recent years,” Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said. “The adoption and implementation of the National Response Protocol is an important step forward, and we thank those who have brought this thorough process to completion.”

“One of the strengths of the new protocol is that it provides a single national framework, which will ensure a consistent approach to the handling of concerns and allegations.”

The National Response Protocol will be monitored regularly to allow for ongoing refinement and improvement. It will be sent to the Holy See for approval.

The National Response Protocol is available at: www.catholic.org.au/nationalresponseprotocol

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR MYANMAR, SAYS YANGON’S AUXILIARY BISHOP

After a military coup and the detention of top government leaders in Myanmar, the auxiliary bishop of Yangon called for prayers, caution and stocking up on provisions for the people.

“We must live in a spirit of vigilance and prayer,” Auxiliary Bishop John Saw Yaw Han of Yangon told Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples.

Concerned that the situation could become critical, Bishop Saw Yaw Han also called on the Church to “provide food reserves to avoid shortages” and “also take care of stocks of medicines to ensure the health of the people”.

The military declared a state of emergency and said General Min Aung Hlaing would be in charge of the country for one year because the government had not acted on the military’s claims of fraud in November’s elections and because it allowed for an election despite the COVID-19 pandemic, reported AP. Ms Suu Kyi’s ruling party had won a majority of the available parliamentary seats in that election.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement: “All leaders must act in the greater interest of Myanmar’s democratic reform, engaging in meaningful dialogue, refraining from violence and fully respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.”

Bishop Saw Yaw Han launched an appeal to all Catholics to pray for peace.

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

Try as we might to always look at the bright side of life, each and every one of us have times in our lives when we would answer Job's question with a resounding "yes." The burdens of life are real. Setbacks in life are painful. We need to name and address those areas of our lives in which we feel weighed down and burdened. What is the best remedy for melancholy, for the temptation to focus only on what is wrong, what is broken, what is painful? The combination of prayer, good works, and good friends: In the face of life's burdens and difficulties let us do our level best to deprive the evil one of our company and walk in the company of prayerful, positive and proactive people. *[Salesian Feed]*

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you show compassion to those in need.	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you suffered for our sake.	Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you came to preach the good news to all.	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

FIRST READING: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **(R.)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia! He bore our sickness and endured our suffering. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.