



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 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021—24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Kennedy, Hanna Oirbans, Maria Horbach, Keith McArdle, Eunice Downs, Marcus Yap, Fr Michael Quigley

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

*Congratulations to
Marg & Gerard Dietrich
who recently celebrated their
60th Wedding Anniversary
Wishing them many more years of
love and good health together*

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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.

'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL'
THE VISION FOR MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE AS ARTICULATED
BY ARCHBISHOP PETER COMMENSOLI

What is 'Take the Way of the Gospel'? We are being called — lay people and clergy together — to a renewed sense of our missionary purpose. Exploring and dreaming a missionary way forward lies at the heart of our baptismal call to live out the Gospel. Over the years, our lay people and clergy have identified the need to find new and fresh ways to proclaim the Gospel to our local communities. One aspect of this call to renewal is to attend to the manner in which parishes are arranged and function so that they bring renewed and ongoing life for God's people.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli states 'The Way of the Gospel – the path of missionary discipleship – has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. Now is our time; here is our place ... Our parishes will remain at the heart of the gathering of God's people locally, but we need to adapt the way we resource our local communities, including the placement of clergy, catechists and other lay leaders, to form Missions that comprise a family of faith communities.'

In this context, what exactly is a "Mission"? Embarking on Missions is not about changing our core mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, but about the ways in which we do this that are relevant to our place and time, and with good planning for the future. We are not the parishes of 40 years ago – and we need to be courageous and creative in our thinking around how to embrace the challenges and opportunities that today's landscape presents us with.

The formation of Missions provides us with a process to work together in becoming more missionary. There are three main aims of missions:

1. Effectiveness in sharing the Gospel
2. Vibrancy, vitality, viability
3. Equitable sharing of resources


This is the start of a long-term journey for our local Church in Melbourne. In this early stage, Parishes are invited to begin a conversation within their community, which will be a starting point for discernment and conversation. Eventually we will participate in a Mission where our Parish and others in the local area will collaborate to form a plan that will achieve the objectives more effectively. Within this group we will be encouraged to develop innovative and creative ideas as we discern and work together to plan how we might share our gifts and resources for mission across parishes.

As this conversation continues, I will be calling on representatives of our parish to join workshops with the aim of exploring ideas and suggestions on how this 'Mission' model can be actualized in our area.

Fr. Ralph

HOLY SAVIOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

VIRTUAL FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT



Thursday 16th September
6.30pm to 8pm
\$20 Family Tickets
\$10 Single Tickets

Enquiries: Denise 0414990344

Pot Raffle
half the prize pool!
\$5 for 1 Ticket
\$15 for 4 Tickets

Join us for some virtual family fun!!

Family Teams will answer family friendly trivia questions and compete for prizes. Auction Items Up for Grabs and much more.

Tickets are now available through CDFpay. Book now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/BUBXO>

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 30/08/21 TO SUNDAY 05/09/21:
2021 Current Weekly Pledge: \$3082.16

1st Collection (Presbytery) includes direct debits, credit cards: \$40.00

2nd Collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes): \$
2nd Collection (Credit Cards/Direct Debits): \$4992.50

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*

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



Lockdown Light

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

LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK 2

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:

Unity in marriage (Part 1)

In this podcast, Catholic counsellors, Dr Bob Schuchts and Jake Khym discuss how marriage is a union of two broken people, and yet when the love of God is invited in, unity is made possible.

Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE: EXPLORING THE GOSPELS

As Christians, we have four accounts of the life of Jesus, called Gospels. How should we read them? Getting started: This video by a Franciscan priest looks at how it's possible to understand different Gospel accounts and stories about Jesus.

Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2

GOING DEEPER:

This year, we are reading Mark's Gospel at Mass.

This video provides an introduction into the crafting and structure of the Gospel and the portrait of Jesus presented.

View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In Mark's Gospel, the supreme moment of triumph for Jesus is not the resurrection but rather when Christ suffers and dies on the cross. The cross represents Christ's unconditional response to God and therefore is his triumph. What a surprise it is to find that an instrument of torture and death can become such a powerful symbol of life and love. The true identity and mission of Jesus are only made clear on the cross. We cannot understand who Jesus is and why he came apart from the cross.



God is not only the origin of love, but in Jesus Christ he calls us to imitate his own way of loving: "As I have loved you, that you also love one another" (*John 13:34*). To the extent to which Christians live this love, they become credible disciples of Christ to the world.

Pope Francis

SEASON OF CREATION

by Nick Brodie

After Jesus spoke of a future involving personal suffering and political rejection Peter remonstrated with him. Jesus in turn rebuked Peter, explaining that such thinking was not of God. Much of the import of this short exchange seems to hinge on the openness of Jesus' assertions. Peter reacted not only to what Jesus said but the way he said it. Jesus' warnings were not given in secret but declared openly.

It is rather understandable that Peter was worried. Perhaps he thought that Jesus would attract unwanted attention from the authorities, or that his gloomy talk would put off potential followers. Either way, Jesus was having none of it. The truth, however dangerous or unpopular, should not be hidden.

Hearing this Gospel during the Season of Creation we might contemplate what truths get hushed up today.

Do we encourage our leaders to speak openly about pollution and climate change, or do we collude in their silences? Does our society condemn or condone littering? Are our parishes in environmental denial, or models of sustainability and ecological responsibility? Ultimately, facing even the darkest future with hopeful action is a key part of Jesus' message. Christ's followers are called to bear their share of the cross and face tomorrow's problems today.



The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4).

FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One
October 2021
(22 days to go)

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' *Mark 8:27-35*

There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18*)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:
 The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.
 I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.
 The Lord God helps me,
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
 It is the Lord God who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
 in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord, because he has heard
 my voice and my supplications.
 Because he inclined his ear to me,
 therefore I will call on him as long as I live. **R.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
 the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
 I suffered distress and anguish.
 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
 "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" **R.**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
 our God is merciful.
 The Lord protects the simple;
 when I was brought low, he saved me. **R.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,
 my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
 I walk before the Lord
 in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
 if you say you have faith but do not have works?
 Can faith save you?
 If brothers or sisters are without clothing
 and lack daily food,
 and one of you says to them,
 "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat your fill,"
 and yet you do not supply their bodily needs,
 what is the good of that?
 So faith by itself,
 if it has no works, is dead.
 But someone will say,
 "You have faith and I have works."
 Show me your faith apart from your works,
 and I by my works will show you my faith.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
 Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
 Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples,
 "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him,
 "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one
 of the prophets."
 Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter
 answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly
 ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must
 undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the
 chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three
 days rise again. He said all this quite openly.
 And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him. But
 turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and
 said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your
 mind not on divine things but on human things."
 Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to
 them, "If any want to become my followers, let them
 deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and
 those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of
 the gospel, will save it."

The gospel of the Lord.