



HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES HOLY SAVIOUR

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am

Reconciliation: By Appointment Only

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday: 9.15am
(Holy Saviour)

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9.15am
(St Christopher's, Syndal)

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

Fr Ralph Besterwitch SAC
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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Steve Evans
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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 22ND AUGUST 2021—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

RECENTLY DECEASED: Keith Mill (*former parishioner of Holy Saviour*)

ANNIVERSARIES: Phyllis Chalker, Stephen Blackley, Marion McCusker, Valda Gay

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Xavier Da Gama, Graeme Potter, Sharon Dobson, Quinn Chong, Pat Young, Jack Styring, Jill Clarke

MEMORIAL MASS

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2021
Is cancelled due to the lockdown

Next Memorial Mass is in
November

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA ANNUAL SUNDAY APPEAL 21/22 August 2021

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care.

Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their potential.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at

www.catholiccarevic.org.au
Or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the
29th of August.

The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

The 2021 Social Justice Statement will be available on the Parish website next week.



**MEETING OF PARISH GROUPS WILL BE
CONDITIONAL ON EASING OF RESTRICTIONS**

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Weekly meetings on
Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

**NEW TOPIC: The Book of
Tobit**

Newcomers very welcome.
Questions? Contact Marion at [mari-
onfcjmu@gmail.com](mailto:mari-onfcjmu@gmail.com)

Parish Bible Study Group WILL NOT be meeting
next Thursday 26th August due to restrictions
being in place.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021



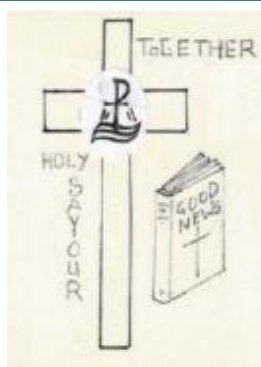
An invitation to prospective
candidates in grade four or
above, who may wish to pre-
pare for the Sacrament of First
Eucharist. If you know that
your child is ready to celebrate
this Sacrament and you are
ready to prepare them.

Please download the enrolment form from the
Parish website.

[https://holysaviourparishvs.com.au/
sacraments](https://holysaviourparishvs.com.au/sacraments)

Melbourne Archdiocese requires First
Reconciliation be celebrated before First
Eucharist.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be
celebrated on **7 November** at 12 noon Mass.
Enrolments close 6 September 2021



**LIVING THE WORD
REFLECTION GROUP**

An opportunity to continue
your Lenten Journey as we
read, reflect & discuss the
relevance of the Sunday
Readings in our daily life.

Come & join us
Friday fortnightly at
10.15am in the
TENNIS CENTRE.

Next meeting: 10th September

We are a Reflection NOT a Study Group.
Inquiries: Maree: 0402 043 164,
Deidre: 0403 953 638

OVER 39ERS/SENIORS MONTHLY MASS

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us on **Wednesday 8 September** at 12noon
in the Church.

ALL are welcome.

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 09/08/21 TO SUNDAY 15/08/21:**

2021 Current Weekly Pledge: \$3082.16

1st Collection (Presbytery) includes direct
debts, credit cards: \$110.00

2nd Collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes): \$0

2nd Collection (Loose): \$0

2nd Collection (Credit Cards/Direct Debts): \$150.00

*Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the
Presbytery & Thanksgiving Collections during these
challenging times.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets 1st Thursday of the month
from 9.30am till 11.00am. Plain
knitting skills is all that is
required.

Next meeting is on
Thursday 7th October

If you or someone you know are
facing one of life's many
challenges, having a shawl might make a positive
difference.

See one of the team members to choose a shawl.
Enquiries: Maree 0402 043 164



PARISH GROUPS

CONTACT:

Thanksgiving Queries	Parish Office	9401 6340
Management / Finance	Shirley Wood	0450 129 768
Liturgy Group	Parish Office	9401 6340
Lectors Co ordinator	Shirley Wood	0450 129 768
Bereavement Group	Judy Clarke	9955 4600
Mass Co ordinator	Kevin Burt	0497 819 838
St Vincent De Paul Group	Parish Office	9401 6340
Family Groups	Terry Eastwood	0417 112 731
Third World Interest Group	Gerald Burke	0408 315 471
Child Safety Officers	Damien Aile	0418 587 136
	Marlene Fernandes	0400 290 371

Multi Purpose Hall Hire

Contact: Holy Saviour School, 9803 6828
principal@hsvs.catholic.edu.au

Presbytery (1st Collection): *This collection is
used to support our Parish Priest, Fr Ralph*

Thanksgiving (2nd Collection): *This collection is
used to pay for the running or and the upkeep of our
Parish*

Collections will be at the end of mass and can be
placed into the marked collection boxes by the Exit
door to the church foyer or EFT details are available
on the parish website.



*We all have to proclaim and bear
witness to the Gospel. We should
all ask ourselves: How do I bear
witness to Christ through my
faith? Do I have the courage of
Peter and the other apostles, to
think, to choose, and to live as a
Christian, obedient to God?*

Pope Francis



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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PRESENTS

Called to be Dangerous Women Virtual Scripture Series

Join us for a journey of discovery as we explore the role of women in faith.

Presented by Dr Janina Hiebel, Dr Rosemary Canavan, Dr Carmel Posa SGS and Dr Claire Renkin, the series will be held over four sessions. Each session involves all four speakers who will explore three women around a common theme – Old Testament, New Testament, Monastic Women, and the Artwork around them. A Q&A will follow each session.

SESSION ONE: Judith, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Egypt

SESSION TWO: Esther, the woman anointing Jesus (in Mark & Matthew), Radegund

SESSION THREE: Hannah, Mary and Elisabeth (visitation), Dorothy Day

SESSION FOUR: Ruth, Phoebe, Teresa of Avila

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: September 1, 8, 22 & 29

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm (AEST)

WHERE: Via Zoom Meeting. Zoom link will be emailed after you have registered.

REGISTRATION:

<https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/k1h4t4sz1lv5cza/>

Online registration is essential.



Caritas Emergency Responses: Major earthquake hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/Lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Parish Secretary**, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore
- **Cook**, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- **Parish Seniors Advocate**, St Xavier's Parish, Boxhill
- **Safeguarding Officer** (Western Region), Professional Standards Unit
- **Finance Officer**, Catholic Development Fund (CDF) - Part Time

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2, 16-17, 18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people: "If you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered,

"Far be it from us that should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 34:1-2, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22

R. *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. **R.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit. **R.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:32, 5:2, 21-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Beloved,
be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be

imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I am applying it to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:53, 60-69

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." When many of his disciples heard this, they said: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back, and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord.