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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

A THOUGHT FROM FR BENNETH FOR THIS WEEK

Who do people say the son of man is? That was the question Christ asked his disciples in today's Gospel. And we saw the different answers they gave. Those responses, shows the various theories and speculations about Jesus around in their culture at that time. But it was Peter who got the right answer. And then came the affirmation of Jesus; the gift of power, and responsibility to Peter from Jesus, "You are Peter, on this rock I will build my church."

That power which Peter received is because of his profession of faith. Without Peter's courage and faith, the disciples, the church today, would have remained in confusion with different voices, on the level of different points of views, the church would have been guided by many voices.

If we all are requested to give our answer to the same question, "Who is Christ for us?", perhaps our answers will not be different from the ones given by the Apostles. But we cannot hide behind the speculation of others about Christ, behind public opinions and debate about Christ, liberal views from the media about whom Christ is, about our faith, different voices about what the Catholic Church should be. Our answer has to flow from our faith conviction, from our personal relationship with God lived out through our community of faith.

Peter is to be commended for the courage to think for himself. Jesus expects his disciples, he expects us to think for ourselves. He expects us to be well informed on what the current thinking about different issues in our society are, but as his disciples, we must then in the light of our Christian faith and revelation, make up our minds on those issues. We must not take them in, or allow ourselves to be controlled by those different voices. Those voices should not become the voices of our conscience. Faithfulness to our God demands that we follow the voice of God within us; our well informed conscience rather than popular opinion.

That is exactly what St. Paul told us in the letter to the Romans 12:2. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

I had a lovely outing this weekend with the staff from St. Joachim's on retreat, as I did with St. Anne's staff. It is a good time to get to know each other closely and I thank the Principals for this initiative. Our Lady's Statue visited both Parish schools this week and the children were very excited to have her visit.

Marlene Jorgenson will be our Parish Coordinator for the **Plenary Council 2020**. She will be informing us in the near future about upcoming events.

We would welcome any donations for our Parish Christmas Raffle. Please let Fr. Benneth know if you can assist with prizes or vouchers.



Our parish recognises the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship.

REFLECTIONS—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK



Thanksgiving Income \$1,069.50 + Loose \$1,58670 **Total = \$2,656.20**

Average Weekly Thanksgivings—February \$2,591.58, March \$2,871.82, April \$4,154.31, May \$4,818.12, June \$4,289.55, July \$4,378.20, August \$4,100.02

Thank you to all parishioners who help to support our parish each week.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WALK OF WITNESS - Tuesday 18th September 2018

The Walk of Witness (led by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI) will commence in Federation Square at 12.30pm with the Parable of The Good Samaritan. At 1.00 the Walk will proceed from Fed. Square to St. Patrick's Cathedral, via the Steps of the Victorian Parliament and arriving at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2.00pm, where Bishop Mark will officially launch the Statement for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, a total distance 1.5kms. This Walk of Witness is an action of solidarity with the thousands of people who are homeless and for the many others for whom dignified housing is becoming an unrealised dream. All are welcome to participate, and to bring organisation banners, as we proceed through the streets of one of the world's most liveable cities. **RSVP to justice@cam.org.au please.**

GOLD COIN COLLECTION

Gold Coin Collection—Target = \$50,000

Last weekend's donations = **\$200.25**

\$27,578.75

\$ 8,660.00

Balance

Gold Coin Collections Oct 12—September 18

Donations received Oct 12—September 18

= \$13,761.25



MASS TIMES

Monday 17th—Sunday 24th September

Tuesday 6.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 9.30am	Mass at Holy Family
Thursday 9.00am	Mass at St. Joachim's School Memorial—St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gŏn and companions
Thursday 6.00pm	Mass
Friday 9.15am	Mass with St. Anne's Feast Day—St. Matthew
Friday 10.00am	Expositions until Midday
Saturday 9.00am	Mass
Saturday 5.00pm	Rosary Prayers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mass
Sunday 8.30am	Mass
Sunday 10.00am	Mass

**Reconciliation—Saturdays at 9.30am
and other times by appointment**

This week's Choir:

**Parish Children's Choirs—Saturday 6.00pm
Shireen Tabatabai & Family—Sunday 10.00am**

Please pray for our sick:

Judy Bartosy, Santino Ylagan,
Alilia Navarro, Judy Wallace,
Francis Gallego, Destiny
Weir, Elaine Hoy, David Myall,
Rosemary Sleddon, John Rowell,
Nicholas X, Elaine Fernando, Joan
Peterson, Will Howe, Joe Varga.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

First reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 53: 3-6, 8
Second reading: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

*If you wish to make a pre-order of the 2019 Break Open the Word, please collect a form from the piety stall, fill out your details and leave there or drop to the Parish Office. These will be ordered mid to late October for November delivery. **Cost is \$20 per copy.***

RETREAT WITH ST. JOACHIM'S STAFF

This is the retreat that Fr. Benneth attended with the St. Joachim's staff. Their discussions were on Staff Spirituality and Faith Development, both individually and collectively. This was facilitated by Paul Spence, a former Catholic School Principal and Spiritual Director.



