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**ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE
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(Monday - Friday).
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St Mary of the Angels Parish
Weekly Gospel & Homily
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/>



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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - August 23, 2020

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 22: 19 - 23; Romans 11: 33 - 36; Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Reflection on the Gospel

By Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

Living the Gospel. Have you got what it takes?

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

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A MESSAGE from Fr Jim & Fr Joseph

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

REFLECTION

This Sunday's gospel [Matthew 16: 13 - 20] focusses on the identity of Jesus. It is a question which is easy for us to answer. Jesus is the son of God.

We the readers and hearers of the gospel have the benefit of hindsight. We know the end of the story unlike the characters within the story. The sense of expectation is palpable among the disciples. They are hoping and praying that Jesus is the "Messiah", the one who will liberate them from the domination of Rome. The disciples want Jesus to be the Messiah of their choosing. They want Jesus to conform to their expectations. However, Jesus will not be manipulated into being something he is not.

The COVID-19 lockdown we are experiencing has brought with it a sense of despondency and despair. We feel bereft of hope. It is during a time like this that we too can ask the question, "Who is Jesus?" The answer to the question is that Jesus is our hope, our light and our strength in time of despair and loss.

In Wednesday's Geelong Advertiser, in her opinion piece, the Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong, Councillor Stephanie Asher, urged us all to smile and laugh to lift our spirits in this time of struggle. She also quoted Winston Churchill, "if we are going through Hell, keep going".

I would describe this time of lockdown as an experience of purgatory, rather than an experience of Hell. It is temporary even though it feels like an eternity. Jesus went through his own experience of purgatory in his life time. He experienced rejection from his closest friends and alienation from family. Yet he trusted in the mercy and love of God, the God he called his Father. Jesus suffered through his passion and was justified in his resurrection. Our Christian faith confirms us in our redemption. However, to reach the resurrection and be vindicated in our belief in the salvific action of Jesus, we must undergo an experience of the passion, and endure a period of purgation.

In this unusual time of COVID-19 lockdown we are experiencing a time of passion which can also be a period of reflection and contemplation. Let us use this time wisely to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to trust in his love for us. For Jesus has told us that he will not leave us orphaned, he will be with us until the end of time, COVID-19 time.

PARISH NEWS UPDATE:

Local Mass live feeds, Parish webpages and Facebook page information is listed on the back page of the Bulletin.

For those without internet access, each week we record a Sunday Mass, from the Basilica, for Radio which is broadcast locally on **PULSE FM 94.7** every Sunday morning at 10.00am.

'Mass for you at Home' complete details are also printed on the back page.

We encourage you to remain safe at home, and inform you that the Parish Office will remain open and available for communication & enquiries, or a caring chat. Call: 52221977. Office hours are: Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Printed copies of the Bulletin, Daily Reflections and Weekly Mass Sheets are still available from outside the front of Parish Office each week.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES

A short while ago SHC wrote to the Geelong parishes with exciting news regarding 12 fully funded scholarships to attend Sacred Heart College for first generation refugee students from families facing financial hardship for 2021.

The College is now pleased to have a family focused flyer and translation of this flyer in Farsi. Translations in Arabic and Karen are currently being made. If you have any questions, about these scholarship opportunities, or would like a copy of the flyer, please contact the SHC College Registrar, Judy Smith: judsmith@shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

– by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The world is full of peer pressure. It doesn't go away when you grow out of your teenage years. How are TV commercials and ad campaigns forms of peer pressure? What do they try to persuade us to do? How successful are they? How are movies that contain a lot of violence or sexual activity forms of peer pressure? What do they persuade us to do? How successful are they? How are the church and the Gospel message forms of peer pressure? How does the faith community try to persuade us to live? How successful is that effort? Why? Being a disciple of Jesus' is not easy, because the world is filled with all kinds of temptations and negative messages, right alongside the support and the positive messages. What are some negative messages in the real world that are hard to avoid? What's the secret to ignoring negative messages? What are some positive messages in the real world? How can you support the positive messages? What would make them even more effective?

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If you need spiritual support, assurance and comfort please email your details to him:

j.panackal@stmarysgeelong.com.au to book a time.

Please title your email "Spiritual Support Session Booking". These sessions will be 15 minutes in duration on Thursdays. Each week your booking is required to be submitted by 4.00pm on the Wednesday before/prior. Each meeting remains private and confidential.

If you have issues with using the internet you may call the Parish Office 5222 1977 to book a 15 minute "phone time" appointment with Fr Joseph on a Thursday each week.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS GEELONG PRAYER CHAIN

Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them".

