

welfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 20 June 2021



Readings for this Sunday
Job 38:1,8-11
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41



Readings for next week:
Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43



Liturgical Jottings

The Homily I

Let us renew our confidence in preaching, based on the conviction that it is God who seeks to reach out to others through the preacher, and that he displays his power through human words. Saint Paul speaks forcefully about the need to preach, since the Lord desires to reach other people by means of our word (cf. Rom 10:14-17). By his words our Lord won over the hearts of the people; they came to hear him from all parts (cf. Mk 1:45); they were amazed at his teachings (cf. Mk 6:2), and they sensed that he spoke to them as one with authority (cf. Mk 1:27). By their words the apostles, whom Christ established “to be with him and to be sent out to preach” (Mk 3:14), brought all nations to the bosom of the Church (cf. Mt 16:15.20). Pope Francis 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 136

Focus on the Gospel

The Film “The Perfect Storm” (Warner Bros 2000) gives the landlubber a new and deep understanding of the sea, its storms and dangers. The Film also, despite modern navigational and warning systems, acknowledges the dependency of the fishermen and seafarers upon faith in God. It portrays a 1991 true story of fishermen challenged to redeem the poor season by chasing the big catch but success is fraught with the greatest storm ever experienced. In Christ’s time even fishing on the lake of Galilee was fraught with fears and dangers. Their dependency on the power of God would be even greater given the crude vessels of the time. In the Apostles’ fear of disaster and death Jesus is sleeping. Mark does not waste words on detail and incidentals but makes this very point: Jesus is sleeping when he is most needed to help bail them out.

We may feel as perturbed as the Twelve when our pleas for help are not heard or God is not present in time of dire need. We have to arouse him, call on him, articulate our need, find faith to ask the right questions.

The Apostles did not expect Jesus to calm the seas - from their own acceptance of the forces of nature, their knowledge of the Old Testament, as depicted in the first reading from Job, only God is Master of the Sea.

Yet Jesus shows that he is Master of the sea. Their experience of this miracle seems to give them a new fear of the Lord: “Who can this be?” His teaching made a deep impression on them and they grew in faith and understanding. Yes, our storms and trials are our opportunity to grow in faith and understanding.

Saint of the Week:

The Church celebrates the feast of the birthday of John the Baptist on Thursday 4 June, six months before Christ’s Birth. They with Mary are the only ones honoured with a feast for their birthdays. His birth is well attested in Luke’s Gospel expressing the wonder, joy and future mission.

Quote for the Week

John [the Baptist] is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever. St Augustine Sermon 293

On the Lighter Side

What does Daylight Saving Time mean in the Upper Yarra Valley? An extra hour of rain. What are two straight days of rain called in Apollo Bay? A weekend!



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Fr George Pasala
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Jim Nihill, Hughie Nihill
	Our sick and their carers	Ev Leahy, Ann Sorolea

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 19 June	Sunday 20 June
Commentator	Carol Coulston	Jasmine De Lai
Reader	Shelia Gregg	Dean Filgate

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be held in the Nun's Chapel on Saturday 26th June 2021 at 11:30 am

ALONG THE TRACK

"Along the Track is in its eighteenth year, believe it or not! Over those years I have received a variety of emails in response to particular editions but I always know I will receive many, many emails if I write about either forgiveness or anger, especially the latter. It seems to bring out very deeply held and strongly felt emotions. Whatever I write or suggest is always wrong! So why not avoid it? I could say that anger is all the rage, but I won't. But there is a lot of anger around. ..."

This is the first paragraph from Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. If you would like to read more go to
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ovj5RHWwaWWu2aZSbeiWOYwDh0AqgFqW/viewr>

Mass Timetable Week commencing 21st June

Weekday Mass

Monday 21 st June	No Mass
Tuesday 22 nd June	No Mass
Wednesday 23 rd June	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 24 th June	No Mass
Friday 25 th June	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 26 th June	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 27 th June	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
 Saturday 26th June 11:30 am

Covid Requirements

It's wonderful that we can now have Mass at our normal capacity. However we still need to abide by the following requirements:

- Wear your mask
- Use the QR Code or the sign-in sheets.
- Clean after every Mass

Thank you for your understanding and God Bless
 Fr John Paul

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"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

The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Jeremiah 31:3

Oceania Pastoral Ministry Webinar Being People of Invitation: Creative Ways to Connect, Invite & Engage Tuesday 22 June at 11am AEST

How can we connect and invite others to share in the Good News?

This topic will be discussed at an upcoming Oceania webinar on 'Being People of Invitation: Creative Ways to Connect, Invite & Engage', hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA) and the Mission Planners Network of Oceania (MNPO).

Description

- Explore best practice in our baptismal call to connect and invite others to share in the Good News
- How do we begin conversations with strangers, work colleagues, family and friends?
- What are some creative experiences we can invite them to connect with?
- How do we inspire those in our faith communities to become more active in their faith?
- The webinar will be for anyone who seeks to strengthen their approaches to inviting others and engaging them in the life of our faith communities."

The webinar will be held on Tuesday 22 June at 11am AEST.

The webinar will also explore how we begin conversations with strangers, work colleagues, family and friends and what are some creative experiences we can invite them to connect with.

To register for the webinar, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/BeingPeopleofInvitation22june>

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH – BOOK

This is the year of St Joseph, Head and guardian of the Holy Family, and Protector of The Church. In these days when both the family and the Church are under threat we should turn to St Joseph in prayer. To assist us in prayer, and to get to know St Joseph better, a

National Refugee Week 20 - 26 June:

Today, we begin our National Celebration of Refugee Week 20 - 26 June. We take this opportunity to learn, to reflect and to pray for the many Refugees & Asylum seekers in our world, but especially those in our own country and under our care. Aware of Jesus' call to 'welcome the stranger', we pray for compassionate hearts in ourselves and in our leaders.

The websites of Refugee Week & the Refugee Council of Australia offer many ways to inform ourselves on the realities in our world and in our country www.refugeeweek.org.au/educational-videos & www.refugeecouncil.org.au.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31st July in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. To register go to the following link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

wonderful new highly recommended book by Father Donald Calloway, "Consecration To Saint Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" is available at a greatly discounted price of \$22 by phoning Sebastian on 0439 847 894. - *Sandhurst Youth Ministry*