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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2406713>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: Recorded/watch later Mass at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy Days:

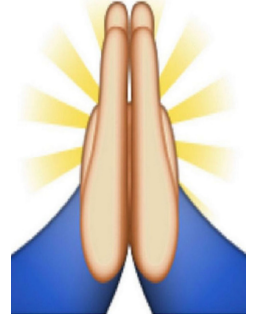
- Tue 13th: St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
- Wed 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thu 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Fri 16th: Sts Cornelius, Pope and Martyr and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Next School Grade Mass:

- Friday 14th October: 9.15 (Yr. 3)

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Athan Loucas, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Cinzia Coboche and Leo Falzon.



Death Anniversaries: Ron Allen.

Recently Deceased: Anthony Turner.

First Reading

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Gospel

Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Scriptural Context

Parables of the lost

The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel consists of three parables about that which was lost being found. The final one is the well-known story of the 'prodigal son' or, more correctly, 'the loving father'. The image of God presented in these parables challenges some popular notions of God being omnipotent and removed from his creation. Instead, Jesus tries to portray something of his own intimate relationship with a God whom he knows as Father. The images of a shepherd who is prepared to risk the safety of the flock in order to go to search out just one sheep, of a woman who puts a great deal of time and energy into the recovery of one small coin and the father who extravagantly welcomes back a son

who has treated him very badly tell of the extravagance of God's love for all, especially those who are the lost ones of society. The great rejoicing at the culmination of each parable speaks to us of the unconditional love of God and his pleasure at our positive response to his invitation to the feast.

- ♦ In what ways do these three parables offer either comfort or challenge to you?
- ♦ What have been your own experiences of overwhelming joy?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- ♦ Have you ever had the experience of being 'lost'? If so, how were you found?
- ♦ Would you leave the ninety-nine to go in search of just one? What lengths are you prepared to go to in order to find what you search for?
- ♦ Share experiences of a time when something has happened in your life that was cause for great rejoicing or celebration. How did you mark the event or incident?
- ♦ Make an effort this week to seek out someone who may be feeling a little lost or alone. Help them to experience the love of God in the kindness you offer.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ Tax-collectors were regarded as outcasts because they were employed by the Romans to collect taxes from the people. They also had a reputation for skimming a profit for themselves off the top.
- ♦ Pharisees were very concerned with ritual purity. Eating with sinners could lead one to becoming 'unclean' and thus defiled and unable to observe the Law and participate in the ritual life of Israel.
- ♦ A drachma was a Greek coin. Its name derives from the word for 'to grasp'. It was worth about the same as a Roman denarius.
- ♦ These parables are about God's search for us, rather than our search for God.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The gospels abound with instances of Jesus spending time with and showing special concern for those who were regarded as outcasts in the society of his time. This special concern for the poor and the disadvantaged has become a cornerstone of Catholic Social Teaching. The dignity of the human person is founded in the creation of humans in the image of God. Human dignity is not diminished by age, gender, economic circumstance, ethnicity or occupation. We are called to work for those in need 'in ways that neither humiliate them nor reduce them to mere objects of assistance but which help them escape their precarious situation by promoting their dignity as persons' (Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, §49). Similarly, in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis appeals 'to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us.' (See also CCC, §§1878–1896.)

- ♦ Who are the most distressed and excluded groups in Australian society?
- ♦ In what ways is the Church responding to the needs of such groups?
- ♦ Speak about particular ministries that seek out the lost and work to enhance their human dignity—for example, Sacred Heart Mission in St Kilda, St Mary's House of Welcome in Fitzroy, Ozanam House or the Vinnies Youth food vans.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The image of God as Father is often used in Scripture. It conveys both authority and deep love. Jesus uses the intimate term *Abba* (meaning 'Papa' or 'Daddy') when praying. These parables tell us something of the intimate love of the Father for all his children, especially the lost ones.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Let us extend our prayers to the Royal Family as
they, and we all mourn the loss of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)
May perpetual light shine upon her and may the
soul of this faith filled lady, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.



