

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Jeremiah
20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew
16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



What cross do you bear?

How well or otherwise do you cope with this?

Is the cross and the suffering of Christ an obstacle for you?



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This gospel contains the first of three predictions of his passion and death that Jesus makes along his journey to Jerusalem. Matthew tells the story of that journey across the next four chapters of his gospel. Peter is highly disturbed by the predictions of Jesus' suffering, but is soundly rebuked. The contrast between this text and the gospel of the previous week is stark! In the immediately prior episode, Peter is praised and rewarded for his sublime affirmation of faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' In this text, Peter's lack of understanding, both of what that means and of Jesus' mission, causes him to be ridiculed as an obstacle to the divine mission. While we may have some sympathy for Peter in wanting to spare Jesus the pain and suffering he predicts, what is at issue is Peter's failure to see that the cross is part of the plan and that discipleship will also involve the cross. Taking up the cross, however, will result in great reward and ultimate vindication when the time of judgment comes.

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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:

Roy Butler, Stan Smith,
John Griggs, Joan Peters,

...and all those who died recently.

We also remember:

Fr Frank Martin,
Antonia & John Razga

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

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Stage Four (4) restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese: https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/14-4August20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES_.pdf

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

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.



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, please telephone: 9575 8100 or head to: www.sjcbecatholic.edu.au

KILBRED A 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. For more information visit: www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au

OLSH COLLEGE - YEAR 7 INTAKE ENROLMENT PROCESS: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College offers students placement for Year 7 entry whilst students are in Year 5. Please note that dates have changed due to the current environment within the state of Victoria. For Years 8-12 Enrolments please contact Registrar, Michelle Lisi, mlisi@olsh.vic.edu.au or 8520 9200.

MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER:

- What are the obstacles to Christ in your path?
- Are they of your own making or blocks put in place by circumstances or other people?
- What crosses do you bear for the sake of Christ?
- Share a story of a cross you have had to bear. Did it change you? In what ways did you become a stronger person?
- Has there been a time when you chose to face hardship or pain rather than avoid it?
- Do you know others who are burdened by a cross at the moment? Try to lift a burden from someone this week. Perhaps a call, or an email can help.
- Throughout this week, recite a verse from today's psalm (62:8-9)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God for you have been my help; In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

THE SWAG: With the COVID-19 restrictions in place you will now be able to read the latest addition of THE SWAG online. To view The Spring Edition please go to the website www.theswag.org.au and click on the green button with the words 'Parishes and Schools with a bulk subscription'.



Thanks to David Lundahl (See Mark 10:21) 09-15-2006
YOU SAID TAKE UP LACROSSE AND FOLLOW YOU ... NOW WHAT?