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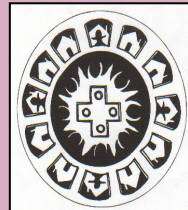
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Face coverings for the whole of Victoria

From 11:59pm on
Sunday 2 August, 2020
everyone in Victoria aged 12
years and over will need to
wear a face covering when
they leave home.

From Department of Health
and Human Services

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

News from Uganda

Thank you for your generosity.

Attached is a photo taken as I gave out foodstuffs to some
members of the community. May God bless you.

~ Fr Godwin Muhangi

(\$1,000 of the Christmas collections was sent to Fr Godwin)



Feeding of the crowds - symbol

Commentaries give symbolic meaning to Matthew's two accounts:
14:13-21 had 12 baskets of scraps leftover symbolising the 12
tribes of Israel. Matt 15:32-39 had 7 baskets leftover representing
the entire world. Jesus provides spiritual food for all.

Prayer for the Week from the Psalm Response

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs. *Ps 144:16*

Saint of the Week: St John Vianney, Tues 4 August

Jean-Marie was born on 8 May 1786 near Lyon. His education had
been interrupted by the French Revolution. Despite many
difficulties he was ordained a priest and appointed parish priest of
Ars, a town of 230 inhabitants. He quickly became renown for his
catechesis, preaching, witness to faith and charity and especially
hearing confessions. He died on 4 August 1859. He is proclaimed
patron saint of Parish Priests and recently of all priests.

On the Lighter Side

Q: How do you make the odd number 7 even without
addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division? A: Drop the "S".



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Go forth
and set
the world
on fire.

Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola Friday 31st July

The World Christian Life Community is a lay Ignatian association.

In the spirit of St Ignatius of Loyola, Christian Life Community seeks to find God in all things.

There are three such groups in our parish who meet regularly.

A Daily Awareness Examen

I recall how the Trinity sees me
- with eyes of love.

I turn to the Father.

Thank you Father for my gift of life.

I turn to Jesus.

Show me Jesus what you want me to see.

What do I feel most grateful for today?

What do I find difficult to be grateful for today?

I turn to the Holy Spirit.

Be with me tomorrow and help me to be open to your guidance.

Recently Deceased: George Donnelly.

Anniversaries: Mons Anthony Bones, Damian Segafredo, Owen Smith, Bill Gleeson, Eileen Dwyer.

A very Happy 95th Birthday to
Mavis Curtis

One of our long time
parishioners and part of our
wonderful team of
sacristans.



With many Blessings

Week End Masses

Bookings need to be made online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJTDL>

**Bookings open Mondays at 9am
and**

Bookings close Fridays at noon.

*Please contact the Parish Office
if you need help.*

Week Day Masses

You will need to book by phoning
the parish office to register your
name and phone number.

Quiet Prayer

*Tuesdays and Thursdays for one
hour between 4pm-5pm.*

No need to book

The Pastoral view

I think in this time of disruption to our normal lives it is a great opportunity to access where we are in our lives, what is most important to us? In my own life times of disruption have certainly been hard to accept at first but as I have moved through them great learning's and changes have occurred to the way I see, myself, God, church and the world around me, and I give thanks for these as I do not know where I would be without these changes to my understanding of these things. Acceptance of life's hardships is never easy, but our faith tells us they are necessary for us to grow and mature in faith and love.

I read recently that the most common phrase in the Bible is "Do Not Be Afraid" it is found 365 times, one for each day of the year pretty amazing. I think God understands us very intimately he knows we struggle with change and disruption, which I think is why he uses this phrase so often. In times like this it is sometimes not easy to see Gods love and care for us, but be assured it is there, he wants us to live fully in this life, to love fully, all that he has created.

Fr Joe mentioned at our last men's group that the symbol of our Christian faith is the cross, Jesus life, death and resurrection gives us the pattern that our own lives sometimes will follow, can we accept the crosses and the pain that enter our earthly life?

~ Anthony Kilmartin, Pastoral Associate

*Nothing surpasses the holiness of those
Who have learnt perfect acceptance of
everything that is.*

In the game of cards called life

One plays the hand one is dealt

To the best of one's ability

Those who insist on playing

Not the hand they were given

*But the one they insist they should have been
dealt*

--these are life's failures.

We are not asked if we will play

This not an option. Play we must

The option is how.

Anthony De Mello, "Prayer of The Frog"

Serra Club Friday 7th August, First Friday, Mass will be at
7.15pm in the Church (we won't be having a cuppa afterwards).
Phone the office to book. All welcome.



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Examinations

**Mass for the Feast of the
Assumption of Our Lady**

6pm

Saturday 15th August

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Children Check has expired
or is about to expire please
update as soon as possible.

Thank you.