



Holy TRINITY PARISH



St. PETER's

844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh 3165



St. PAUL's

122 Jasper Rd, Bentleigh 3204



St. CATHERINE's

2 Buchan St, Moorabbin 3189

We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community of Bunnerong upon whose land our parish resides

THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 7TH AUGUST 2022

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Fr. Peter Matheson Fr. Gerry McKernan

THANK YOU – BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Last Saturday 30th July, we held our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Oakleigh. This was such a successful day which allowed us to raise funds towards the preservation of the churches. We were able to make a profit of \$1,771.70 on the day. This was a great achievement! The parish would like to send out a big thank you to all of the parishioners who generously donated food items, BBQ equipment, cash donations and/or provided their time to volunteer on the day. Your generous donations truly helped our day run as smoothly as it did and at no cost. Fr Jacob needs to be applauded for his support with cooking of sausages and later with the clean up duties. Special thanks and appreciation extended to Bunnings Oakleigh for the opportunity to hold the BBQ and to Bakers Delight Bentleigh for the donation of loaves of bread. We couldn't have made this day happen without everyone's support. Thank you also to the parishioners that came to say hi and support the day by enjoying a sausage in bread! We are holding our next Bunnings Oakleigh fund raiser on Saturday, 27th August. If you wish to support the day, please contact the Admin Centre. Thankyou!



The A-Team! Parishioners from the 3 communities. Champions!!!



We are committed to upholding the safety & dignity of each child & young person ensuring their ability to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our communities.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH NEWS

JACOB'S JOURNAL

It was a joy to take the opportunity for some visitation during last week during a small break from funerals. Nevertheless, the famous "St. Peter's White Board" is FULL with names for the funerals for this coming week. Fortunately, we are blessed with a wonderful team in planning and conducting funerals. Assisting families in their difficult time is an amazing ministry that we do here at HTP.



I recently visited a young man in Bentleigh suffering from fourth stage cancer. This person is an inspiration to all of us with his positive attitude towards life. Faith is his weapon fighting this cancer and he believes that God is going to use him as a channel to show His infinite love. Another parishioner, from St. Catherine's community, that I visited during the week was at Epworth Hospital at Richmond.

Last week I had the privilege of blessing a couple on their 50th wedding anniversary at Dingly International hotel. This blessing meant a lot to this family as their mother was also suffering from cancer. You can see that parish life is full of experiences and it is a privilege to be a consoling presence in difficult moments of our parishioners' lives.

After seven years of Principleship, Catherine Tammesild is retiring from St. Paul's school at the end of this year. The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Principal Selection Process has begun.

The MACS Principal Selection Panel consists of:

- Parish Priest: **Fr Jacob**
- MACS Executive Director's Nominee: **Debbie Darvell**
- Regional Leadership Consultant: **Jenny Hawkins**
- An experienced, current Primary Principal
 - **Andrew Mullaly**
- Parent and parish representatives:
 - **Helen Skinner**
 - **Stuart Hall**
 - **Jessica Clynes**

The panel collaborates to develop a deeper understanding of the role of a principal in a Catholic Parish Primary School. Its role is to develop the statements to which applicants respond – the panel designs the questions, short-lists applicants and then conducts the interviews. May the Holy Spirit guide the panel's discussions and decisions with great discernment and clarity.

Finally I'd like to inform you that the Victorian Government is planning to install new traffic lights at the Jasper Road and Brewer Road intersection in Bentleigh to improve safety and access.

**Blessings to you all,
Fr Jacob**

MEMORIAL PLAQUES - MAINTAINING THEIR APPEARANCE

The plaques have a special coating which is applied after the casting and machining process which protect the surfaces from corrosion. Plaques will be cleaned periodically with an approved solution.

Please do not :

- Attach flowers / tributes directly onto the surfaces with blue tack or similar products as this destroys the protective coating which cannot be repaired.
- Clean individual plaques as some agents are corrosive and destroy the finish. Thank you.

