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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 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

DISCIPLESHIP: ENCOUNTERING JESUS

As you are aware, we are reminded by Pope Francis to be Mission-driven parishes. In trying to do this we must first learn to be better disciples. Discipleship is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ that leads a person to engage more deeply with the life of faith and embark on a lifelong journey as a member of the Church. Thus, discipleship invites us to:

- **encounter** Jesus, and to respond to this initial encounter by following him
- **engage** with the core of Jesus' teaching, assimilating it into every aspect of life
- **embark** on a life of mission as we discern the unique call of Jesus to share the Gospel, build the kingdom and convey the joy of the Good News to others.

The encounter with the person of Jesus is a life-changing and life-defining event. Jesus invites all people to relationship with him no matter the circumstances in which they find themselves. He offers his love, mercy and healing freely (*John 10:10*).

Sarah, 22, knows what this encounter can look like. Despite a Catholic upbringing, for many years she never experienced God's love in a personal way: *'I went to Mass every week, but I was just going through the motions. We never spoke about the faith at home, and my view of God was that he was a distant, punishing God.'* But after being invited to a prayer and worship night when she was 18, Sarah encountered God in a new way.

"That experience really opened up for me the possibility that God is love. I had a sense of being forgiven, and for the first time I felt able to embrace his love. There was a possibility of being more and being better—I so wanted that."

Sarah is honest about her journey of faith beyond that first moment of encounter, and about the challenges she still faces. We can know Jesus, not just *'know of'* him and his teachings. It is possible to know him personally—as a close friend, in a real, existing relationship—because Jesus is alive.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margot van Reyk (*Sister of Odille Douglas*)

ANNIVERSARIES: Vinko Ostojic, Teresa Yap, Mary Doran, Mary Tan, Doug Young

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

*Congratulations to
Eileen & Russell Davis
who recently celebrated their
48th Wedding Anniversary.*

Happy Anniversary



In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people; no one can be excluded.

Pope Francis

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

TWIG SUNDAY

2/3 OCTOBER 2021

In recent newsletters you may have read about TWIG supporting the Flamme D'Amour (Flame of Divine Love), orphanage in Keshero, DR Congo, in the region of Goma.

On the 25 May, 2021, a volcano in the region erupted; for several days lava flowed, ash and gas filled the air, and multiple earthquakes destroyed homes, hospitals, schools and essential services. Access to food was also disrupted and prices increased by some 20%.

The orphanage saw an influx of displaced children who were cared for while efforts were made to reunite them with their families. These additional children added to the cost of food, already highly priced and scarce. The toxins released by the volcano resulted in coughs, fevers and skin irritations, all needing medical attention. The orphanage's medical supplies were soon exhausted.

It's very expensive to educate a child – prior to the volcano eruption the annual costs for a primary student were (US\$): – school fees \$6,840.00, uniforms \$798.00, and supplies (books, etc.) \$570.00. The first quarter's school fees had been paid, but following the eruption, school fees increased by over 100%. The orphanage faced an additional cost of US\$7,600.00 per child for the remainder of the school year.

Any donation, no matter how small, you can make towards supporting this orphanage would be greatly appreciated.

DIRECT DEPOSITS can be made to: Holy Saviour TWIG Group:

BSB: 083-347

Account No.: 47397-5027

Reference: KESHERO; Please include your name.



Lockdown Light

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

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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.

Resources for Christian living: Making the most of lockdown

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament

Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history.

Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3

Going Deeper: Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 06/09/21 TO SUNDAY 12/09/21:

2021 Current Weekly Pledge: \$3082.16

**1st Collection (Presbytery) includes direct
debts, credit cards: \$20.00**

**2nd Collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes): \$
2nd Collection (Credit Cards/Direct Debits): \$4285.75**

*Due to the current lockdown restrictions in place and
the times of social distancing, you may wish to
contribute directly into our bank accounts*

Banking details are on the Parish Website

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

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.*

READINGS NEXT WEEK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: 18:8, 10, 12-14 (*The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart.*)

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SEASON OF CREATION

by Nick Brodie

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than

admit the limits of their own understanding.

Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!

While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked.

Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service. The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains.

Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

- **Parish Secretary**, Catholic Parish of Castlemaine
- **Cook**, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- **Content Developer**, Proclaim – Office of Mission Renewal, East Melbourne
- **Expression of Interest**, Formation, East Melbourne

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

The first assembly of the Plenary Council commences with the Opening Mass on 3 October, with members starting to address the agenda the following day.

**More information is available on the
[Plenary Council website](https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies)**

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The godless say,
Let us lie in wait for the righteous one,
who makes life inconvenient to us and
opposes our actions;
who reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous one is God's child,
God will help him,
and will deliver him
from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says,
he will be protected.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

R. *The Lord upholds my life.*

Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.
Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
They do not set God before them. **R.**

But surely, God is my helper;
The Lord is the upholder of my life.
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, for it is good. **R**

SECOND READING: James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Where there is envy and selfish ambition,
there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.
But the wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,

full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who make peace.
Those conflicts and disputes among you,
where do they come from?
Do they not come from your cravings
that are at war within you?
You want something and do not have it;
so you commit murder.
And you covet something and cannot obtain it;
so you engage in disputes and conflicts.
You do not have, because you do not ask.
You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,
in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples
went on from there and passed through Galilee. He
did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching
his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be
betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and
three days after being killed, he will rise again." But
they did not understand what he was saying and were
afraid to ask him.
Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in
the house Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing
about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the
way they had argued with one another who was the
greatest.
Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,
"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and
servant of all."
Then he took a little child and put it among them; and
taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever
welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the
one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.