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What we see and hear at St. Joseph’s Church, tucked away near the Fairfield railway station? Beautiful icons (not statues) across the front of the church. Whom did we see? Their priest and deacon, in red vestments, much more elaborate than we are used to, altar servers in simpler but still ornate vestments. Who was in the church - beside ourselves? A couple of families and some women and men who led the singing/chants, unaccompanied (musical instruments are not used in their worship). What language would the Mass be in? On the overheard, the words were in English, of course, was a significant reflection on the need for discernment in our lives. We did note that the order of the parts of the Mass were unfamiliar. When it came to Holy Communion, the bread was leavened and the priest broke a small portion form the loaf and dipped it into the chalice before offering it to us on our tongues.

After Mass, a chance for the two communities to share a meal and drinks for all who attended the Mass. Many thanks to George Shamieh for organizing after Mass pizza and drinks for all who attended the Mass.

Merle Gilbo
PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2019

Special Collection at all Masses this weekend to support the Annual Mission Appeal

Saturday 2 November (All Souls’ Day)
10.30am All Souls’ Day Requiem Mass at Mother of God followed by refreshments
5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
5.30pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette’s.
6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Bernadette’s

Sunday 3 November (Ordinary Time 31)
9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate
10.30am Mass at Mother of God

Monday 4 November (St Charles Borromeo)
7.30pm Baptism Preparation at Parish Office

Tuesday 5 November (Feria)
9.15am Mass at Mother of God
4.15pm Meditation Group MI Hall

Wednesday 6 November (Feria)
9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate with Yrs 2,3&4
12 Noon Outreach Lunch at MOG Church foyer

Thursday 7 November (Feria)
9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate
10.00am Liturgy Group meeting in Parish Office

Friday 8 November
9.15am Mass at St Bernadette’s with Preps, 5&6

Saturday 9 November (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
5.30pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette’s
6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Bernadette’s

Sunday 10 November (Ordinary Time 32)
9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate
10.30am Mass & Baptism at Mother of God

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 12 November
8.00pm Advent McKinney Lecture, Ivanhoe
Uniting Church, Seddon St

Thursday 28 November
12.30pm Lunch & Formation meeting for Aged Care and Home Communion ministers at Parish Office. Formal notices will be sent out next week.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK & IN NEED: Maureen Fitt, Len Villani, Maria Basiline

RECENT DEATHS: Rita Ioannou

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Duffy, Bryan McEvey, Marcelo Bacarisas

Names on sick list remain for nine weeks (a Novena) unless otherwise advised. For privacy reasons people must give their permission before their names can be included. Please submit any items for the newsletter by 5pm Wednesdays.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Until further notice office hours are from 9.15am - 4.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. You may phone or email the office at any hour to leave a message.

LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTIONS [PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE ONLY ONE COLLECTION AT MASS THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS FOR BOTH PARISH AND PRESBYTERY INTO THE ONE COLLECTION TAKEN UP AT THE OFFERTORY]

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MSS ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND 2 - 3 Nov NEXT WEEK 9 - 10 Nov

Counting Team
Team 1
N. Benton
S. Kelly
T. Talbot
A. Barro
M. Gilbo

Team 3
F. Callinan
H. Healy
K. Ryan
T. Ryan
T. McKinley

6pm St Bernadette’s
Flowers
Sacristan
J. Gray
Carmel & Giovanna

Multimedia
Leader
J. Gray
G. Shamieh
T. Nibali
P. Pellizzari
T. Van Lint

Reconciliation
St Bernadette’s
E. Craven
J. Bothia
J. Pidutti
L. Dal Pozzo
A. Rizzo
M. Ryan
D. Todaro
F. Tosolini
Ranganie W.

9am Mary Immaculate
Co-ordinator
S. Moorhen
J. Costa
E. Ballao
M. Napolitano

Multimedia
Leader
S. Moorhen
J. Costa
D. Jones
S. Kelly
P. Kelly
M. Gilbo

Special Ministers
Elaine & Mary
J. Gray
F. Callinan
S. Moorhen
T. Bui
Sr. Carmel
L. Deni

10.30am Mother of God
Altar Society
P. Caddy
E. Ballao
A. Patterson

Sacristan
E. Mount
M. Napolitano
T. Barker
E. Ballao

Lector
C. Bellio
T. Nibali
R. Beltrame

Special Ministers
I. Chiera
P. Verrocchi
I. Chiera
G. Crawford
M-A Darcy
P. De Silva
HOLY SOULS’ NOVEMBER MASSES
Envelopes are available from the foyer of each church for those wishing to have a Mass offered for departed family, friends and relatives. It is not possible to specify dates for when the Mass will be offered because of other commitments regulating Mass intentions. Your Mass intention will be offered as soon as possible and dates will be published on church notice boards giving the date on which your Mass was offered.

ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION
Sunday 3 November, 7pm at St John’s Anglican Church
552 Burke Rd, Camberwell
The Anglican Parish of St John’s and the Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell, extend an invitation to members of the Catholic and Anglican Churches in Melbourne to join them for a service of Prayer for Reconciliation between the two communions. Both Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli and Archbishop Philip Freier will be present at this service and each will give a short homily. The music for the service will be provided by the combined choirs of Our Lady of Victories and St John’s, and by the Schola Cantorum of Newman College.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK
Support our local Vinnies by buying an extra grocery item each time you shop and placing it in our Vinnies Food Box in the church foyer. See the box to see preferred items of take one of the leaflets by the box.

MY SPIRIT REJOICES
Sat 30 November, 7.30pm Heidelberg Choral Society will perform the concert ‘My Spirit Rejoices’. Includes Bach’s Magnificat, ‘The King Shall Rejoice’ coronation anthem by Handel and Gounod’s St Cecilia’s Mass. Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar, Upper Heidelberg Rd and Noel St, Ivanhoe.
Cost: $40/$45 Bookings: www.trybooking/BFRLA

PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP
“Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.” Pope Francis in Laudato Si

Tips to lower your power bill:
- If you are buying a new appliance, consider going electric as modern electric items are often very energy efficient so use fewer units of energy.
- If you have solar, electric appliances will be cheaper to run especially if used during the day.

Next meeting Thursday 21 November at Parish Office.

MCKINNEY ECUMENICAL ADVENT LECTURES
1: Tuesday 12 November 8.00pm at Seddon Street Uniting Church: The History of Australian Catholic Synods & Plenary Councils (Dr. Peter Wilkinson)
2: Tuesday 19 November 8.00pm at St. George’s Anglican Church, Warcliffe Rd: The 2020 Australian Plenary Council (Dr. Peter Wilkinson)
3: Tuesday 26 November 8.00pm at Mother of God Church, Wilfred Rd: Ecumenism - Where to from here? (Rev. Ian Smith)
1ST READING Wisdom 11: 22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The whole world before you, O Lord, is like a speck that tips the scales, and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground. But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook people’s sins, so that they may repent.

Lord, you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it. How would anything have endured if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living.

For your immortal spirit is in all things. Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass, and you remind and warn them of the things through which they sin, so that they may be freed from wickedness and put their trust in you, O Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R.

2ND READING 2 Thess 1:11-2:2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

+ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

So Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

Then Jesus said of him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because Zacchaeus too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us:

Gospel: Historical Context

— Why Tax Collectors Got a Hard Time!

Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews’ taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.

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Next Week’s Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:5