



HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Weekend: Saturday: 6.00pm, Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 6.30pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.10am

Reconciliation: By Appointment Only

OUR VISION

Our Parish leads and supports all members on their journey of faith.

OUR MISSION

We welcome and engage everyone in our faith community at Holy Saviour so that all may feel at home.

We provide opportunities for people to encounter God through liturgy and community.

We actively live God's message of love and justice in a way that is relevant for today.

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH PRAYER

God of all creation, may your Spirit inspire us to do your will. Bless us in your service, strengthen us in our support of each other. Unite us as we grow in faith and love, to be a welcoming, caring community, enabling all to flourish, especially our children and the most vulnerable.
This we pray in the name of our Holy Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

ANNIVERSARIES: Alec Pope, Antonio Smarelli, Sian Wilson, Anthony D'Mello

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Brian Murphy, Aleena Schekla, Jim Timbs, Paul Payne, Naresh David, Pat Young, Xavier Da Gama, Margaret Anthony, Lily Rose, Geoff Barns

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING DURING THIS TIME OF SELF ISOLATION?

Our Parishioner, John McCarthy was successful with his job application for the permanent part time Pastoral Carer at Mercy Place Corbden and Mercy Place Mordiallic. Congratulations, John.

If you have anything (good news especially, birthdays or wedding anniversaries etc.) to share with the Parish community, please send an email to the Parish Office (glenwaverleynorth@cam.org.au).

Mum

A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.

Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

WHEN YOU CANNOT COME TO MASS

Take the missal or weekly bulletin and read the Scriptures provided in the Liturgy of the Word for the day. Reflect silently on the readings. You may also choose to offer intercession in the Prayer of the Faithful. Read the Rite of Communion and then use this prayer or some other appropriate words to welcome Jesus Christ spiritually

MASS ONLINE

Fr Julian's weekday masses and Sunday Mass are available on the Parish website, the Mass YouTube links are on the Home Page.

Please continue to check the parish website regularly any available updates/news.



**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 27/4/20 TO SUNDAY 03/05/20:**

2020 Current Weekly Pledge: \$3,327.78

1st Collection (Presbytery) includes cash, direct debits
& credit cards: \$680.00

Easter Offering: \$30.00

2nd Collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes): \$240.00

2nd Collection (Credit Cards/Direct Debits): \$5137.50

TWIG Box: Received for month of MARCH: \$17.00

*Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the
Presbytery & Thanksgiving Collections.*

*A special thank you to the parishioners who have
hand delivered or EFT their donations to the
Presbytery Collection and/or EFT their Thanksgiving
Collection during the week.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AN UPDATE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has recorded a brief video message for all the faithful, inviting us to be attentive to one another and pray to Our Lady during this month of May. He also talks about the Bishops' plenary meeting taking place this week via Zoom, where they will discuss plans to gradually return to public worship.

Lastly, Archbishop Peter offers a special greeting and prayer for all mums in the lead up to Mother's Day.

Below is the link to the video

<https://youtu.be/dghIC4plYRU>

The YouTube link is also available on the Parish's website Home Page.



God has a memory; he is not forgetful, God does not forget us, he always remembers.. There is a passage in the Bible which says, "Even should a mother forget a child" - which is impossible—"I will never forget you" (cf. Isaiah 49:15).

And this is true: God thinks about me, God remembers me. I am in God's memory.

Pope Francis



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE

10 May 2020

The Mother's Day Service will be available from Sunday, please click on the below link:

<https://youtu.be/UzbBokE3MiA>

Happy Mother's Day

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES

RAFFLE 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE ...

THE RAFFLE IS STILL ON, due to the current stage 3 restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government because of the Coronavirus pandemic, at the time when a majority of returns are expected for most parishes/schools, the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation **GRANTED** an extension of the Sale Close, Draw and Publication of winners dates.

Let say the **REVISED** dates are now into **early September 2020**.

Our fear/concern is that raffle books might become **MISPLACED** (currently about **60%** returned). **Lost raffle books are a direct loss to the parish.**

Our request is if possible purchase and return money and ticket butts; **otherwise keep them safe, hoping for a brighter day, or we start making further pleas.**

At this stage there are extra books available.