Pope at Audience: Discernment helps us recognize God in unexpected events

Pope Francis sheds light on the theme of discernment during his catechesis at the weekly General Audience by recalling the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and highlights how God works through unforeseen events and mishaps.

By Benedict Mayaki, SJ

St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Holy Father recalled the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and the decisive episode of the saint's life when he was home convalescing after his leg was injured in battle. To chase away boredom, St. Ignatius asked for something to read and unfortunately, only the lives of saints was to be found in the house.

In the course of reading, St. Ignatius began to discover another world that captivated him and seemed to compete with that of

he became fascinated by the figures of Sts. Francis and Dominic, with a desire to imitate them. Saint Ignatius sensed within himself an alternation of self and other, and he began to notice

In his autobiography, the saint notes that when he began to notice about the things of the world, he felt much pleasure, but when he thought of Jerusalem barefoot and other austerities, he felt dry and weary. He was not only while they were present, but also when he had ceased.



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Time and the end point of thoughts

Pope Francis noted that two aspects are noticeable in St. Ignatius' experience. First, time, because thoughts of the world are attractive at first but they lose their lustre and leave one empty and discontented. *"Thoughts of God, on the contrary, rouse first a certain resistance, but when they are welcomed, they bring an unknown peace that lasts over time."* The other aspect is the end point of thoughts, added the Pope. There is a development of discernment, and we understand what is good for us not in an abstract, general way, but in the journey of our life. In fact, St. Ignatius in the rules for discernment lays out an important premise: "In the persons who go from mortal sin to mortal sin, the enemy is commonly used to propose to them apparent pleasures, making them imagine sensual delights and pleasures in order to hold them more and make them grow in their vices and sins. In these persons, the good spirit uses the opposite method, pricking them and biting their consciences through the process of reason." *"There is a history that precedes one who discerns, a history that is indispensable to know, because discernment is not a sort of oracle or fatalism, like casting one's lot on two possibilities."* Indeed, the great questions arise when we have travelled a stretch of the road in life, and it is to that journey we must return to understand what we are looking for. Fr St. Ignatius, who was not thinking of God when he found himself injured after battle, his first experience of God was by listening to his own heart which showed him a reversal – that things that were attractive at first sight left him disillusioned, whereas in others, less dazzling, he found lasting peace.

God works in unplanned events

Another aspect of discernment is the "apparent randomness in the events of life," Pope Francis said.

During St. Ignatius' convalescence, there were no books of knights, only lives of saints – a mishap that held a possible turning point - and it is only after some time that Ignatius realized this, at which point he devoted his full attention to it. "God works through unforeseen events, and also in mishaps," stressed the Pope, pointing at the passage from the Gospel of Matthew of the man ploughing his field and coming across a buried treasure. The man subsequently recognizes it as the windfall of his life and acts accordingly, selling everything and buying the field.



Parish Footy Tipping Round 25



The 1st of the Finals was exciting, sad, joyous and not so easy for tippers. After the four games, we only had two tippers with 4 correct. It was a case of the Ladies being more astute. Congratulations to Margaret Canty and Maree O'Halloren. They have to pick two winners this week to continue in the Knockout. All other tippers have to wait and see. If neither picks 2, then everyone is back in the Knockout. This year we also have a Finals Aggregate to see who can pick the most winners in the Finals' Series. There will also be a Grand Final Special where you not only pick the winner but the correct winning margin. Quote of the Finals: As the siren sounded to end the Geelong V Collingwood Final, a number of Magpie players dropped to the grass with their heads in their hands. Their Coach was not happy. Why? He said "**You are not losers, you lost!!**"

HISTORY: Fifty years ago in 1972, there were two notable firsts. the first final at VFL Park, Waverley and the introduction of a final Five. First week Elimination match. 5th V 4th Loser, Essendon eliminated. First semi 4th V 3rd Loser Collingwood eliminated. 3rd V 2nd for 2nd position. 2nd Semi 1st V 2nd winner to Grand Final. The following 2 games (preliminary and Grand Final are decided as previously. The five teams were Carlton, Richmond, Collingwood, St. Kilda and Essendon. Carlton defeated Richmond in the Grand Final -- Carlton 28--9--177 to Richmond 22--18--150 in front of 112,393 spectators with a gate of \$148,757.



