

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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PEACE ROCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- JOHN 16:33 NV

PRIMAL FORCES

We humans are full of pride. We depend on our own resources and think we can solve any problem by applying our wit and energy. Meanwhile, the problems pile up. Wars proliferate. Hunger abounds. The ecology deteriorates. There is poverty, homelessness, unemployment. Frustration drives some to crime. Others seek relief in drugs.

Perhaps one day we will realize that it will take more than our feeble efforts to rid the world of these problems. It will take the power of God, the one who "shut within doors the sea and made the clouds its garment." Humans alone against the great injustices of the world are like the disciples in the boat during the storm. They are helpless, unable to control these primal forces.

If only they would realize that they have with them the Lord of the universe, the one who can make the wind and the sea obey. If only they would not be so lacking in faith, then maybe, by joining their efforts with the power of the almighty God, they could say to all the warmongers and haters and oppressors of the world: "Quiet! Be still!" - *Gerald Darring*

HEY, YOU!

In the Gospel Reading, there is a squall at sea, and the apostles' boat begins to take on water. They are very afraid; and they wake up Jesus, who is asleep in the back of the boat. He calms the sea. And then he asks his disciples two questions:

Why are you terrified? Don't you yet have faith?

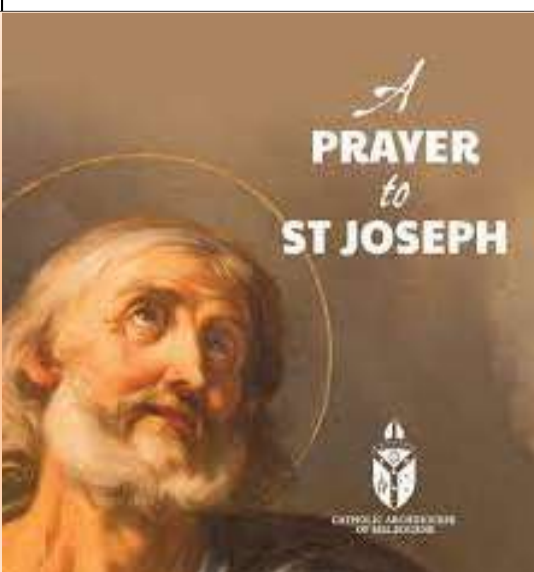
Why are they terrified? Well, because that boat is filling up with water, the wind is fierce, the waves are high, and there is an excellent chance that everybody in the boat will die by drowning. What is not to fear here? Faith is not the bare belief that there is a God.

And why does Jesus ask them if they have faith? The First Reading is from the book of Job. Job certainly had faith—and he lost all his children and his possessions in one day, shortly before he came down with a loathsome skin disease. If having faith won't save a person from the fate of Job, then why wouldn't the disciples fear, even if they had faith?

The solution lies in seeing how Jesus rescues his disciples from shipwreck. He doesn't issue decrees about the weather. He talks directly to the sea. "Be still!" he says to the sea. And notice that in the First Reading this is exactly how God deals with the ocean. Just as Jesus says "you" to the sea, so God says "you" to the ocean: "So far shall you come and no further." For God, for Jesus, even inanimate objects such as the ocean and the sea have an I-Thou relationship with their Lord. Even the sea and the ocean are in direct second-personal relationship with the loving God who made them.

And if this is true of the ocean and the sea, then how much more is it true of each one of us? So faith is not the bare belief that there is a God. Faith is the willingness, in trust, to say "you" to God, as God says "you" to each one of us.

In this I-Thou relationship with the good and loving Creator of all there is, what is left to fear? Whether we live or die, whether we sorrow or are at ease, we stand in joy in the love of our Lord. And that is why we do not have to be afraid.—*Eleonore Stump*



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

"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'"

~MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ♦ 21 June: St Aloysius Gonzaga
- ♦ 22 June: St John Fisher and Thomas More
- ♦ 24 June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

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>



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**, email or call us to submit or for printed application form or, the Parish bank details.

ROSTERS: **6:00PM** **9:00AM**

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

♦ This Week	Sr June	Chin L Tay
♦ Next Week	Susan Chen	Laura Cigana

PROCLAIMERS

♦ This Week C/P:	Rachel Grealy	Trevis Yee
♦ Next Week C/P:	Hubert Lobo	Alfred Lee

COUNTERS

This Week: Margaret Leach / Fela Colasanti
Next Week: Owen Grealy / Anthony Yeo

'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL' TOGETHER WE PRAY



You are invited to take up the invitation from Archbishop Comensoli to pray for our Archdiocese as we begin the journey of 'Take the Way of the Gospel'. This significant time of discernment begins with prayer and with calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

All are welcome to join in this weekly online prayer opportunity for our Archdiocese. To allow for differing availabilities, each week the same session will be run twice:

WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.00pm: June 23, 30 and July 7 & 14

Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/98275970552?pwd=MIB6RkhtSDVMN21aVGFCMIBjNkVYUT09>

THURSDAYS 12.30 - 1.00pm: June 24 and July 1, 8 & 15 (repeat sessions)

Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/98275970552?pwd=MIB6RkhtSDVMN21aVGFCMIBjNkVYUT09>

UPDATE ON COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Metro Melbourne

The Victorian Government has announced that restrictions will be relaxed from 11.59pm Thurs. 17 June

- Masks will continue to be required indoors (except at home) but they are no longer required outdoors – however they are still recommended when you can't maintain physical distancing.
- Religious gatherings and ceremonies: 75 in-person gathering permitted (including celebrant, technicians, musicians).
- Funerals can be held with up to 75 mourners, and weddings no more than 20.