1ST SUNDAY CUPPA AT ST CATHERINE'S

Sunday 7th August is first Sunday of the month so we will be enjoying our usual Toasted Raisin Bread and a Cuppa, please join us and have a chat.

CORPUS CHRISTI SEMINARY RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale at St Peter's this weekend at all Masses on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August. \$10.00 a ticket. Limit of 6000 tickets. 1st Prize \$15,000 Travel Voucher. Drawn 26th August 2022. - **Sheelagh Connors**

ST PAUL'S ENVIRONMENT & FLOWERS - We wish to thank St Catherine's parishioner Daniela Pitrone for taking care of the flowers at St Paul's church. We welcome St Paul's parishioner Di Commerford to the Environment & Flowers ministry. Di will care for the plants and flowers inside the church and assist with the planning and preparing for the Liturgical celebrations in the year. We welcome others to join the Environment & Flowers ministry. Training will be provided. Please contact the Admin Centre for more information.

2022 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

For the first time, Holy Trinity Parish will participate in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. This is a major fundraising opportunity with amazing prizes up for grabs! Tickets are just \$2, and every ticket sold generates \$1.50 for Holy Trinity Parish. Please visit, contact the Admin Centre on 9579 4255 or click [here](#) to register your name online to receive a raffle book.

DONATE UNUSED GLASSES A simple thing like a pair of spectacles can make all the difference to a person from a Third World country. With that in mind, the Lions Club has been collecting eye glasses for many years to send overseas. Please place your unused glasses in the container located at St Peter's McKenna Centre, below the notice board closer to Bignell Rd entrance. Thankyou - Margaret Nelson



HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL PERSPECTIVES



The work of the pastoral team is to empower you, the people of *Holy Trinity Parish*, to take up the mission of Christ to and with one another.

Contact Donrita at the Pastoral Centre pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au to discuss how you might offer your time and talent.



AUGUST 8—MARY MACKILLOP PRESENTATION WITH SR DELIA

Sr Delia is offering a presentation about Mary MacKillop after morning Mass at St Peter's on that saint's feast day, Monday, August 8. All are welcome.

ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY—AUGUST 10

Deacon & Martyr. Patron of Rome, students, miners, tanners, chefs, poor, firefighters. [Read the story here](#)

"For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also"

- Father, deepen our trust in you, so we may live joyfully and with courage. [A reflection on this week's scriptures from Australian Catholic](#)



MUSIC MATTERS! – THE PLACE OF THE CHOIR



'Because of the liturgical ministry it performs, the choir—or the Capella musica, or schola cantorum—deserves particular mention. Its role has become something of yet greater importance and weight by reason of the norms of the Council concerning the liturgical renewal.'

(*Musicam Sacram*, 19)

ST PETER'S PLAYGROUP INITIATIVE

Are you new to our community? Looking for a friendly, welcoming place to connect with other parents over a cuppa as your children play with others? Holy Trinity Playgroup might be just the place for you! Meeting on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at The Lighthouse at St Peter's East Bentleigh from 9.15am - 11am, from **Wednesday August 10th**. All with children not under school age are welcome. Email Colleen at colleenmb543@gmail.com or just come along! As this is a new venture, donations of resources (children's books, toys, craft materials etc) that you don't need anymore, delivered to admin centre, would greatly be appreciated!



ALPHA IS FORMING DISCIPLES OF JESUS

- Last Wednesday we discussed "Why and how do I pray?" Please continue to keep our Alpha guests and team in your prayers as we continue Jesus' mission of discipleship, and prepare for our **Alpha Weekend** over August 19-21.

Hurry to Book! Our Parish

Pilgrimage Date is getting

closer! Bookings need to be

in by **August 10**—hurry to

not miss out! Why go? Last

Lent we were enriched by

the Lenten retreat with Bishop Tony. Similarly, parishioners sharing a faith journey in the footsteps of one who has gone before us, can enrich the whole parish. A pilgrimage forges amazing new bonds of friendship, mutual support and care, based on our shared identity of members of Christ's Body.

