



# St Patrick's Parish

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The hills are girded with joy,

the meadows covered with flocks,

the valleys are decked with wheat,

They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat

and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### General Intercessions

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **All Masses in our Parish Have Now Been Suspended**

All Masses suspended until further notice Fr Francis and Fr John will continue to pray for us in their private Masses, and we as a Parish join our prayers to theirs. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be arranged on request, please phone Sharon on 0448 658 418



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Nancy Del Tondo, Colin Du Bois  
**Sick:** Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Jo Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Jim Reid, Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Luigi Mazzotti, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O’Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Michael Jordan, Anne Moroney, Catherine Fields, Sam Lawson, Trish Macpherson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, , Mary Ovans, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Darren McInnes, Rose Roberts, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Joe Di Battista, Gwen Weaver, Stella Martin, Peter Murphy



Well, here we go again on the COVID19 merry-go-round. Just when we thought we were emerging from the slump we find ourselves back in it. Premier Daniel Andrews’ announcement on Tuesday that we are going back into at least six

weeks of a ‘stage three’ lock-down was distressing and disappointing for all of us. This will affect everyone in different ways to greater or lesser degrees of seriousness. As far as the life of the parish is concerned is means, unfortunately, no more public Masses. Apologies to all those who had booked in Masses for the weeks ahead. Sacraments are limited according to the previous restrictions: 10 for funerals; 5 for baptisms and weddings. Outside of these events all churches must remain closed to the public. Hopefully this time around we are better prepared and know what to expect.

Between 1941-1942 during the second World War London was subjected to sustained German air raids by the *Luftwaffe* known as the ‘blitz’. In an example of united national cooperation all homes would black out their windows at night to minimise the visibility of the London geography. When the German aircraft approached the sirens called alerting everyone. Many sought refuge in the underground or other purpose built bomb-shelters. Yet, extraordinarily, the majority of Londoners simply stuck it out at home. Bombing or no bombings, life went on. It’s hard to imagine the anxiety of living through something so terrifying for such a sustained period of time. Yet by all accounts

the British demonstrated a remarkable resilience and fortitude during the wartime years. Journalists of the time noted the prevailing *esprit de corps* and high morale. It is said that the Londoners came to talk about the bombings as they would the weather: “Oh dear, Margaret, wasn’t it *blitz* yesterday?” “Yes, much better today, thankfully, Mrs Bloomsbury.” The mood of British ‘stiff-upper-lipped’ resilience was captured in the now famous wartime poster: “Keep Calm and Carry On.”

Perhaps we all underestimate our human capacity for resilience. Or maybe our culture has been mollycoddled for too long – a society that has for the most part never experienced serious privation, hardship and suffering. Certainly, the situation we face with the COVID19 is incomparably less menacing and dangerous than being bombed, and yet the world seems to be falling apart at the seams. Perhaps one major cultural difference from the 1940’s to today is the decline in faith. When God is removed from the equation we can be left feeling rather small and powerless in the face of powers much greater than ourselves. For those with faith we have the consolation of the virtue of hope, knowing that God is ultimately the Lord of history. As St Paul says in his Letter to the Romans “We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him” (Rom 8:27) and therefore he asks rhetorically “If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Rom 8:31).

God, who has his purpose in all things, is with us through every trial we face. In the midst of our frustration and anxiety we can renew our trust in Jesus Christ, who is always our consolation in times of adversity. This spirit of Christian surrender to God’s will is beautifully captured in the prayer of the great Spanish mystic, St Teresa of Avila:

*Let nothing disturb you,  
 Let nothing frighten you,  
 All things are passing away:*

*God never changes.  
 Patience obtains all things  
 Whoever has God lacks  
 nothing;  
 God alone suffices.*

May the Good Lord fill your hearts with peace and trust, and let faith be our consolation in these times.  
 Fr Francis Denton



### RECONCILIATION

By appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment

**Marriages:** Please give at least six month's notice.

**Baptism:** Please contact parish office for details.

### PARISH OFFICE

Please call 0448 658 418

### PASTORAL WORKER

Please call 0448 664 731

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330

Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

### CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,

Sharon Jacob,

Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

**Phone donations:** Donate on the phone using a credit card by calling **13 18 12** (donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the name of the conference over the phone.

