

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and hones, he deserves to live. Has chosen to renounce all his previous sins, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins, he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Remember you mercies, O Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards though better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to thank better of it and believe in him.'



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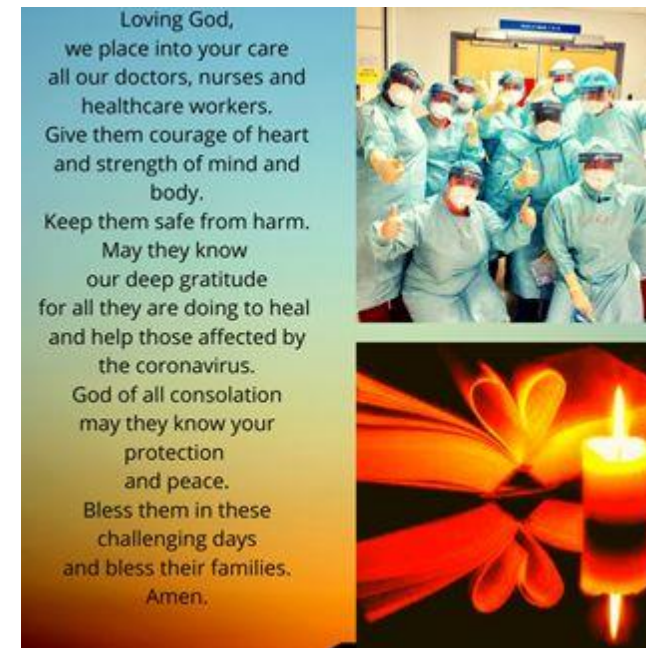
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

26th / 27th September, 2020



Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and
healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and
body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know
our deep gratitude
for all they are doing to heal
and help those affected by
the coronavirus.
God of all consolation
may they know your
protection
and peace.
Bless them in these
challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen.

A great deal has happened since last week's gospel reading. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Matt. 21:1-11) and has taken possession of the temple driving out those who corrupt his Father's house (Matt. 21:12-17). The crisis point of Jesus' ministry has arrived and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities. The point of this text is that it is not the 'conventionally' religious' – those who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals – who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones, who, by their actions, carry out God's will and become the sons and daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness, he lived it. Jesus describes him as 'a pattern of true righteousness' (Matt. 21:32), and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believe in him repented and experienced a change of heart and life.

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MASS TIMES:
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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

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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:

...and all those who died recently.

We also remember:

Anne Noone, Rosalia Nombrado

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

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, (Update #16 : 16th September, 2020): <https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/16-16September20-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 holyfamilydoveton.org.au/
Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**

ST DOMINIC'S EAST CAMBERWELL invites parishioners of OLA to a webinar on 'To Live Life to the Full'. Speakers include Bishop Terry Brady, Dr Caroline Johnson and Trish Mowbray. To register online go to: www.trybooking.com/BLKPG
Registration closes on 28th September. Enquiries: 9912 6870 or email the parish at: secretary@stdominics.org.au

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) online: www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass
Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER

PROJECT Trivia Night: has been moved to 9th October, and it will be run via Zoom. You don't need to be a Tech Wizard to play. If you would like to join in, please email Colette at colfoxw@gmail.com. Entry is your donation direct to Brigidine Asylum Seekers Trust Account. BSB: 083 004 NAB-ACCOUNT: 569246603. Please give your name and the word 'Trivia' in the reference. If Zoom Trivia is not for you this year, any donation you could make would be greatly appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEES:
27th September, 2020

Let us remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality for many in 'our own backyard'. Members of Catholic Social Services Victoria, along with parishes across the state, are making considerable efforts to assist those seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas, as many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres. Pope Francis in his message for Migrant and Refugee Sunday writes, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close in order to serve". He also points out to us that "It is necessary to cooperate in order to build: - only when difference elements of the community work together – organisations, individuals, parishes, schools and universities – can we effectively both advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities". For more information on how you can become involved visit the Catholic Social Services website: www.css.org.au



Here's something to discuss with your family, or bring to your personal prayer:

- Have you ever failed to recognise the truth of a situation?
- Have you ever said you were going to do something but then neglected to do it? How did you feel about breaking the promise?
- Share stories of times when you have said 'yes' to something with the intention of actually doing it. Or of a time you felt pressured to agree to something when you wanted to say 'no'. Or of failing to do something when you knew you should act.

Pray this little prayer this week:

When our words say 'yes'; but our actions say 'no', forgive us Lord.

When our words say 'no' but our actions say 'yes', encourage us Lord.

So that our response to You might be perfect in word and deed.

