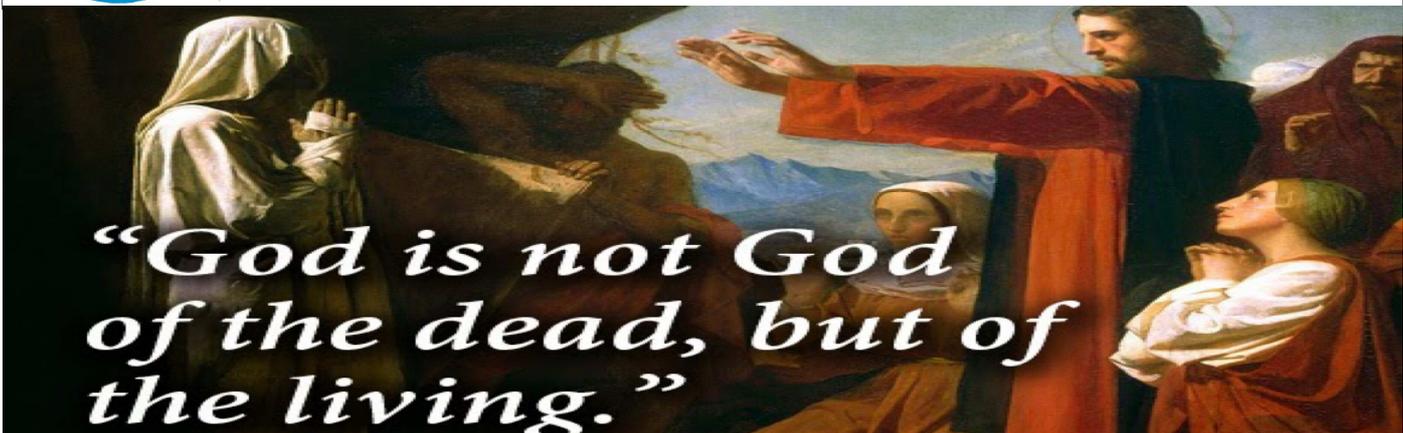




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*“God is not God
of the dead, but of
the living.”*

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
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- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

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Upcoming Holy Days:

- Wed 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Thu 10th: St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor
- Fri 11th: St Martin of Tours, Bishop
- Sat 12th: St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, 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, Leo Falzon and Geoffrey Lane.



Recently Deceased: Otilia Sauerhagen.

First Reading

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.



Have you thought?

Life after death

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all had detailed mythologies about life and death. For the most part, any concept of what occurred after death revolved around images of an underworld of torment and misery. The Jewish idea of a life after death begins to take shape based on the notion that the love of God for each person is so abundant and so indulgent that it is not limited even by death. However, the notion of resurrection developed to be an understanding of what would happen 'one day' – a great resurrection of all people at the end of time.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Now that Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and his ministry is centred at the temple, he encounters the Sadducees, who dominate temple worship. The question posed by the Sadducees in this text was not asked to elicit his teaching on this point but rather in an attempt to ridicule Jesus and disconcert him. But Jesus turns the tide and gives two answers to their question. First, he points out that they have completely misunderstood what resurrection is. The transformation of life brought by death is incomprehensible to them because they are not open to the power of God. Second, he points out that even though Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have died, Moses is conscious that they must re-

main alive in a sense because Yahweh continues to be their God—a God of the living. Death is not the end of the story and Christian faith is marked by a joy and hope that ultimately resting in God will bring. This is the destiny of the human person.