This means that when two or more people pray in agreement with your

prayers, Jesus is present. It is through this promise that the Geelong Prayer Chain can pray together for your needs. It can be very comforting to know that someone is praying for you, and that Jesus is present in that prayer. You are invited to send prayer requests to Cheryle Douglas. **The chain is completely confidential.** People can use just first name and/or initials. These days prayers can be sent directly via email to: cheryledouglas50@gmail.com

ST MARY'S PARISH
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP
VIA ZOOM

We invite you to join in this weekly Rosary group. We get together every **Friday at 10.00am**. Please contact us by Thursdays 4.00pm with your **email address** if you are interested and would like to be a part of this reflective prayer group. You can call the Parish Office on: 5222 1977 or email details to the host rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au



ASSISTANCE WITH A MEAL Bayleaf Kitchen
If you are struggling and require help with a meal, or know anyone who could use our help, please do not hesitate to contact us. This can be done via email: admin@bayleafkitchen.com.au or you can call this mobile number: 0419 528 495

PARISH PANTRY OPEN TIMES
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
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EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON

ACN Australia has launched a national emergency appeal for Lebanon, requesting prayers for victims and their families, and raising funds in the wake of the deadly explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, which has killed at least 135 people, injured 5000 and decimated the capital city. The funds raised will be used to support the most urgent needs in Lebanon (such as emergency food packages) but they will also respond to the physical and spiritual needs that arise in the coming weeks, months and years. The funds will target poor families worst affected by the blast which devastated the port area of the Lebanese capital when 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate stored in a warehouse exploded.

TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL CALL: 1800 101 201 or arrange to make your offering online at: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Always remember and know that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, more beautiful than you imagine, smarter than you think and loved more than you know. - *Anonymous*

JOKE OF THE DAY



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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Jeanette O'Connor, E.J. 'Ted' Whitton, Marguerite Pound, Anica Siketa, Vernon Arnolda, Robert Bowden, Peter O'Donnell, Nell Wynd, Margaret Homphray, Luciano Travella, Maria Spano, Marjory Deegan

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Lorraine Cotter, Halina Barclay, Marie McDonald, Jacques Duhau, Emmanuel Bernardo.



Loving God, we pray that you will be comfort in their suffering, and lead them to know your healing grace, As they place their trust in you, grant them peace of mind, body and spirit. Amen .

St. John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: **CANCELLED** until further notice

RADIO MASS BROADCAST: SUNDAY 7am on Light FM, 89.9 and 10am on The Pulse 94.7 FM



Televised on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sunday August 23, 2020



Televised on Channel 173 at 6.00am on Sunday August 23, 2020.

Repeated at: 8.00am; 10.00am; 1.00pm; 3.00pm; 6.00pm & 8.30pm

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - August 30, 2020

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9 ; Romans 12: 1 - 2 ; Matthew 16: 21 - 27

Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity Parish - Queenscliff

Live on their Parish Facebook Page at 11.00am Sundays

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinity-Queenscliff-105514061120399/>

Local Sunday Mass Live on Facebook from St Thomas' Parish, Drysdale Sunday Mass @ 10.30am

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasdrysdale/>

NO 6.00pm VIGIL MASS



'St Mary of the Angels Parish' is our official Facebook page for the people of our Parish to stay connected. Receive updates and posts, view reflections and resources. To get full value from the page you do require your own Profile.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/> 'Follow' the page and like our updates & articles.

You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au and scroll down till you find the FB link.

On the webpage we include updates & current information sent out to us from the Government and Melbourne Archdiocese, Daily Reflections, Prayers, images, links and even something for the kids.

We continue to encourage you to be active in growing your faith, through personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, or participating in a Mass online - either through local parishes or other online sources. Thank you for your patience and understanding, as you await the opening of our worship centres. May God bless you and keep you safe and well. Take care of yourself and others. Peace be with you.

DAILY Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church - Meredith

Live on their Parish Facebook Page at 11.00am **EVERYDAY**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/Catholic-Parish-of-Meredith-St-Josephs-217771215762342/>

St Michael's Parish, Bell Park has established a Facebook page to live stream and record Sunday Mass.

The link for St Michael Parish is: www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st

The Mass will be live-streamed via Facebook each Sunday at 10.00am.

A video of the Mass will remain available to view at a time that suits until the following Sunday.

St Bernard's Parish Belmont

Fr Sang is recording Sunday Mass each weekend for parishioners. It is available as a link sent to your email (on request). For a copy of the Mass you can contact the Parish via email: belmont@cam.org.au

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