

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of the Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



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Jesus continues to convey his teaching about the kingdom using the imagery of everyday life. Pearls were highly valued in the Near East and were regarded as a symbol of wisdom—hence the saying 'pearls of wisdom'. In the first two of these parables, the protagonists commit everything they own to acquiring what is beyond price. According to Jesus, gaining a place in the kingdom is worth the sacrifice of everything we value most. The parable of the dragnet tells us something more of the kingdom. There will be those who have not recognised its value and are unworthy of the kingdom. However, it is not for people to judge who is worthy and who is not. That task belongs to God. Jesus is very concerned that his followers clearly understand his message, and he questions them directly: 'Do you understand all this?' There must be no confusion over the meaning of the gospel! Matthew stresses that believing in Christ does not mean a total rejection of Judaism. Indeed, both the old and the new have value. Jesus did not come to overturn the Law but to fulfil it, and those who recognise this truth will honour both the old and the new.

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MASS TIMES:**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****MASS TIMES:**

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

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Monday 9.15 am

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

BAPTISMS: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

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PRAYING FOR:

Primitiva De Leon,
 ...and all those who died recently.

We also remember:

Desma Jackson, Sheila Fury,
 Marie Wilson, Hendrika Cox,
 Francine Ashton, Angela Perna,
 Jack Harris, Jerzy Wierzbicki,
 Mary Joseph Emmanuel
 ...and all whose anniversaries
 occur about this time.

How are YOU going? Are you coping with another six weeks of lockdown? We have mentioned before that we have volunteers who, if needed, could shop for you, and leave your shopping at your front door. Perhaps you are feeling lonely, missing conversation with someone. Here again help is available, via some friendly people who would happily telephone you. If you would like a call, please email your details, or phone the Parish Office: 9583 6161. Stay safe and well everyone!

OUR NEW WEBSITE:

Head on over to our new and improved website, www.olacheltenham.org.au Here you can find updated information from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, download our Bulletins, links to our school environment, and much more. If you have any comments on the new site it would be wonderful to receive your feedback. Email the Parish Office on: Cheltenham@cam.org.au

COUNSELLING: All counselling is now over the phone or via video consultations due to COVID-19. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact **AnneMaree Eddy** directly on: **0403 284 536**, and leave a message indicating you are a parishioner.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, we consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority. We acknowledge that children, young people and vulnerable adults may require additional safeguards to promote their safety and wellbeing and promote their participation. Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons, and participating in a creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. Across the Archdiocese, we strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church which enables its people to grow and develop in their faith free from abuse, harm and neglect.

...from the Archdiocese website - July 2020.

VOLUNTEERING AT O.L.A: We are so grateful to the many volunteers who give of their time and talents. Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, PowerPoint operators, those who take Communion to the sick, assist the elderly, our members of St Vincent de Paul Conference, ...just to name a few!

ANYONE who volunteers in **ANY** group must have an up to date 'Working with Children Check', and where necessary, a 'Police Check'. Please ensure that these are current. Please telephone the Parish Office if you require assistance or more information.

LAST SUPPER - Zoom meeting

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.

Broadcast & Online Masses:

11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 on Digital TV).

This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website:

melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

Pre-recorded Masses available online:

cam1.org.au/greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online or stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos or holyfamilydoveton.org.au/

Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM)** every **Sunday at 7am**.



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE – INFORMATION: Enrolments are now open at the Bentleigh East Campus (on the current site of St James College). Places are available for Year 7 2021 and 2022. To make a booking for one of the Virtual Open Tours for Term 3, Phone: 9575 8100 or head to: www.sjcb.catholic.edu.au



KILBREDA COLLEGE TOURS: The health and wellbeing of the Kilbreda community is their first priority, so in light of the current situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19), any Open Mornings or Talk and Tours for the majority of Term 3 will run virtually. Virtual visits will feature a Principal's Address, tour of the College, student commentary and an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the tour. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the College whilst they cannot have prospective families visiting. For more information visit: www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au