



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 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

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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 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B



Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on these men
who are fathers.

For those who in the night worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.

For those who in the day work
and struggle to provide for their child,
send them your strength.

For those who mourn a child,
hold them in your love.

For those who play, laugh, sing
and dance with their child, you share in their joy.

Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with these fathers,
in the light times and the dark.

Bless them, and may they each
be a living symbol of your fatherly love;
a symbol to their

children and all who they encounter.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

Notes for 2021 Father's Day Appeal

- * Priests generally retire at 75 years according to Canon (Church) Law
- * 96 Melbourne priests are currently retired
 - * 6 retired priests are aged in their 90s
 - * 53 retired priests are aged in their 80s
 - * 37 retired priests are aged between 75-80
- * The Retirement Foundation meets their needs. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring (at age 75)
- * There will be an average of 6-8 retirements per year
- * Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and receipts are issued early July for donations of \$5 or more.

The Foundation depends on your support.

As Archbishop Comensoli says (on the Appeal Envelope) *"It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Fathers' Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard living for them. May I commend the Appeal to you."*

Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website.
www.cam.org.au/foundation

TWIG SUNDAY 2/3 OCTOBER 2021

This year, TWIG will support Flamme D'Amour (Flame of Divine Love), a small non-government orphanage in Keshero, DR Congo. The orphanage cares for vulnerable children and others affected by the many wars in the Eastern Congo region. The facility is located close to the Rwanda border in the region of Goma.

Currently the orphanage houses 96 children, but cares for a further 69. Of these children, 113 are primary school age and 52 secondary students.

Since 2016 the Pallottine community (Fr Ralph's Order), has supported the orphanage with regular donations, primarily for food. These donations are insufficient to provide the nutritional needs of the children, but it helps.

For a number of years, the children of a Perth Pallottine Parish, have raised money in their "Kids for Kids" project. These funds have enabled the orphanage to acquire goats, chickens and rabbits, and with careful management are providing the children with much needed protein.

In 2020, Sister Alvera (the orphanage founder) wrote – "The program operates without a potential donor for its support, which is why we are asking for the support and assistance from the various partners and men of good faith so that in the end, the children feel loved and surrounded remember who educates the child builds his future."

DIRECT DEPOSITS can be made to: Holy Saviour TWIG Group

BSB: 083-347; Account No.: 47397-5027

Reference: KESHERO. Please include your name.

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 23/08/21 TO SUNDAY 29/08/21:

2021 Current Weekly Pledge: \$3082.16

1st Collection (Presbytery) includes direct debits, credit cards: \$550.00

**2nd Collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes): \$
2nd Collection (Credit Cards/Direct Debits): \$660.00**

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

A special thank you for your continued EFT your
contributions to the Thanksgiving & Presbytery
Collection.

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*

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021



An invitation to prospective candidates in grade four or above, who may wish to prepare 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>

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

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Lockdown Light

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK ONE

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

PARENTING AS A TEAM

This podcast from the Messy Family Project gives some great practical advice on how couples can be truly in sync with one another and parent together with unity, respect and God's grace.

Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Getting started: In this short video, Fr Mike Schmitz shares several reasons we should pick up our Bible again, see it with fresh eyes and allow it to transform our lives. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1

'Treasuring Our Later Years'
(Reflection series via ZOOM), 6 x Wednesdays,
22 September to 27 October 2021,
12.45pm-3pm.

Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Topics covered include: ageing; spirituality; relationships; meaning; gratitude; death. Cost \$180 for the series, or \$30 per session. Bookings and payment via Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at

www.heartoflife.melbourne

For more information, contact email:

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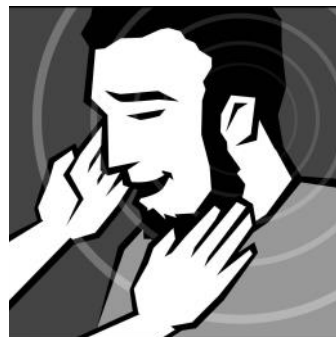
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Xavier Da Gama, Graeme Potter, Sharon Dobson, Quinn Chong, Pat Young, Jack Styring, Jill Clarke

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Ephphatha

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the



Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.

It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

A reflection on St Joseph by Pope Francis



God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the

Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, ... In his continued protection for the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love the child and his mother.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10

R. *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever;
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

R. *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters,
do you with your acts of favouritism
really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes
comes into your assembly,
and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

and if you take notice of the one
wearing the fine clothes and say,
"Have a seat here, please,"
while to the one who is poor you say,
"Stand there," or "Sit at my feet,"
have you not made distinctions
among yourselves,
and become judges with evil thoughts?
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.
Has not God chosen the poor in the world
to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom
that he has promised to those who love him?

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, Alleluia
Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the region of Tyre,
Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee,
in the region of the Decapolis.
They brought to him a man who was deaf
and who had an impediment in his speech;
and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd,
and put his fingers into his ears,
and he spat and touched his tongue.
Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,
"Ephphatha," this is, "Be opened."
And immediately the man's ears were opened,
his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one;
but the more he ordered them,
the more zealously they proclaimed it.
They were astounded beyond measure, saying,
"He has done everything well;
he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The gospel of the Lord.