All tickets that have been returned have been recorded and are safely stored.

Further updates will happen once masses/ school attendance resumes.

Thank you for your support and understanding relative the delay COVID-19 has caused all of us!

Holy Saviour Parish acknowledges & respects the Wurundjeri, the traditional custodians of this land.



Working from home, but missing the train trips.

MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

This year Mother's day is going to be difficult for many, as we are not allowed to visit during the stay home time. Yet, what is important on this day is for us to stop and take time to be grateful for our mothers who have strived to do the best of their ability to raise us as the children they are proud of. There is no handbook, but all they do is done in love. Are they perfect? No, but all is done with love.

Mother's Day is a day to thank our own mothers and to acknowledge the debt we all owe to people who accept the responsibility of mothering. Reflects ANDREW HAMILTON SJ.

When I was a child, we did not celebrate Mother's Day. My mother, who believed strongly in Saints Days, thought Mother's Day a new-fangled trick by American department stores to wangle money out of families. She may also secretly have thought that one day out of 365 – and 366 each leap year – was a poor return for what mothers gave of themselves, their time and their labour.

However that may be, the day does give us the opportunity to thank our mothers and to reflect on the distinctive contribution that mothers make to society through their care of their children. The day forms a triptych with Father's Day and Family Day in expressing gratitude to people who shape our lives as children. Each of these days celebrates relationships that bless us as human beings.

Mother's Day points to the importance of being there and being well disposed in relationships, even if these qualities are often devalued. A mother's disposition and behaviour during pregnancy and the first months after birth contributes to the health and happiness of the growing child. Basic trust and security develop in this time. The subsequent relationship with the mother, or with the person who offers encouragement and nurturing, also help shape the basic dispositions of the child in adulthood. The lasting importance of mothers is brought out in times of desolation – in war or in detention centres, for example – many adults cry out at night for their mothers.

For that reason Mother's Day is not simply a celebration for the family but for society. It is a chance for society to recognise the importance of mothers and to honour and facilitate their contribution. This poses a dilemma today because the premise on which our economy is built is that people are valued by the economic contribution they make to society, and so are expected to work in the market. But no value is put on the mother's contribution at home. This puts a heavy burden on single mothers, who are often already burdened by not being able to share the care and nurturing of young children with partners, and who also often lack financial resources. They are often regarded in society as second class citizens instead of being admired for their generosity and so receiving help to discharge their responsibilities.

At Jesuit Social Services we often meet vulnerable young people who have been deprived of a caring mother early in their lives. We meet others who have been taken from their homes and confined in justice centres. Their lives are marked by this deprivation, and our own work lies in accompanying them building the trust in themselves and others they have never had. We know what a difference that adequate support for their mothers and carers in their early years might have made.

Mother's Day is a day to thank our own mothers and to acknowledge the debt we all owe to people who accept the responsibility of mothering. It is also a time for asking how as a society we can encourage mothering.

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

Author Unknown

I again take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support during this time and your ongoing financial support has been amazing. This has enabled me to keep Anne on to assist me during this time and to continue her work in administration etc. something I would never be able to do. Again, thanks Anne.



Mass is available daily on our parish website especially Sunday Mass.

I hope to give you details of our new Principal for Emmaus very soon.

Fr Julian



FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time,
when the number of disciples was increasing,
the Hellenists made a complaint
against the Hebrews:
in the daily distribution their own widows
were being overlooked.
So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them,
'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God
so as to give out food;
you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven
men of good reputation,
filled with the Spirit and with wisdom;
we will hand over this duty to them,
and continue to devote ourselves to prayer
and to the service of the word.'
The whole assembly approved of this proposal
and elected Stephen, a man full of faith
and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these to the apostles,
who prayed and laid their hands on them.
The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly in-
creased,
and a large group of priests made their submission to the
faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

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. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone,
rejected by men but chosen by God
and precious to him;
set yourselves close to him so that you too,
the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices
which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God,
may be living stones making a spiritual house.
As scripture says:
See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone
that I have chosen
and the man who rests his trust on it
will not be disappointed.
That means that for you who are believers,
it is precious; but for unbelievers,
the stone rejected by the builders
has proved to be the keystone,
a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down.
They stumble over it
because they do not believe in the word;
it was the fate in store for them.
But you are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation,
a people set apart to sing the praises of God
who called you out of the darkness
into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said,

'Lord, we do not know where you are going,

so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him

and have seen him.'

