

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side!' Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Lord, in your great love,
answer me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

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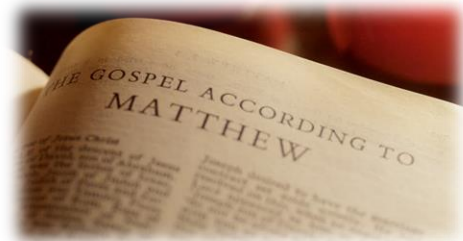
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

20th and 21st June, 2020

**DO NOT BE AFRAID.
IT IS I, YOUR GOD.**

Focus on the Readings...

The people of Matthew's community were being persecuted for their faith. They were mostly Jews who had come to accept Jesus as the awaited Messiah. But not all Jews accepted this, and they did not want the Christians to worship with them in the synagogues, so the Jewish Christians were expelled. Matthew's Christian community was feeling very vulnerable and trying to find a new way of living their faith outside the traditional Jewish practices. In this passage, Matthew comforts them and assures them that they need not fear physical harm, for God knows every hair of their heads and will protect them. Those who are strong in their faith and refuse to recant will be honoured before God. If God extends his care to the sparrows, he cheapest life available, how much more will he extend his care to his faithful people?

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6:30 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 6.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15 am
 Saturday 9.00 am

From 22nd June, a limit of 50 people may attend each Mass. In order to meet our legal obligations, we ask you please phone the Parish Office to book in.

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Monday (Suspended) 9.15 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: (Suspended) 9.30am & 6pm

BAPTISMS: (Contact the office for more info)

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

WEDDINGS: (Contact the office for more info)

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Year A****20th / 21st June, 2020****PRAYING FOR:**

Tom Cini, Christopher Curtain...*and all who died recently.*

We also remember:

Monica Alderton, Cassie Morris,
 Gumersindo Nombrado.....

...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

BOOKING IN FOR MASSES: It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the Eucharist as a community of faith, once again, albeit in limited numbers. This coming week the numbers permitted are increasing from 20 to **50**. As a happy consequence the celebration of Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will resume from 27th June. Anyone wishing to attend either weekday or weekend Masses are asked call the office on 9583 6161 to book in. For Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, it's vital that you ring **BEFORE** the Thursday prior, if not sooner. We would want everyone to have an equal and fair opportunity to attend a weekend Mass.



The **Archdiocese of Melbourne** provides a **Coronavirus Update** on its website where you can download the latest information and guidelines: <https://cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19/>

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND**Tips to keep mentally healthy during COVID-19**

1. PAUSE. Breathe. Reflect
2. KEEP to a healthy routine
3. CONNECT with others
4. BE KIND to yourself and others
5. REACH OUT for help if you need it

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

in East Melbourne is delighted to share with you a Virtual Open Tour of Catholic Theological College. This video will introduce you to many features of the College's life and study. Navigate to here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q21tuS1rtg>.

COUNSELLING: All counselling will now be over the phone or video consultations due to COVID-19, please contact AnneMaree Eddy directly on: 0403 284 536, and leave a message indicating you are a parishioner.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) are accessible online:

www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass
 Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.

FREE EBOOK The recently published '**Catholicism in the Time of Coronavirus**', is available from Word on Fire Institute <https://www.wordonfire.org/covid> In the book the author, Stephen Bullivant, looks at the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the Church, and how the Church's pastoral and evangelistic mission might most effectively respond.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FAITH FORMATION & INFORMATION:

The **Christian Classics Ethereal Library** is a digital library of hundreds of classic Christian books: <https://ccel.org/>
Lectio Divina June 2020 for daily prayer: <https://ocarm.org/en/carmel/lectio-divina-june-2020>

The Holy See to view the written works of Pope Francis and news from the Vatican: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL has launched a survey to check-in with our community during COVID-19 and on the road to recovery.

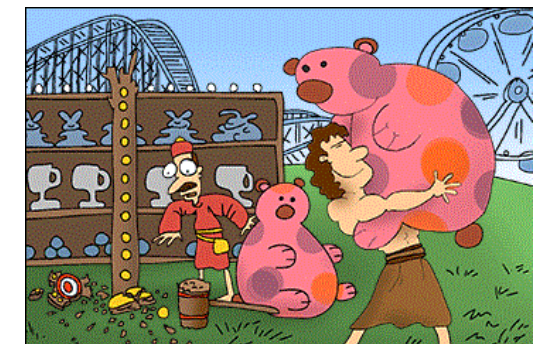
The results will help both Council and community services provide targeted support and respond to community needs through these challenging times to ensure we are caring for our community.

The survey includes a range of topics including:

- What challenges are you facing from social isolation?
- Do you have any concerns around catching the virus?
- How you are getting information on COVID-19?
- What is providing relief/support for you during this time?
- Do you feel safe?
- What do you think the economic implications of COVID-19 will be?

Those who subscribe you receive one weekly survey for the next two months, and a monthly survey thereafter. To access the Survey information and associated link click here:

<https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Media/Community-Survey-helps-guide-COVID-19-road-to-recovery>



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