A pilgrimage changes lives. With Fr Jacob, pilgrims can return with blessings for our faith community.



RCIA REUNION - Calling all folks previously involved in RCIA. We're planning a lovely reunion afternoon tea on **Sunday, August 14, 2pm in the McKenna Centre**. We invite you to bring a plate to share, along with all your wonderful memories.

MINISTRY TRAINING FOR EMHCS

The Pastoral office invites all current and intending Communion Ministers to team building opportunity. Please choose to attend both session 1 & 2 from...

Session 1: Monday, August 15, 3-4:30pm or
Session 1: Monday, August 15, 6-7:30pm and
Session 2: Tuesday, August 16, 3-4pm or
Session 2: Tuesday, August 16, 6-7:30pm

Register at pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au.



PARISH FREEZER FOR TRINITY CARE MEALS

Frozen meals for our parishioners in need of them can be dropped off before/after Masses to church freezers.

DINING WITH ST IGNATIUS ONLINE RETREAT



- Two Sessions:

1. Feasting with a Grateful, Generous Heart and Fasting with Compassion
 Wednesday 10 August 2022, 7pm –

8:30pm AEST

2. Enjoying meals with St Ignatius and turning Cooking into Prayer
 Wednesday 17 August 2022, 7pm –

8:30pm AEST

Cost: \$30 for one session, \$55 for both sessions

For more information, [go to the website](#).

ROSTERS FOR 6/7 & 13/14 AUGUST 2022

Gentle reminder: We request should you be unable to meet your duty to seek a replacement. Thankyou.

St Peter's 6/7 Aug	6.30PM	8.30AM	10.30AM	5.30PM
Lector	Ronnie Miranda	Rose Fagan	Lorraine Calnon	Rohini Tannen
Commentator	Niloufer Lobo	Loraine Matthews	John Fritzsmon	Paul Collins
Mass Coordinator	Dan Merta	Angela Flavian	Anne Lo Schiavo	Marjorie Brady
Computer Operator	Dan Merta	Rose Fagan	Dylan Rayen	Jaydon Prakash
Sacristan	Angela Flavian	Vanita Fernandes	Vanita Fernandes	Marjorie Brady
Choir	Dan Merta	Val Suhr	Colleen Brown	Dan Merta
Extraordinary Ministers	Winnie Miranda, Rosario Corio, Volunteer needed	Kathleen Lillis, Vanita Fernandez, Angela Flavian	Arthur Rocha, Trish Ticca, Volunteer needed	Sue Evers, Marjorie Brady, Laura Collins
Sunday Cuppa after 8.30am	Liz Liston & Michael Dias			
Sunday Cuppa after 10.30am	John Fitzsimons, Lorraine Calnon, Rifan & Fora			

St Peter's 13/14 Aug	6.30PM	8.30AM	10.30AM	5.30PM
Lector	Drusilla Gonsalvez	Sr Judith	Rebecca Cusmano	Sharon Prakash
Commentator	Sonia Pires	Volunteer needed	Shane Thiedeman	S O'Mahoney
Mass Coordinator	Dan Merta	Angela Flavian	Anne Lo Schiavo	Marjorie Brady
Computer Operator	Dan Merta	Rose Fagan	Michele De Silva	Jaydon Prakash
Sacristan	Angela Flavian	Vanita Fernandes	Vanita Fernandes	Marjorie Brady
Choir	Dan Merta	Donrita	Joan Marshall Patrice Marshall	Donrita
Extraordinary Ministers	Rosario Corio, Mary Brierty, Volunteer needed	Angela Flavian, Mary Conheady, Volunteer needed	Arthur Rocha, Trish Ticca, volunteer needed	Sue Evers, Marjorie Brady, Laura Collins
Sunday Cuppa after 8.30am	Volunteers needed			
Sunday Cuppa after 10.30am	Carlston Fernandes & Amanda Pinto			

