

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 17 October 2021



Readings for this

Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45



Readings for
next week: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday



Liturgical Jottings

The Sense of the Sacred

In the last five weeks this column has addressed the five senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste in the liturgy. By the senses we receive information, experience our world and so interpret reality and come to deeper understanding of God, ourselves and our faith. We have another sense, the Sense of the Sacred. This sense leads us into mystery and wonder and awe. We gain a sense of personal identity and an experience of the spiritual. Music, architecture, signs, symbols and sacraments assist the religious person to see, apprehend and appreciate the mystery of God, Christ's ministry, passion, death and resurrection. The Sense of the Sacred is present in each child, adult, believer and the unbeliever.

Focus on the Readings

The hint of reward for suffering in the first reading serves as a preamble the Gospel. James and John are seeking favour and reward. We may remember in Matthew's version (Second Wednesday in Lent) it is their mother that asks the favour of Jesus. Jesus response is that before reward comes trials and suffering and it is the Father (in Matthew) that allot the places of honour.

James and John, however, were misunderstanding the journey to Jerusalem, the city of Kings, a place that Jesus will restore the glory and might of the nation. They wanted a share in that. But Jesus journey to Jerusalem was to the city of the rejection and death of Prophets. He was inviting them to that journey.

This encounter affords the opportunity for Jesus to teach about servant-leadership. The lesson helps us to connect Jesus with the suffering servant of God in the first reading from Isaiah and to learn the true nature of leadership in the Church and community.

The Suffering Servant

Today's first reading is two verses from the fourth song of the Suffering Servant of God. The Prophet Isaiah speaks of this servant chosen, set apart and saved to be God's witness before the nations. He is mysterious "servant" likened to the servant Israel but distinguished as an individual. He is humble and gentle, he accepts contempt, is innocent but receives punishment. God saves him; the servant grows great, brings salvation and becomes the light of the nations. The first song of the suffering servant (Is 42:1-7) is read on Holy Monday and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; the second song (Is 49:1-6) on Holy Tuesday and third song (Isaiah 50:4-7) on Palm Sunday and Holy Wednesday, the fourth (Is 52:13-53:12) is read in its entirety on Good Friday and in part today.

Quotable Quote

Even before God Jesus is subversive, because he invites us to continually overturn the image we have formed of him. Through his whole life, as much as through his words, he directs us towards a God who became the servant of those to whom he gave birth through love. Gérard Bessière, Paris, 1976.

On the Lighter Side

I asked a grade six class: "Was Jesus ever angry?" "Yes! When the apostles tried to shoo the children away" (Mark 10:14). "Was there another time?" "Yes! When the apostles were arguing who is the greatest" (Mark 9:33-37). They and the Gospels did not mention Jesus' anger in the cleansing of the temple. Matt 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; John 2:13-22) Luke 19:45-46



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Margaret Mary Cranko
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Rosina Ciavarella
	Our sick and their carers	Kay Marshall, Pat Baldwin, Mary Lalor

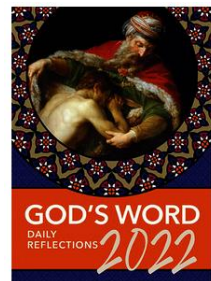


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Mass Timetable Week commencing 18th Oct

Weekday Mass

Monday 18 th Oct	No Mass
Tuesday 19 th Oct	No Mass
Wednesday 20 th Oct	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 21 st Oct	No Mass
Friday 22 nd Oct	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 23 rd Oct	No Mass
Sunday 24 th Oct	10:00 am Mass

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 7th November 11:30 am

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

As mentioned in Bishop Shane's communication, anyone who volunteers with Parish we need to receive and keep a copy of your COVID Vaccination Certificate.

We thought this would also be a good opportunity to update all our records for our volunteers.

So if you help out in our Church Service in any way (commentators, readers, altar servers, special ministers, money collectors, door monitors, computer operator, music etc). Or if you take communion to the sick, or help in the office I would ask that you please do the following:

- 1) Collect a new volunteer form from the desk near the organ, complete it and return it to Mary in the Office.
- 2) Provide Mary with an electronic version of your Vaccination Certificate or a hard copy.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Fr John Paul Pasala

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man. -

Proverbs 3:3-4

BOOKINGS FOR MASS SERVICES

Due to the Victorian Government Covid restrictions, Mass numbers are limited to 20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the service.

Bookings are essential for weekend Mass.

To book for Mass on Sunday 24th October at 10:00 am please call Mary on 0484 332 397.

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.

The Synod

Pope Francis launched the 2021-2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome last Sunday.

This Sunday 17 October is the launch of the Synod in local Churches around the world. The theme of the Synod is: Communion, Participation, Mission.

The Synod's aims and processes are very close to the Plenary Council process already underway in Australia.

