



HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES HOLY SAVIOUR

Saturday: 6.00pm; Sunday: 10.00am
Weekend Masses suspended until further notice
Reconciliation: By Appointment Only

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday: 9.15am
Live-stream at St. Christopher's
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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
fralph1@gmail.com

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Steve Evans
principal@hsvs.catholic.edu.au

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 29TH AUGUST 2021—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES: Joska Berkelmans, Anna Ascenzo, Georgina Fitzgerald, Allen Chalker, Frank & Clelia Caputo

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

Online Mass is available this weekend via the **Holy Saviour YouTube Channel.**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3QGMCDvHmzUqI6vMEI_aA

or can be found by searching for "holy saviour parish" in YouTube, or via the Parish website.
holysaviourparishvs.com.au

Sunday mass is also live-streamed from St Christopher's at 10.30am

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021

29TH AUGUST

Today is Social Justice Sunday

The Statement calls us to listen, hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor through practical action.

The Bishops invite us to join them in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards the total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals

Read the 2021 Social Justice Statement [HERE](#).



PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 5TH SEPTEMBER

Father's Day is the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the parish so they are not eligible for Superannuation. Like everyone else in the workplace, priests provide for their retirement by contributing 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the Foundation. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible and will be recorded. Receipts are issued early July for donations of \$5 or more.
Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!



"Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness."

(Paragraph 230, Laudato Si)
Pope Francis

**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

Parish Bible Study Group WILL NOT be meeting
until restrictions are lifted.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021



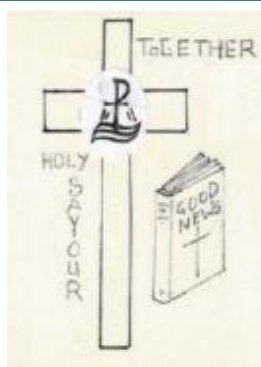
An invitation to prospective
candidates in grade four or
above, who may wish to pre-
pare for the Sacrament of First
Eucharist. If you know that
your child is ready to celebrate
this Sacrament and you are
ready to prepare them.

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.

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

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



**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 16/08/21 TO SUNDAY 22/08/21:**

2021 Current Weekly Pledge: \$3082.16

**1st Collection (Presbytery) includes direct
debts, credit cards: \$310.00**

2nd Collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes): \$

2nd Collection (Loose): \$

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

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

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.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

(Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference office for Justice, Ecology and Peace)

There are many today who do not accept hard truths, who promote false news, and whose main concern is for their own power, comfort, gain, notoriety, celebrity, image, or profit. Truth is replaced with versions of reality that serve an agenda, or interpretations of events that make people less uncomfortable about their attitudes and choices. People, animals, and the earth can be rationalised as commodities to exploit, use, abuse, and discard. The desire to possess, dominate and consume disrupts the delicate balance and harmony needed to sustain healthy communities and ecosystems. Countries are increasingly referred to as economies, and the values of an often-grasping marketplace push to replace the intrinsic value and uniqueness of each integral part of God's sacred creation.

A sacramental vision of a dynamically connected, diverse, and inclusive universe is one that is rooted in the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Kingdom and Reign of God. As Christians, we are called to open and form our hearts in this radical and counter-cultural vision that expresses God's true law as part of a mutual and loving covenant relationship. Moses reminds the people of Israel and us today that there is wisdom and understanding in following God's law. Those who have opened and shaped their hearts to God's law of love see, hear, speak, and live the truth of this way of being and acting in the world every day. This contributes to God's Kingdom breaking through in the here and now.

The psalmist encourages people to stand firm in God's truth and to act justly in dealing with people in their daily lives, including their business dealings. God's presence is found in integrated and right relationships with people, characterised by detachment from material gain, especially when it comes at the hurt and expense of others. This psalm highlights an ongoing temptation in our world for people to seek material riches and social advantage as false markers of blessedness and success. God is not interested in status as defined by worldly standards but completely subverts and rejects any system or behaviour that seeks to exploit, disadvantage, or harm anyone or anything.

James gets to the heart of things in calling people to listen to the God who dwells within them and to take action to defend those most defenceless and vulnerable as a visible marker of their true identity in Christ. God's goodness never changes and never ends. We are called to embrace and foster this in ourselves, doing our part to come to the aid of all who most need our help. God has created each with purpose and value, just as they are.

Jesus calls out the hypocrisy and self-serving behaviour of anyone, especially leaders, who would seek to absolve themselves from the real work of conversion of heart and life. Hiding behind the details of traditions, rules, and the finer points of external rituals alone is not what is called for in faithfully following Christ. Our beautiful Christian traditions, prayers, liturgies, and rituals point us to the gift and glory of God and God's beloved creation. Our faith is built on who we are following, what we believe, and how we relate to others in Christ. Relationships of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness are direct encounters with God's amazing grace alive and active in our hearts and lives. This is where we are asked to focus, and to live

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options:

An on-line/virtual weekend: **10 -12 September 2021**
or a non-residential weekend: **16 - 17 October 2021**
in west Gippsland.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The heart is a symbol of the whole person, the seat of the emotional life. We can 'throw our heart into' a particular endeavour. People can be 'good-hearted' or 'hard-hearted'. Jesus is critical of those who are externally virtuous but do not have their hearts in the right place. The heart is also the symbol of love. Truly loving others and living for them is an act from the heart.

BOOKS FOR LOCKDOWN

- * Way of Peace: Readings for a Harmonious Life, (Michael Leach)
- * Christians: The Urgent Case for Jesus in Our World (Greg Sheridan)
- * Beatitudes: Eight Steps to Happiness (Raniero Cantalamessa)
- * The Life of Christ (Fulton Sheen)
- * Jesus of Nazareth (Pope Benedict XVI)
- * Simply Good News: Why the Gospel Is News and What Makes It Good (N.T. Wright)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:-12, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!'

For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 15:1b-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5

R. *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

O Lord, who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue. **R.**

Those who do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved. **R.**

SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this:

to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: James 1:18

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human traditions.