St Paul's 6/7 Aug	6.00PM	9.30AM
Lector	Claire Stanley	Hanee Selvarajoo
Commentator	Sarah Arnott	Glynn Mayne
Mass Coordinator	Brindyl Madhusudan	Teresa Meyer
Computer Operator	Brindyl Madhusudan	Teresa Meyer
Sacristan	Herbert Saldanha	Teresa Meyer
Choir	Barbara Bretherton	Chris & Jane
Extraordinary Ministers	Amanda Bonso, Maureen Knight	Teresa Meyer, Kaye Evans
Sunday Cuppa	Maryellen & Dom L'Huilier	

St Catherine's 7 Aug	10.30AM
Lector	Bernie Gill
Commentator	Shobha Thomas
Altar Society	Daniella Pitrone
Computer Operator	Stephen Caltiabiano
Sacristan	Llewellyn Noronha
Extraordinary Ministers	Mary Gill
Choir	I Tunes
Counters	Bernadette Jennings, Daniela Pitrone

St Paul's 13/14 Aug	6.00PM	9.30AM
Lector	Patrick Pawlak Bloch	Libby Thomas
Commentator	Volunteer needed	Teresa Meyer
Mass Coordinator	Brindyl Madhusudan	Kerry Burns
Computer Operator	Dominic Carvalho	Libby Thomas
Sacristan	Vanita & Dominic Carvalho	Kerry Burns
Choir	Barbara Bretherton	Sue Edge
Extraordinary Ministers	Amanda Bonso, Maureen Knight	Libby Thomas, Ely Bacosa
Sunday Cuppa	Liz Vinning	

St Catherine's 14 Aug	10.30AM
Lector	Margaret Commons
Commentator	Patricia Buchanan
Altar Society	Mary Gill
Computer Operator	Pauline phelan
Sacristan	Shobha Thomas
Extraordinary Ministers	Carolyn O'Connor
Choir	Nadine Warapen
Counters	Pam Rosario, Patrick Lewis

MASS TIMETABLE

Week commencing 8th August 2022

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

10:00am	Mass	St. Peter's
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TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST

10:00am	Mass	St. Paul's
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WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST

10:00am	Mass	St. Catherine's
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THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

10:00am	Mass	OLSH Convent
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FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

10:00am	Mass	St. Peter's
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SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

8:30 am	Mass	St. Catherine's
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6:00 pm	Mass	St. Paul's
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6:30 pm	Mass	St. Peter's
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SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

8:30 am	Mass	St. Peter's
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9:30 am	Mass	St. Paul's
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10:30 am	Mass	St. Catherine's
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10:30 am	Mass	St. Peter's
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5:30 pm	Mass	St. Peter's
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**Individual confessions available
1/2 hour before each Mass.**

ST PETER'S LIVE STREAM MASS

Join us for Mass on Saturdays
at 6.30pm. Please click [here](#).



HOLY TRINITY PARISH WARMLY WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY

ADORATION

**Thursdays from 4.00pm - 7.15pm at
St Catherine's.**

Come and experience Jesus as
he is truly present - body,
blood, soul and divinity - in the
consecrated host of the
"Blessed Sacrament". We come
to adoration because Jesus
asks us: "Could you not watch
one hour with me?"
(Matthew 26:40).

We come to rest a while in his loving
Presence. Cast all your burdens at the foot of
his cross and he will give you rest.



HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN ONLINE

Would you like to receive the weekly parish
bulletin via email? Click [here](#) to subscribe
online to sign up and receive the bulletin.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Funerals:- James Hanley Pat Stacey Ryl Leetham Leslie Culliver Audrey Kelly Leon Duhau	St Peter's St Paul's St Catherine's St Peter's St Peter's St Catherine's	Fri, 5th Aug at 12pm Fri, 5th Aug at 1.30pm Mon. 8th Aug at 11.30pm Thurs, 11th Aug at 10.30am Thurs, 11th Aug at 1.00pm Fri, 12th Aug at 11.00am
Presentation on St Mary McKillop	McKenna Centre	Mon, 8th Aug after 10am Mass
Coordinators Meeting	Admin Centre	Wed, 10th Aug at 10.30am
Alpha Parish Program	St Peter's McKenna Cntr	Wed, 10th Aug from 6pm to 7.30pm
RCIA Reunion	St Peter's McKenna Cntr	Sunday, August 14 at 2pm
Adoration	St Catherine's	Thurs 4.00pm - 7.15pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word—CLOW	St Peter's 10.30am Mass	Every Sunday of the month
Children's Liturgy of the Word—CLOW	St Catherine's 10.30am Mass	Every 1st Sunday of the month starting on 7th Aug
St Peter's Playgroup	Lighthouse Hall	Every 2nd / 4th Wednesday



BAPTISM at St Paul's - Sunday, 7th August 2022

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the
love of parents, godparents, family
And friends we warmly welcome

**Archer Dwyer, Jack Barrett, Olivia Quinn McGowan &
Louis Mac Di Pietratonio**

We pray that they will lead a life full of happiness, faith & love.

CRAFTY LADIES ADVANCE NOTICE We will have lots of bargains
for sale at St Peter's on Saturday 27th August & all Masses on the
28th August. Beautiful handcrafted goods, bring your cash
to ensure you don't miss out.

SACRAMENTAL CATECHISTS NEEDED -

Holy Trinity Parish is seeking expressions of interest for the roles
of Sacramental Coordinators to prepare children not attending
our parish schools for the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and
1st Eucharist. The role could suit a retiree with experience
teaching Religion within our Catholic schools or a stay-at-home
mum. Expressions of interest should be made to the Pastoral
Coordinator PacHolyTrinityParish@cam.org.au or Admin Centre
9579 4255.

JOIN A MINISTRY - We encourage parishioners to join one of our
parish ministries or groups to contribute in the life of the parish.
Please contact the Admin Centre or visit the [website](#) to see
what's on offer. Gentle supported training is provided by our
Pastoral team and leaders of our wonderful ministries.

Pray for Our Community

For Healing

St. PETER's: Patricia Ridgeway, Joan Lawler, Edna Burge, Audrey Kelly, Bruce Curtis, Trajano Roberto, Margaret Barthelson, Nadia Chaib, Liz Coyne, Jay Japai, Ameer Japai, Brendan Mayne, Ariel Mayo, Jong Labrador, Cecilio Rivera Dizon, Margaret Reid, Freddie Pynadath, George Regos, Margaret Buttigieg, Suzanne Sipos, David Robertson, Reg Smythe, Betty Pattison, Bob Cull, Noel and Neeliya Edema, Steven, Jaiden Bruce, Avis Smith, Mary Leyshon, Lois Durkin, Emma Thursky, Victoria, Val Hendry, Wayne Butteriss, Eric Dodd, Sandra Jones (Qld), Ashley Popov, Helen Mille, Sam Williams, Sue Bartlett (Austin), Jackie Greeley, Wan Kok On, Sharon Markell, Riley Sinclair, Cyril Johnstone, Tyson Joseph, Leonie Kerley, Dr Edna Pereira, Martin Johnson, Vince Bezzina, Jakob Deans, Mark Lewis, Judy Meehan, Jenny Liston, Josh Kelly, Teresa Palma, Cherie Anderson, Andrew.

St. PAUL's: Margaret O'Driscoll, Pat Guinan, Christian Hind, Cameron Torcasio, Dennis O'Brien, Brendan Mayne, Marie Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Margaret Leigh, Leah Douglas, Joshua Smith, Noelle Tierney, Virginia Mc Sweeney, Tanya Wall, Russell Johnstone, Paul Davis.