PARISH MAGAZINE

This weekend, Angel Cuerpo our Magazine Editor, will address all our Masses. She will talk briefly about our aim for the Parish Magazine which is to detail all the events that have occurred during 2018 within St Anne's Parish and to promote community spirit and inclusivity. Feedback and articles will be appreciated.



PARISH EVENTS

We would like volunteers to help organise:

- A parish movie night in the future
- Assist with raffles
- Lunches with the seniors at the local RSL
- Bus trips to places of interest
- BBQs & other social events

Even if you can assist by helping every second or third month this will still be a big help.

SCHOOL FETES

Volunteers will be needed to help out for us to run stalls. The next school stall will be at La Festa Artistica in October (see below) at St. Joachim's School.

Please let Fr. Benneth know if you can help out either collecting items, hosting on the relevant days or baking food.

La Festa Artistica is coming...Calling all market stalls!

Following St Joachim's highly successful **Festa Artistica** in 2015, we will be doing it again! It will take place on Friday, October 26th. During the day, students will be celebrate all things Italian and Arty with a Carnevale flavour. Families will then be invited to join in the fun during the evening. We are looking for people who would like to run a market stall on the night, eg cupcakes, Tupperware, clothing and accessories. **The cost will be \$30** for the space (size of a standard trestle table), plus a small donation towards our raffle. Money and raffle donation will be collected on the night. You must provide your own table. All profits on the night will be yours. If you are interested, please email Sue Larson by Monday, October 15th to slarson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au and include the following details:

- ♦ Your name
- ♦ Your child's name and grade
- ♦ Phone number and email
- ♦ The product you will be selling or demonstrating
- ♦ Any special requirements you might have, eg access to power



If you have a friend who is interested in having a stall on the night, feel free to pass on this information. Also, we will only have **up to two stalls** selling the same kind of product, so first in, best dressed. **All enquiries please to Sue Larson or Helina Walker at St. Joachim's School.**



"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."

Pope Francis

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Adult Sacramental Preparation Sessions

Parents along with their children are required to attend two sessions of the Adult Faith Education Course in preparation for their child's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Dates: **Wednesday 10th October and 17th October** from 7.30pm – 8.30pm
or **Saturdays 13th October and Saturday 20th October** from 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Another key date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is the weekend **Sat/Sun 13th & 14th October**. Parents must bring their child/children along to any of the weekend Masses to make a commitment to the preparation of this Sacrament.

All candidates are required to attend a Confirmation Reflection Day at Don Bosco on **Tuesday 9th October** at Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield, and this will be hosted by Father Martin Tanti. The students will be leaving at 8.45am from St. Joachim's School and leaving 9.00am from St. Anne's School.

Bishop Elliott will be coming to meet with all the candidates on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018** to discuss the sacrament and the children's readiness. This will be held at St. Anne's Church from 11.45am until 1.30pm.

Order forms for stoles will be sent home for the students and need to be ordered as soon as possible directly from Anita at Holy Beginnings. Anita will be in attendance at the Saturday sessions for any questions and for you to make payments.

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott on Sunday October 28th from 1.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

We will begin a children's liturgy group during our Sunday 10.00am Mass, beginning on **Sunday 14th October**. This will be facilitated by Zeeta Andrew, Michelle Bathorlemew, Annabelle Brown, Marie De Netto and Rikki Winduss, all of who are long-time parishioners and/or school teachers at our Parish schools.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

OUR LADY OF HEALTH VELANKANNI, INDIA

\$405.35 was kindly donated during these Masses.

This photo was taken during one of the special Masses devoted to Our Lady of Health Velankanni.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

A scriptural reflection group will begin to reflect simply on the scriptures. This will be done from the common man's point of view of the scripture. It is not for time for high theology or high exegesis. We gather to learn more about the scripture, to be a weekly gathering and will be run by some of our parishioners who have done this in the past. There will be flyers about this in the coming weeks to let you to confirm the dates for when we will begin.



**All parishioners are welcome
to join the staff and students for
St. Anne's School's
50th Birthday Celebrations**

Friday 19th October 2018



Activities from 5pm, Choir and formal reflections from 6-7pm, supper from 7-8pm.

Please RSVP to Debbie on 9786 4736 or

dtrower@saseaford.catholic.edu.au for catering purposes. Should you have any queries or wish to share memorabilia or photos, please contact Debbie via details above.