St Mac's Cafe

URGENT.....URGENT.....URGENT

St Mac's Café is seeking a Team Leader to run the Café.

The work consists of planning for, leading and directing a team of enthusiastic volunteers who see this Ministry as a way of giving something back.

The Wednesday work, as it is set up now, takes up most of the day and serves people who need some company, a good meal, a few laughs and some warmth all in a caring and friendly atmosphere.

Interested? Call me and see how we go!

Bernard Butler 0419427408

MEN'S NIGHT

At the halfway mark to the Grand Finals, Hopefuls can wear their club colours. Disappointed must come suitably dressed. Hot dogs a speciality,

just as your Mother cooked them.

B.Y.O. and join in a relaxed setting, only for a \$2.00 donation

The 3 Amigos"



March for the Babies 2022

Please keep this date free – **8th October**

and come to show your support

for the unborn

Join us for the 2022 March for the

Babies. We'll be gathering in

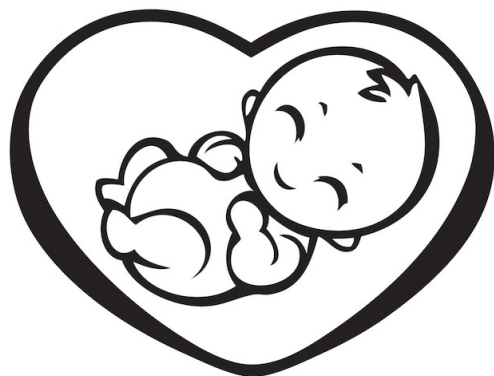
Treasury Gardens at 12:30pm and

walking to Parliament House at 1:00pm.

Come and help us celebrate life, EVERY

life, great or small, born or unborn.

Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue





Jokes of the Week



1) The most unhappy character: The priest told the story of "The Prodigal Son" to a first-grade class. To check on their understanding, he asked; "Who was the unhappy character in the story when the prodigal son returned?" An eager boy raised his hand and stated the simple truth. "The Fatted Calf."

2) The self-righteous admirer. Bishop Sheen once told a story about a trip he made by plane, and how one of the attendants made a big fuss over him. "Do you want some more coffee, Your Excellency?" "Oh, my mother prays for you every day." "I must write to her and tell her about seeing you." About that time a big Texan who had had a little too much to drink, started cursing, making passes at the attendant and creating a big ruckus. Finally, the attendant who had had enough, walked up to the Texan and said, "Sir, I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to be quiet. Bishop Sheen, the famous televangelist is flying with us." "Bishop Fulton J. Sheen is flying with us?" the Texan asked with surprise. Then he stumbled back to where Bishop Sheen was sitting and said, "Bishop Sheen, I'm so glad to meet you. I just want you to know how much your sermons have helped me to live an ideal Christian life!"

3) Pastor for the dinner on the return of the prodigal son. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis invited their priest for the dinner hosted in honor of the return of their son after long years of his wandering life. As Mrs. Dennis busied herself preparing food, she asked her little daughter to set the table. When the priest started the prayer before the meals, Mrs. Dennis noticed that her daughter forgot to place silverware for the pastor. Embarrassed at the oversight, Mrs. Dennis asked her little girl why she had not placed silverware for the pastor. "Because, Mom, I have heard Dad saying that our priest eats like a horse!"



Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 10th & 11th September 2022

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers : Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17th & 18th September 2022

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hird, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers : Kevin Morley, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Sandra Barrett

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24th & 25th September 2022

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Sandra Barrett

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