

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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WHO ARE GOD'S 'FAVOURITES'?

The Mediterranean world in Jesus' time was characterised by the patron-client system. Patrons were powerful individuals who controlled the resources and were expected to use their positions to hand out favours to inferiors. They were benefactors who were expected to support city, village and client. Clients, on the other hand, were those dependent upon the largesse of patrons to survive. In return for the favours received, they showed loyalty to the patrons and would publicly honour them.

In the religious sphere, God may be seen as 'patron' because, in the words of Jesus, he is 'Lord of heaven and of earth.' God is the source of human existence and of all creation. Human beings are his 'clients.' In this relationship, holy men such as the prophets are God's brokers. But the broker par excellence is Jesus, God's Son, who intercedes in behalf of men and women.

In the world of Jesus, a patron selected clients and treated them as members of his immediate and extended 'family.' His favourites were loyal family members, military officers and political officials.

What about God? Who are his 'favourites'? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reveals that the primary objects of the Father's patronage are not the 'the learned and the clever.' These are people who are capable of looking after themselves, who may be patrons themselves. Rather, God favours the 'little ones' – the mere children – who are powerless to do or obtain anything for themselves. These are God's favoured ones, to whom Jesus refers when he says: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs' (Mt 19:14).

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (*or* Alleluia!)

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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.**



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Saturday 22 July, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Everyone is invited to and will be welcome at this special Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Denis Hart's ordination to the priesthood. This Mass of Thanksgiving on the 50th anniversary of the Archbishop's priestly ordination will be followed by light refreshments at the Central Hall, 18 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

PARISH FORUM: STRENGTHENING PARISH SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Tuesday 11 July, 9.30am-1pm St Monica's Parish Primary School, 20 Robinson Street, Moonee Ponds Recently asylum seekers have been demonised as 'fake refugees' taking advantage of Australia's generosity. The Minister for Immigration and Border Control has announced that 7500 people seeking asylum have until October this year to apply for temporary protection or face deportation. Sector experts Sr Brigid Arthur csb and Paris Aristotle AM will assess the current situation and indicate ways forward for parishes to assist people in need and contribute to more humane policies for people seeking asylum. The forum will also showcase what St Thomas the Apostle parish Blackburn and St Mary's Williamstown are doing to help. Don't miss this forum—register today. Cost: \$15 (includes refreshments and resources). Please advise of any special dietary requirements. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/QDNB> RSVP: by Tuesday 4 July Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK: <http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU22/AsylumSeekerParishForum.pdf> DOWNLOAD PROGRAM OF DAY'S EVENTS AT THIS LINK: <http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU22/AsylumSeekerForumProgram.pdf> . Flyer on the Notice Board.

Sacramental Program 2017

Enrolment for Sacraments closed for 2017. Applications for 2018 now being accepted. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

CONFIRMATION :

Parents' information Session: Thursday 20th July 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre

Commissioning Mass: Saturday 22 July 2017 @ 5.30pm

Day of Reflection : Wed 26th July from 9am—3pm

Confession : Sat 29th July after 9.15am Mass

Rehearsal & Archbishop's Talk : Tue 1st Aug from 9am—12noon

Confirmation: Sun 6 August, 2017 @ 2.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FIRST EUCHARIST FOR THE CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE SCHOOLS

Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 July 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre

Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 10.00am

First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$150 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am ,11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Paul Ward, Anna Catalano, Santo Cannarella, Phyllis Maggs
Death Anniversaries : Biagio Failla, Aldo Vesnaver, Chiarina Marinelli, Antonietta Spallotta,
 Alfio D'Alessandro, Luigi & Grazzilla Alleruzzo
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen**

PARISH DIARY

Sun 9th July @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café after 9am Mass
 Thurs 13th July @ 7pm—Scripture Studies in the Clifton Centre
 Thurs 13th July @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Parish Office
 Sat 15th July @ 10am—Hope Ministry in the Parish Office
 Sat 15th July @ 5.30pm—Bap Welcoming (Bello, Mustica & Calello Families)

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,087
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,038
Many thanks & every Blessing!

Mario & Angela's Café— This Sunday 09/07/2017 after 9am Mass. All welcome.

A community with a passion for learning
Enrol Now for Year 7 – 2019

Applications close: Friday 25 August 2017

Offers posted: Friday 13 October 2017

Acceptance Required: Friday 27 October 2017

Experience the OLMC community for yourself.

Term 3 School Tours

Wednesday 19 July 4.30 – 6.00pm **Twilight Tour**

Monday 24 July 9.00 – 10.30am **Morning Tour**

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The Yarra Deanery of Catholic Churches is offering
Training in Mental Health
For those who take Holy Communion to the Sick and Elderly

Many of those who take Holy Communion to the sick and elderly can be faced with challenging mental health issues.

This course teaches an awareness for adults in how to best deal with such challenges. The neighbouring parishes in the Yarra Deanery – the parishes in Bulleen, Doncaster, Doncaster East, Donvale, Heidelberg, Heidelberg West, Ivanhoe and Templestowe - recognise a duty of care to the wonderful volunteers who support the sick and elderly and take our most precious gift to them.

This course runs over two nights, for two hours each night. Hand-outs will be provided. The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 15. The course will cover anxiety, depression, paranoia and issues related to cognitive decline such as dementia and advanced Parkinson's.

When: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm on Thursdays 10 and 17 August 2017.

Where: St Kevin's Catholic Church, 26-44 Herlihy Road, Lower Templestowe, 3107.

Instructor: Bill Spawton, Mental Health Nurse. Bill has been an instructor to the instructors in mental health first aid training.

Cost: Nil to participants.

Registration is essential. If you are interested in attending this course please contact: Garry Nolan via email on: min.gn@bigpond.com



Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
8/9 July	<i>Sacristan</i> Elroy De Witt	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i> Yamna Taouk
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> John Bruce	Grace Canatelli
	<i>Reader</i> Linda Cultrera	Sylvia Mascitti
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Corinne Goh	David Mitchell
	Cecilia Lam	Pam Mitchell
	Reg Lecordier	Maria Papalia
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
15/16 July	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i> Grace Canatelli
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Linda Cultrera	Jim Cowhey
	<i>Reader</i> Jacinta De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Maree Marsi	Anne Fusca
	May Teh	Rita Gagliardi
	Martin Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Gabriella Grande
		Eleanora Mascitti
		Sylvia Mascitti

A FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUAL FILMS Saturday 22 July, 9.30am-4.30pm

O'Connor/Pilkington Rooms, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park The Carmelite Centre Melbourne presents this festival of five spiritual films. Each film will be introduced by the moderator, Peter Thomas. After each film, time will be allocated for discussion about the points raised in the production. Each of the five films presents a different perspective on spirituality and the spiritual life. THE FILMS: The rising tide of silence. A reflective portrait of one of today's most influential spiritual teachers, Thomas Keating. The teacher The Dalai Lama reflects on those elements that help us to live spiritually fulfilling lives. End of the earth A group of Romanian and French pilgrims lead us on a journey to Santiago De Compostola. The sacred stones A story of conflict between western values and aboriginal spirituality in the Northern Territory. Thérèse: An Australian journey The extraordinary response to the relics of Saint Thérèse that toured Australia in 2002. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available; participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch and popcorn or, during the lunch break, to go to one of the great nearby cafés.
 Cost: \$30 Details: 9690 5430

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/291649

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK: <http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU23/FestivalOfSpiritualFilms.pdf>