**Online donations:** Visit [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) (donors can direct their gift to their local conference by entering the conference name in the "comments" field)

**Cash or Cheque donations:** There will be some envelopes with a Conference Stamp left in the newsletter tub

outside the church if people wish to donate through this method. **PLEASE DON'T NOT PUT DONATIONS IN THE TUB. THERE IS A LETTER BOX SLOT DOWNSTAIRS NEAR THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**Video link** to State President Kevin McMahan: <https://bit.ly/2yEkBp3>



### WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

**Pledged Amount**            **\$1404.50**

Thanksgiving received July 4/5

Thanksgiving Collection \$    2890

Presbytery                    \$        650

Restoration                    \$        0



We are a child safe Parish

### Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes will be posted out over the coming week. We thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.



We have recently switched to NBN and having trouble accessing our office phone message bank. If you need to contact the office please call 0448 658 418



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or calling 13 18 12. Please help us to help others. Thank you.



Our parish prayer list is a powerful tool for getting things done, and every day many good people actively pray for those who are named in our newsletter each week, especially now that we are locked down yet again. Praying for others is something each of us *can* do for those we cannot meet up with. Even those in nursing homes can undertake the powerful task of supporting others who are burdened with ill health, grief or any number of other challenges. We don't need to give God specifics about what anyone else may or may not need. He knows much bigger and better than we do. Having lovingly created each of us, God is 'on it' before anyone even asks. In prayer, we beg for things on our wish list, for ourselves and for others, we thank God for his gifts, we ask for forgiveness, and we express our joy when we are bursting with appreciation for our beautiful world.

Covid time is our opportunity to be quiet, and to sit with God, to have a cuppa with him, to watch tv with him, to share a sunny spot or a warm blanket with him. As we pray for those who cross our paths in life, our prayers join with those of many, many good people who spend quiet time with the Lord. Knowing that we are part of a chain of conversations with God when we feel most alone can really bring us comfort and peace in a dark moment. We are reminded of the closeness of those who share our human journey, our brothers and sisters in Christ, companions on our road. It is good to remember that as others pray for us, we are lifted to God's heart through their concern for us. What a gift! If we take the time to recognise it, we may become aware that someone unnamed is praying for us when we manage to do something we

did not think we could do, inspiring us to find courage when we most need it.

If I stop and think, right now I am drawing God's attention to individuals who are dying, and little ones still to be born. I know, or know of friends having big operations, couples celebrating their engagement, families who are shattered through grief of all shapes and sizes, someone who is in jail, someone else who should be, a birthday girl, and a birthday boy, students studying towards a bright future, and those who have no concept of where tomorrow is likely to take them. I have beautiful friends who inspire me through their tenacity and love of life. I know those who are enduring life-changing illness, those looking for jobs, happy little kids excitedly looking forward to even more school holidays, and nameless individuals struggling to find a roof over their heads on these cold nights. I remember those who have died, and everyone affected by Covid 19 around our world. You will have your own list of those who inspire you to pray. All around us, ordinary people living ordinary lives need prayers, as we all do. We ask God's 'invisible' help to enable us to tackle our next breath, and consequently, our next adventure. Whether that next breath is our first or our last, you could say that each of us is alone, and yet each of us is never alone, immersed in God's awareness and love, and carried even more deeply into his care through the prayers of others. Prayer fascinates me, in its potential, in its simplicity, and in its effects. Our prayer is conversation with God, and as is the case in all friendships, the more time in conversation we spend with our friend, the closer our friendship becomes. Even better, those we bring to our friend also 'grow', in ways we may not ever recognise, as our prayers are answered, even when the answer is 'no' or 'not yet'. As usual, I have been thinking... Mary prayed for Jesus, her little boy, and God the Son. He still needed his mother's prayers in his human frailty. Her prayers were addressed to God, for Jesus. Hmm. Another big concept for a quiet moment of reflection... Who needs your prayers today?