Philip said,

'Lord, let us see the Father

and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,'

said Jesus to him

'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you

I do not speak as from myself:

It is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work,

if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECT

John's gospel is a gift to us from a community with the time to live, love and learn what Jesus said and did. Full of beautiful images, it conveys something of the mystery and complexity of Jesus. Last week's gospel told us that Jesus is the gate and the Good Shepherd. Today, Jesus reveals himself as 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'.

Our scripture today follows directly on from Jesus' prediction of Peter's denial. As soon as this hard truth is spoken, though, Jesus entreats the disciples, and us, to have untroubled hearts—to trust in God and Jesus even when we're surrounded by anxiety and puzzlement, even when faced with our lack of love; to trust that there is 'meaning in the madness'.

This invitation to trust is backed by a promise that where Jesus is, he has prepared a place for us. And how do we know the way? Because Jesus himself is 'the way'. He is the one who accompanies us, leads us, calls our name, and we are invited to follow. This startling declaration—'I am the way'—invites us to look not just externally or ahead in space and time, but also internally. If I believe that Jesus dwells in me, do I allow him to prepare a special place of peace and trust in my mind and heart? Or like my twin, Thomas, have I failed to recognise that Jesus is the way to this place?

Jesus is 'the truth', and he challenges the disciples, and us, to believe him—to look and listen to the evidence we have seen and experienced. We are in the privileged position of being able to consider Jesus' words with hindsight. We look at all this in the light of the resurrection. Does this make our believing easier? Or do we, like Phillip, who struggles to see Jesus' deeper self and purpose (*John 6:5*), need to see more to be satisfied and to believe with confidence?

The gift of the Trinity—the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit—is perfect communion. What an incredible truth these followers of the Way were able to uncover: that Jesus was not just sent by the Father, but is of the same substance as the Father; that the Father dwells in him, and that we are invited into this communion. It is mind-blowing!

And yet we know that a kind word, a phone call or email at the needed time, patience and generosity in the face of selfishness and hurt, and instances of creativity and beauty are all evidence that our God lives with, in and around us. This abundant, generous kind of living is the life of our God, truly present. 'I am the Life,' Jesus says. We can be assured of this reality: that our God wants to be the life in us and that, if we cooperate, amazing things will happen.

PRAY

Jesus Christ,

Help us not to be troubled but to believe,
trusting in your amazing promise to us,
so that the Father might perform
great works through us.

Amen.



We proclaim a crucified Christ

1Cor1:23

07 May 2020

STATEMENT

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

It is good that all the material from Case 35 of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has now been made fully available. There was never any question that the redacted information should remain closed to the public.

I again offer my unreserved apology for the failure of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to responsibly care for and protect our young people and vulnerable adults.

I wish also to commend the work of all involved in the Royal Commission, particularly the survivors who took part, and for those many voices they represented. The Royal Commission was extremely difficult and painful and has been a critical catalyst for important and necessary change.

While the passage of time can never obscure the systemic failings of leadership, process and culture of that period, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has acted upon the recommendations of the Royal Commission. Much has changed as a result.

Rigorous policies, procedures and practices to ensure safety for children and young people are now in place, and principally regulated through the Commission for Children and Young People. New governance structures for Catholic education in relation to Parish Priests as employers has also been announced, and is intended to be implemented by 1 Jan 2021.

Child safety and care is not a project with an end date. It requires life-long vigilance. My commitment, and that of our leadership in the Archdiocese, is to listen attentively and honestly to those who have experienced abuse, and to find pathways of justice and healing for them.

As the current Archbishop of Melbourne, I now have the responsibility to consider the details of the material released today, and to determine what further steps may need to be addressed as a result.

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