



HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Wednesday & Friday: 9.15am
Reconciliation: By Appointment or after 9.15am mass on Wednesday & Friday

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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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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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 28TH JANUARY 2024—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

RECENTLY DECEASED: Christy Kiernan (*Brother of Rose Lawrenson*); Yvonne Misso, Norma Mitchell

ANNIVERSARIES: Joyce Taylor, Yolanda Meggetto, Sonia Cook, Maryanne Calleja, Lyn McGie, Joe de Souza

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Michael McKernan, Marian Van Grieken, Phil Cowan, Leonie Gallagher, Serge Nayna, Connor Hodge, John Baird, Aidan Carroll, Graeme Potter

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets 1st Thursday of the month from 9.30am till 11.00am.

Plain knitting skills is all that is required. The first gathering for 2024

will be: **Thursday 1st February**
in the Parish Chapel

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

Enquiries: Maree 0402 043 164



WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

If you are new to Holy Saviour, or if you haven't yet had a chance to get to know any fellow parishioners, please get in touch and let us know you're here.

Let us know you're here via one of the following methods:

1. Email holysaviourPPC@gmail.com
2. Call Helen Forer, Welcoming Committee Leader, on 0417 428 004
3. Write your details on the new parishioners sheet located in the church foyer and include contact details which will allow us to reach out to you.

We look forward to meeting you.

LENTEN DISCUSSION 2024

The season of Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday being celebrated on **February 14**. You are invited to sign up for Lenten discussion groups commencing the first week of Lent and running for a period of six weeks, leading up to Holy Week and Easter.

There is the possibility of running two sessions, depending on the interest shown. These sessions will take place on Friday morning at 10.00 am or Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm, in the café/foyer area in the Church.

The program we intend to use is a Garratt publication called '*Living in Harmony*'. Please insert your name and contact details on the sign up sheet in the foyer, so that we can order the correct number of booklets in time to start the program.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Are you unable to attend Mass or feeling isolated?
Holy Saviour Parish has a visiting team of parishioners to support you.
If you would like to receive Holy Communion, or just a friendly home visit,
Or if you know someone in that situation.
Please ring the team coordinator,
Rosemarie Lawrenson 0411 706 016



ASH WEDNESDAY

14 FEBRUARY

MASS TIMES:

9.15am & 7.00pm @ Holy Saviour

OVER 39ERS / SENIORS MONTHLY MASS

First gathering for 2024

WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

12 noon in the Chapel, followed by lunch.
Please bring a plate to share. Coffee/tea will be provided.

All are welcome

PYX

If you a pyx belonging to the parish at your home and not being used, could you be so kind and return the pyx to the Parish Office.
Thank You

We are proposing to buy a 120cm tall image of the Risen Christ, in natural wood colour.

After doing a lot of "googling" the Liturgy Committee made this find.

It is available in Italy and costs about AUD 4500. It would be a wonderful addition to have, given that this year we are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Parish.

The finance committee is in favour of purchasing the same, and we are seeking donations from any who are able to contribute towards this expense.

If you make your donations via the parish bank account, please indicate that the donation is for the Risen Christ statue.

Thank You

Bank Account Details:

BSB: 083 347

Account No.: 665565508

Account Name: Holy Saviour Parish Church Acc

Reference: Risen Christ Statue

MORNING TEA & A CHAT

Will resume back on Sunday 4 February after 10.00am Mass.

CARE AND SHARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

TWIG thank our parish community for your outstanding generous support.

The appeal at Christmas Masses raised \$2,460.20.

Children's Ground in the Northern Territory will be the recipient of these funds.

ROSTERS FOR 3/4 FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7; Resp Psalm: Ps 147.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (*Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.*); 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9.16-19, 22-23; Gospel: Mk 1.29-39

	Saturday, 6.00pm	Sunday, 10.00am
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:	Moira Streets	Volunteer Please
LECTORS:	Brenda Battista	Mike Delaney
MASS CO-ORDINATORS:	Peter Tuncks	Chris Cameron
MUSIC:	Joe & Bernadette	Holy Saviour Choir
HALL CLEANING TEAM 3:	*Ed Lemanski, Marlene Fernandes, Mayford Greal, John Hempenstall	
COUNTERS:	Peter Marburg, Volunteer Please	
SACRISTANS:	Margaret Dietrich, Maureen Gleeson	

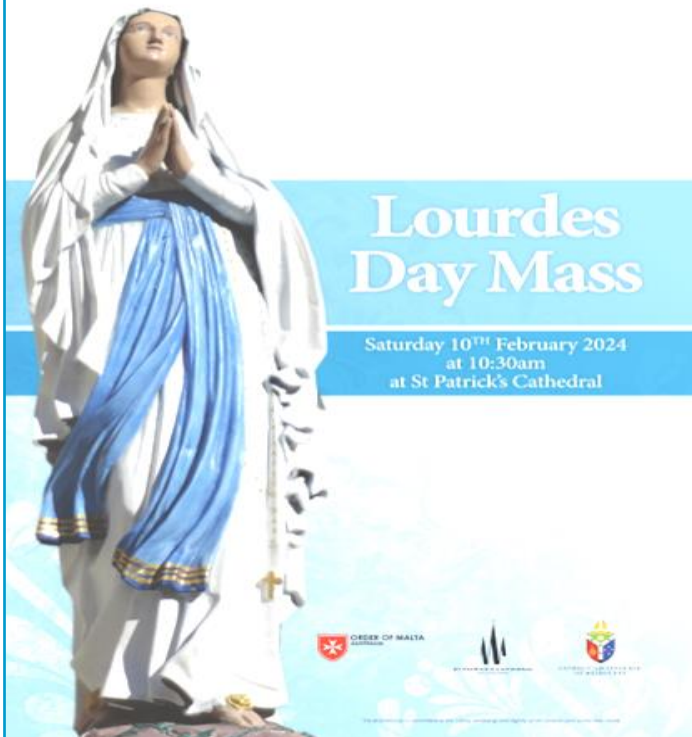
Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

Holy Saviour Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to them and their cultures.

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an **annual Lourdes Day Mass** to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am** at **St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.



REFLECTION

Our readings today are all about listening. Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet from among them, who will speak in God's name and with authority, and that it's to him they'll need to listen. Our responsorial psalm urges us to open our hearts to God's voice. Paul encourages the people of Corinth to free themselves from worry and to listen to God—he promotes the single life as a way to be fully focused on the Lord's affairs. And our Gospel readings describe an encounter in the synagogue in Capernaum, where we find Jesus teaching with authority and driving out unclean spirits. While the onlookers aren't sure what it all means, they recognise Jesus brings authority and a teaching they have never heard before. Today, let's reflect: what do I hear God saying to me today? How well do I listen?

Historical Context

In an age when most people were illiterate, Jesus appears to have been quite well educated. Some suggest that he may have spoken three or four different languages. He obviously spoke everyday Aramaic, as it was spoken in that region. Jesus also appears to have been taught Hebrew, the language of religious texts and religious practice. Greek, the language of trade in marketplaces, was a language that Jesus probably used when helping Joseph sell his carpentry products at stalls and markets. Finally, Jesus probably picked up a reasonable amount of Latin, the language of the Roman occupiers – he was able to hold a conversation with Pontius Pilate.

INTERPRETING YOUR PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE FOR MISSION

Save the date

Tuesday 20th February, 5.00pm – 7.30pm

The Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region invites all interested parishioners from parishes in the inner eastern region to an information session on Tuesday 20 February, 5.00pm - 7.30 pm, at The Friars Room, adjacent to St Francis Xavier Church, 1087 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill (Parking behind the Church off Dorking Rd). We will look at how best to interpret the parish profile from the 2021 census and the trends revealed and then share suggestions about how this will inform our efforts in Mission.

Save the date - More Details to follow.

YEAR OF PRAYER

On Sunday 21 January, Pope Francis officially inaugurated the Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee. In comments after the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis spoke about our need of 'rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.' The Pope pointed to conflict around the world, saying we should 'not tire of invoking the Lord for peace'.

Pope Francis writes:

'Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression. Like a cry that issues from the heart of those who believe and entrust themselves to God.'

1ST COLLECTION (PRESBYTERY OFFERING)

to be taken up after the **Homily** is for the Presbytery Account, which supports not only Fr Ralph, but also supports the other priests in our Parish.

2ND COLLECTION (THANKSGIVING OFFERING)

will be taken up immediately after the **Prayers of the Faithful**. All monies from this collection go towards meeting the running costs of the Parish and paying off debt.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said:
 The Lord your God will raise up for you
 a prophet like me from among your own people;
 you shall heed such a prophet.
 This is what you requested of the Lord
 your God at Horeb
 on the day of the assembly when you said:
 If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more,
 or ever again see this great fire, I will die.
 Then the Lord replied to me:
 They are right in what they have said.
 I will raise up for them a prophet like you
 from among their own people;
 I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet,
 who shall speak to them everything that I command.
 Anyone who does not heed the words
 that the prophet shall speak in my name,
 I myself will hold accountable.
 But any prophet who speaks in the name
 of other gods,
 or who presumes to speak in my name
 a word that I have not commanded
 the prophet to speak—
 that prophet shall die.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

**R. If today you hear God's voice,
 harden not your hearts.**

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him
 with songs of praise!

O Come, let us worship and bow down,
 let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
 as on the day of Massah in the wilderness,
 when your ancestors tested me;
 and put me to the proof,
 though they had seen my work.

**R. If today you hear God's voice,
 harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7.17, 32-35

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters,
 let each of you lead the life
 that the Lord has assigned,
 to which God has called you.
 I want you to be free from anxieties.
 The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of
 the Lord, how to please the Lord;
 but the married man is anxious about the affairs of
 the world, how to please his wife,
 and his interests are divided.
 The unmarried woman and the virgin
 are concerned about the affairs of the Lord,
 so that they may be holy in body and spirit;
 but the married woman is concerned about the
 affairs of the world,
 how to please her husband.
 I say this for your own benefit,
 not to put any restraint upon you,
 but to promote good order
 and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia,
 A people in darkness have seen a great light;
 a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
 Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

They were all amazed: A new teaching—with authority.