You can find more information about the Synod at these websites: Vatican Synod Website, ACBC Synod Website. The ACBC Website also has a very helpful animated video outlining the Synod process.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD (Adapted)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and remain faithful to the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever
and ever. Amen.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

There will be a **leaving bucket collection** at the conclusion of both Masses for the Catholic Mission this weekend.

Alternatively you could take a Catholic Mission envelope and drop it into the Parish Office

Italian Rosary

il S. Rosario per i nostri cari Defunti sara recitato 2 Martedi November al Cimitero di Tatura alle 9:30

The Holy Rosary for our dear departed will be recited on Tuesday November 2nd at the Tatura Cemetery at 9:30 am

Cemetery Mass

Mass will be held on **Saturday, 2nd November** at 9.00 am at the Tatura Cemetery.

Please bring a chair. And please bring a flower, as we no longer the supply of beautiful flowers from Judith Steele's garden.

CWL "The Horizon Magazine"

If you would like to take out an annual subscription to "The Horizon" please let Tish Warnett know. Annual fee is \$45. You might also like to join CWL, again if you do please chat to Trish.

The Horizon magazine keeps you up to date with what is happening in the Catholic Women's League for Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc, in the Church, and in the world.

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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Dear Monsignors, Fathers, staff members, and volunteers

You will probably be aware that on 1 October the Premier announced plans to introduce a requirement for authorised workers to be vaccinated. At that time, it was not clear exactly who would be included on that list or whether it would apply only in conjunction with the authorised worker permit scheme; i.e., only during lockdowns.

Directions for this vaccination requirement have now been issued, and it is clear that they will impact all our parish operations. **“Everybody “who works at or in connection with a place of worship” is subject to the direction, whether they are paid or unpaid.** This wording appears to be framed in a deliberately wide sense, and so would include Clergy, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Livestreaming technicians and assistants, Musicians and Domestic support. (And those helping in any capacity during Mass)

By **this Friday, 15 October**, all such parish workers need to show that they have been vaccinated or that they have a booking for vaccination by:

- 22 October 2021: latest booking for first dose
- 26 November 2021: latest booking for second dose

Workers who have not satisfied this requirement may only work from home, except for three specific types of religious work:

- Conducting public worship
- Celebrating marriages and funerals
- Pastoral care at the end of life

Limited exceptions are available on the basis of a medical certificate that the person is unable to receive a vaccine due to a medical contraindication or an acute medical illness.

As the employer, the Parish is required to collect and record information about the vaccination status of all workers (including any vaccination bookings). Vaccination information may be produced in a variety of documents, such as a letter from a medical practitioner, a certificate of immunisation, or an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register. The Parish must hold this information in confidence and not disclose it to any person except as required by law.

A requirement for parish workers to be vaccinated is consistent with the general duty of employers to maintain a safe workplace for staff, volunteers and visitors. This duty is even more important in a time of pandemic.

I am aware that some parish workers may be reluctant to be vaccinated. However, it is now clear that COVID vaccinations are the surest and most effective way of keeping people safe during this pandemic. Pope Francis tells us that “getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable”.

While it would be preferable for people to have chosen to be vaccinated freely, out of concern for their own health and to protect those around them, I do not believe that there is a religious basis for objections to vaccination. I agree with the view of Prof. Patrick Parkinson, Chair of Freedom for Faith at the University of Queensland:

If I object to taking a vaccine because I am worried about side-effects, or because I am concerned that it is insufficiently tested, I am not objecting on moral or conscientious grounds. I am making a decision based upon my assessment of risks versus the benefit to myself on medical grounds.

We should not fool ourselves into thinking such a judgement is a religious one. The Bible gives us no guidance whatsoever on the medical efficacy or benefit of a new vaccine.

A religious person who has a non-religious objection to vaccination is absolutely entitled to refuse a violation of his or her bodily integrity; but this does not mean that governments and employers are not justified in imposing restrictions to protect others so long as the restrictions are reasonable.

You might also find some of the following links provide helpful information if any of your parish workers are hesitant about receiving a vaccination:

[Is it true? Get the facts on COVID-19 vaccines | Australian Government Department of Health](#)
[COVID-19 vaccinations: workplace rights & obligations - Fair Work \(updated 4 October 2021\) Ombudsman](#)
www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/covid-19-vaccinations-workplaces
www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/resources/explainer-mandatory-covid-19-vaccinations-and-your-rights/

This vaccination mandate for religious workers and other authorised workers joins mandates previously introduced for a range of critical areas in our community, including healthcare, schools and construction. These mandates are aimed at serving the common good, and especially at protecting the vulnerable. In that context, I believe that it is important to encourage vaccination as widely as possible, including for parish workers.

Yours sincerely,
+Bishop Shane Mackinlay