St. CATHERINE's: Danko Bokata, Elice Mattsson, Gino Pinzone, Margaret Pinzone, Daniel Rivalland, Joyce Diamond, Alan Cameron, Michael Ebzery, Pat Molloy, Larry Muir, Robyn Roberts, Mary Hackett, Anita Meares, Philip Wszola, Allan Bui, Bill Baird, Anthony Leggiero, Peter Brown, Aubrey Milhussin, Rodney Butts, Tony Mallozzi, Emma Mallozzi, Dolly Hoff, Anne Grounds, Peter Wilson, Jeff Rudland, Peter Jennings.

Recently Deceased

St. PETER's: Leslie Culliver, Antonio Roberto.

St. PAUL's:

St. CATHERINE's: Leon Duhau, Ryl Leetham.

Anniversaries occurring around this time

St. PETER's: Maureen Marcos (1month), Domenico Cincotta (1 month), Eddie Rodrigues, Maria & Gaetano De Losa, Pietro Lucchese, Patricia Savige, Patricia Wilson, Simplicio Cahilog (Phillipines).

St. PAUL's: Fr. Thomas Foynes, Olive Mighall, Lionel Mighall, Ruth Maher, Antonino Ziino, Carmel Hyrons, Genevieve Mullaly, Anthony Edema, Edna Oakes, Margaret Rodgers, Henry Jewell, Eileen Mills, Patricia Moore.

St. CATHERINE's: Peter Ryan, Antonio Samperi, Mansueta Busuttil, Thomas McGinley, Irene Murtagh, Max Fennessy.

FUNERAL INFORMATION FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED



James Hanley: Funeral Service at St Peter's on Friday, 5th August at 12pm

Pat Stacey: Funeral Service at St Paul's on Friday, 5th August at 1.30pm

Ryl Leetham: Funeral Service at St Catherine's on Monday, 8th August at 11.30am



Audrey Kelly: Funeral Service at St Peter's on Thursday, 11th August at 1pm. [LIVESTREAM](#)

Leslie Culliver: Funeral Service at St Peter's on Thursday, 11th August at 10:30am

Leon Duhau: Funeral Service at St Catherine's on Friday, 12th August at 11.00am.

[LIVESTREAM](#)



REFLECTION - Scary or Exciting ?

A recent family video shows my 4 y.o. grand-niece waiting at Darwin Airport for the arrival of her Nana and Pa (my brother and his wife). The little girl is standing apart from her parents, totally focussed on the 'Arrivals' door. She is so excited, her little feet are pumping and she's uttering squeaks of joy. When they finally appear, she launches herself into their arms. What a welcome ! That child's emotion was absolute love. What will it be like when Christ comes again ?

We have no idea, and it's probably not featuring as an imminent reality in our 21st C. But it was certainly considered imminent in the early years of Christianity. The second coming of Christ was anticipated to happen soon after the Ascension. Then came persecutions, and with Jerusalem and the Temple totally destroyed in 70 AD., believers began to shift focus from passively waiting for the Second Coming, to living as prudent servants, ready to greet the Master when he comes - be it sooner or later. Jesus' advice : "Be ready when the Master comes" was woven into their way of life - not in a scared, panicky attitude, but in their long term loving relationships with God and community.

Do you think when Jesus actually comes, he'll get such an ecstatic response from Christians as the little girl gave her grandparents ? Yes, for sure, if we learn to live in his Love !

- Sr. Delia



DID YOU KNOW...?

Steven Anthony "Steve" Ballmer (born March 24, 1956) has been the [chief executive officer](#) of the [Microsoft Corporation](#) since [January 2000](#). He is one of the richest people in the world with a personal wealth estimated at USD 27.7 billion in 2016, and the 35th richest person in the world. He is Bill Gates' hand-picked successor. In 2004, he was seen crawling on the floor of the General Motors' executive conference room, trying to fix a connection that would enable him to make a pitch to GM engineers. The image of the Microsoft CEO on his hands and knees to please some customers made such an impression on the author Steve Hamm that he wrote a whole article based on this one incident. [Steve Hamm, "Why High Tech Has to Stay Humble," *Business Week* (19 January 2004), pp 76-77.] -- Corporate executives will get on their hands and knees to show customers how much they care. In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his followers to be ever prepared by doing the will of God always in their lives, as the time of their death is uncertain. (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