More details at: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Phyllis Patton, Maureen Patricia Hunter, Anne Cleary, Mary Excell, Ronald White, Francis Michael Lynch, Harrison Wagg, Ellen Wagg, Giuseppe Florentino, David Clarke, John Chapman, Max Lazzari-Wegener, John Santilli, Giovanni Santilli, Benny D'Sa, Valerian D'Sa, Federico Manguiat, William Swallow.

SACRAMENTS:

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

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

Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

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 ANDY TRAN 04 22 382 109

WEEKDAYS:

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





POPE SAYS CHURCH MUST LISTEN TO FAMILIES

To truly reach out to families, the Church first must learn to listen to their concerns rather than doling out theoretical solutions to life's harsh realities, Pope Francis has told an online conference last week dedicated to his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

The Pope added that the Church must “set aside any ‘merely theoretical message without connection to people’s real problems’, as well as the idea that evangelisation is reserved for a pastoral elite”.

“In the midst of the difficulties caused by the pandemic, which lacerate the life of the family and ‘its intimate communion of life and love,’ the family today is more than ever a sign of the times, and the Church is invited above all to listen actively to families, and at the same time to involve them as subjects of pastoral care,” he said.

BISHOP HARRIS: RACISM A CANCER THAT EATS US UP

Speaking at a Reconciliation Day Mass, Townsville Bishop Tim Harris has described racism as “a cancer that eats us up”.

On the 25 anniversary of the event, Bishop Harris said Jesus taught people to treat others as they would like to be treated. He added that in seeking to reconcile history, Australia should listen to its First Nations voices, rather than presuming to know what’s best, as has happened in the past.

Bishop Harris practiced what he preached by sharing at the start of his homily that he had sought advice from a 14-year-old student from St Teresa’s College, Abergowrie, before speaking at the ceremony.

Jahrahn Neal-Yeatman was approached by Bishop Harris after he had played didgeridoo at Mass at Townsville's Sacred Heart Cathedral last month to celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.

He said he told Bishop Harris that “we must acknowledge the past and inform the present – to change the future”.

The Mass took place at St Teresa’s Chapel in Abergowrie, on Warrgamay country, on May 27.

‘SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT’ ON SCHOOL FUNDING

Jim Miles, executive director of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, says it is timely to set the record straight on government funding for capital works in schools.

A report in *The Age* on weekend suggested that non-government schools are over-funded and government schools are under-funded in relation to school facilities.

“The first thing to point out is that the report commissioned by the Australian Education Union used data which is flawed because it does not include the billions of dollars spent by the Victorian Government to establish new government schools,” Mr Miles said.

“The exclusion of this funding greatly distorts the report’s analysis. Since it came to power in Victoria in 2014, for example, the Andrews Government has invested over \$2 billion in new government schools in Victoria.”

Mr Miles said that like government schools, Catholic education authorities are struggling to keep pace with demand to deliver new and upgraded school facilities in Victoria.

“Despite educating more than 20 per cent of Victorian children, our school communities contribute 72 cents in every dollar of the funds used to build, upgrade, and maintain Catholic schools,” Mr Miles said.

“In other words, our families pick up the tab for nearly three quarters of building works carried out at their Catholic schools. “This is additional money that governments, and taxpayers, would have to find if these students were being educated in a government school.”

BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE CALLS ON FAITHFUL TO CONTACT MPS

Brisbane Archdiocese is calling on Queenslanders to write, email, call and meet with their local members as they weigh their consciences ahead of the likely September vote on euthanasia legislation.

The archdiocese’s communications team has sent Information packs to parishes, providing details on how to email or arrange face-to-face meetings with local parliamentarians.

“It is imperative all sectors of the community affected by this legislation but still not heard – are heard,” the advocacy flyer read.

“Namely First Nations people, disabled people, palliative care providers, mental health providers, multicultural and multifaith groups.

“‘Euthanasia’ and ‘assisted suicide’ are not only contrary to the teachings of the Church but also the principle of ‘do no harm’ which has governed the medical profession forever.

“We support the many health professionals who say we should do all we can to protect Queenslanders rather than assist them in dying.

“We believe every Queenslanders has a right to high quality palliative care.”

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.—*Greg Sunter*

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you rescue those who are lost.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you bring peace not fear.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way of love.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

FIRST READING: Job 38: 1.8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

SECOND READING: 2Cor 5: 14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. ***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

NEXT WEEK READINGS: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:77,9,13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43