

Holy Family
St. Joachim's
St. Anne's

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Liam Doherty wrote the following reflection that he shared with this week at his school. Thank you Liam for your inspiring words and for allowing them to be shared with our parishioners.

I love to listen to the calls of the birds as the sun rises each morning. It provides me with a sense of familiarity, of regularity. First, I hear the guttural cluck of the wattle birds, staking out their territory as the first rays of light creep up over the horizon. Next comes the soft, stuttering mumbles of the crested pigeons and the spotted doves. The raucous and loud caws of the crows come next; and as the sky is just about saturated with the orange and yellow light of sunrise, the native noisy miners fill the air with their dominant chorus of bells and whistles. In many ways, listening to them can keep me on track in the morning better than a clock. Today was different. Today I had the pleasure of change, of a new group of voices to interrupt the regulars. For the first time in many months I heard the cheeky and playful chatter of the rainbow lorikeets. I usually only hear their morning chatter during spring. Along with the beautiful sunshine over the last couple of days, this was a wonderful surprise. It is a taste of Spring, and the hope and promise that it holds in store. The winter never lasts forever, its hold weakens with each passing day.

It was with the pleasant and cheerful interloping of the chattering lorikeets that I read our daily prayer this morning. Nothing enriches the soul with spirituality and hope more than the humble and grounded wisdom of St Francis of Assisi. His morning prayer can guide us in a contemplative reflection on the blessings that we have around us. 'Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean on your great strength trustfully, restfully'. When we trust in God's strength, when we place our hands in the guiding hands of God, we need not fear or worry about what we may face. 'To wait on the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet other peacefully, joyfully'. What a great example for our students, to wait patiently and serenely and to meet others peacefully. In what better way could we show Christ's leadership during these strange times, in what better way could we be the "Hands and Heart of God" for them. Our prayer finishes with, 'to face tomorrow, confidently, courageously'. When we place our trust in God, we are blessed with the hope that the Christian faith exudes.

Our troubles now, the pandemic, the isolation and the uncertainty are the dark tomb of Christ's death, the spells of spring sunshine, and the chattering of the lorikeets are glimpses of the light, the joy and the promise of Spring and the 'Resurrection Hope'. That is the core of our Gospel message. That is the core of our faith tradition. In his wisdom St Francis of Assisi boldly stated the 'All the darkness of the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle'. Let us be that candle, let's be 'quiet and easy', let's be 'trustful and restful', let's be 'peaceful and joyful'. Let us be the 'Hands and Heart of God' in our community today.

Due to the Stage 4 restrictions, all Masses are cancelled and the Parish office now must remain closed. During office hours, please call 9401 6398 and your call will be returned as soon as possible, or email stannesparish@gmail.com. Regretfully, we are unable to provide physical copies of the newsletter at the church as we have done over the last few weeks. Please contact Annette if you want to receive an emailed copy each week.



Fr. Andrew Jekot continues to act as the Administrator to our parish in Fr. Benneth's absence.

Our parish respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders; past, present and future.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to: St. Anne's Church National Australia Bank/CDF Account, **BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.** Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and your full name in your banking reference marked as "Col1" (Collection 1) for the parish expenses and "Col2" (Collection 2) for our parish priest/and retired priests in the Archdiocese.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through CDFPay:
secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635856

MASS/ONLINE COLLECTIONS:

**Thanksgiving \$978.89 + CC \$1,980.00
= \$2,958.89**

LENTEN DONATION TOTALS:

Parishioners Crisis Fund \$250.00
Supporting Families Project \$212.75
Project Compassion \$353.60

With sincere thanks from a grateful parish.

Please pray for all those friends and family who are are unwell; those who are sick in our aged care facilities and nursing homes, and those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.

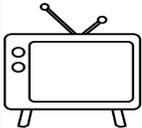
We remember the anniversary of Sue Mathews. We pray for Stan Young and all who have died recently from COVID-19, and for Karen Lloyd, mum to Keith Daly at St. Anne's School who has sadly passed away last week. Please keep the Daly family in your prayers. **Rest in Peace.**

Watch Mass at Home

Download [Resources](#) for the Feast of the Assumption Mass this weekend.

Watch the Feast of the Assumption Mass by Fr. Peter Mathieson at St. Mary of the Cross
https://youtu.be/xXgdV_NnLog

St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass 11.00am Sunday
<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>



TV Channel 10:
Mass For You at Home at 6.00am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

St. Vincent De Paul are running their **COVID-19 Winter Appeal**. Funds will be used to assist those who cannot access adequate food, pay for power or rent during the crisis. Their ongoing income from op-shops has been greatly impacting during the last few months with most of their stores closed. If you are able to make a donation, go to:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/covid-19-emergency-appeal-vic>

Vinnies Victoria Auctions are on eBay for online auctions and purchases!

<https://www.ebay.com.au/str/vinniesauctions>

If you need assistance during COVID-19:

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/VIC_News/COVID-19 - Vinnies Victoria/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/VIC_News/COVID-19_-_Vinnies_Victoria/)

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Caritas Australia, through its in-country staff and partners in Lebanon, are working to deliver food and water; hygiene kits including masks and soap, material for shelter repairs and the clean-up of debris, plus medication and other health services. Caritas Australia are taking donations to support their current programs in Lebanon through their Middle East Regional Appeal by calling **1800 024 413.**