First reading, [Wisdom 18, 6-9](#): The book of Wisdom was written about a century before the coming of Jesus, by a faithful, learned Jew living in cosmopolitan Alexandria in Egypt. One of his purposes was to bolster the Faith of fellow Jews living in a world indifferent, and sometimes hostile, to their beliefs. A favorite theme of the writer is how the **providence of God** has protected the Chosen People throughout their history, especially during the time of their enslavement in Egypt and during their Exodus to freedom and the Promised Land under Moses. The author goes over these events in great detail. Our verses today interpret [Exodus chapters 11 and 12](#) where, while the angel of the Lord was striking down the first-born of Pharaoh and other Egyptians, the vigilant Hebrew slaves were both obediently offering grateful sacrifice to the Lord and eating the meat of the lamb to fortify themselves for their coming escape. That night was the first Passover. Like those Jewish slaves in Egypt, we, too, have been called to cling to the Hope of a future that may seem too good to be true, and we, too, are expected to be steadfast in our Faith, even when we see no signs of the fulfillment of God's promises.

Second Reading, [Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19](#): This passage is taken from the end of the Letter to the Hebrews. It contains the only explicit definition of religious Faith in the Bible: *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen"* (Heb 11:1). Like our first reading, the Letter to the Hebrews was intended to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians (Hebrews), by appealing to the example of their ancestors who had believed in promises yet to be fulfilled. The chief example of strong Faith is found in their patriarch Abraham, a wealthy but childless pagan in Ur of the Chaldees (modern Iraq). Abraham heard the voice of God summoning him to a different land, where God promised to grant him many descendants. By Faith Abraham left his homeland, accepted God's promise that his descendants would form a great nation, and was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac at God's command. Despite obstacles and setbacks, Abraham stayed obedient, *"for he thought that the One Who had made the promise was trustworthy"* (Heb 11:11). The first century Jewish \ Christians were ostracized from Temple worship (sacrifices, priesthood, rituals), of mainline Judaism. To bolster their Faith, the author provided a complex treatise showing that, in their new life in Christ, they were more than compensated for what they had lost. They were given the assurance that Christ's promises for his believers exceeded the promises given to their Jewish ancestors.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - [Explore information on the Melbourne Catholic Page](#)

"Called to Build the Human Family" - MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2022 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Pope Francis calls us to Mission, to Guardianship, to welcome and respond to God's Gaze, and to Build a Fraternal World. [Read his message here.](#)

Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate - DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00 - 11.45** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. A new Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. In addition, the links below are a source of additional information:

Watch: [Melbourne's Deacons](#)

Watch: [Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention](#)

Read More: [Permanent Diaconate](#)

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate ph: 9412 3357 Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

THE WORD OF THE LORD - YEAR C
THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7TH AUGUST 2022

"Happy
those
servants
whom the
master
finds awake
when he
comes."
Luke 13:37

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the
cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by
calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their
trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the
expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and
the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which
you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by
calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered
sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one
accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and
dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the
hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or
prove the existence of the realities that at present remain
unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were
commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to
set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him
and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing
where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in
the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country,
with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same
promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward
to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the
age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that
he who had made the promise would be faithful to it.
Because of this, there came from one man, and one who
was already as good as dead himself, more descendants
than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the
grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before
receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they
saw them in the far distance and welcomed them,
recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on
earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it
quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland.
They can hardly have meant the country they came from,
since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact
they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly
homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their
God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith
that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He
offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises
had been made to him and he had been told: It is through
Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident
that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so,
figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when
the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for
action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their
master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the
door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants
whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you
solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table
and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes,
or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them
ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder
had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would
not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You
too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest
wheat.

**Readings for The 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time -
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First Reading: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53