- Explore the continuity between life as we know it now and life after death.
- How do the catechumens understand 'life after death'?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How do you understand the idea of the resurrection of the dead at this point in your journey?
- What emotions arise when you consider your own death?
- While death is not an easy subject to talk about, you may like to share some memories of the death of a loved one. Celebrate the good memories of such people and the positive side of their lives. What was it that gave you solace at such times?
- If catechumens come from different cultures, you could ask them to speak of some of the rituals and beliefs associated with death or funerals in those cultures.
- Visit the graves for your loved ones at some stage during the month of November. Pray especially for friends and relatives who have passed away.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The rule about a brother marrying a childless widow is known as the ‘Levirate Law’, specified in Deuteronomy 25:5–10. It was really designed to protect the woman who, as a childless widow, had no social status and no one to provide for her needs.
- The Sadducees largely lived in Jerusalem around the temple precinct. They came from a relatively small number of wealthy and influential families. The high priest and chief priests often came from Sadducee families. They often controlled the necessary temple trade.
- The Sadducees were a priestly caste of conservative Jews who followed the written law of the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible. Resurrection of the dead is not mentioned in these books, so they did not adhere to this belief. This is in contrast to the Pharisees, who also adhered to the oral law and the writings and therefore did believe in resurrection of the dead.
- November is the month when the Church remembers especially those who have died.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Creed that is recited at the Mass each week affirms that ‘we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come’. Belief in the resurrection of the dead has been an essential element of the Christian faith from its beginnings (CCC, §991) and this has always met with some degree of incomprehension and opposition (§996). While many generally accept that life continues after death in a spiritual fashion, the most difficult part of the concept is the resurrection of the body. Catholics believe that, ‘In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God,’ but through the power of God, at the end times, God ‘will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls’ (§997).

- Explore the section of the Catechism that deals with our understanding of Christian death and resurrection (§§988–1014).
- You could look at the funeral rite and note the signs of hope and celebration in that ritual. How does this help us understand death?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Traditionally, black has been the colour associated with mourning, but since the Second Vatican Council, white vestments are worn at the celebration of a funeral. This is to emphasise the connection between the joy of the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of all believers that they, too, will share this resurrection.

Pope at Angelus: ‘Like saints, be builders of peace’

On the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis says the lives of the saints can inspire us to live radically as peacemakers, boldly building the way to peace through works of mercy, love, and justice.- By Sophie Peeters

Speaking to the faithful gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus on the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis reflected on today’s Gospel, the Beatitudes of Jesus (Mt 5:1-12), saying they serve as a form of "identity card" for the saints. Rather than having the stereotypical view that all saints lived “perfect” and “precise” lives, the Pope said the Beatitudes rather show another side of the equation: the saints lived radically “countercultural” and “revolutionary” lives.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers’

Taking the example of the the peacemakers” (v. 9), the peace Jesus brings is often what we imagine or would find as. Often, the Pope of “peace” for us means alone without any disruption. Rather, Jesus calls on us to building peace through mercy.

“The Bible speaks of a cause it germinates from the seed of our heart; it grows in through works of justice and

nous witnesses we are celebrating today show us.” Jesus’ life, and those of the saints, Pope Francis continued, shows us that the “seed of peace must first die” in order to grow and bear fruit. “Peace is not achieved by conquering or defeating someone, it is never violent, it is never armed.”



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Disarming the heart

What must one do to become a peacemaker? Pope Francis notes that although we all have the ability to say sharp words or have aggressive thoughts, the first step to becoming a peacemaker is rather to disarm the heart by opening ourselves to Jesus, standing before His Cross, and receiving from Him in Confession “forgiveness and peace.” *“This is where we begin, because being peacemakers, being saints, is not our ability, it is His gift, it is grace.”*

An eternal reward for those who build peace

Pope Francis continued by asking if in our everyday lives, we desire to bring peace or if we seek to bring pain, gossip, and controversy through our daily actions.

The Pope noted that building peace is about caring for those at the margins, fighting injustice, and forgiving others.

Those who build the path towards peace will be, as Jesus says, ultimately rewarded in heaven and called “children of God.”

Although they may seem “out of place” in today’s world, the Pope noted, peacemakers in Heaven will be closest to God.

“Those who love everyone and hurt no one win: as the Psalm says, ‘there is a future for a man of peace.’”

The Pope concluded by invoking the Virgin Mary, “Queen of all saints,” to help us “be peacemakers in our daily lives.”

DECRIMINALISING SEX WORK: DO WE WANT TO TAKE A PUBLIC STAND?

Dear Parishioners,

I don't often take a public stance on social issues but recently I was called and interviewed by a reporter from our local Leader Newspaper and I believe the article also reached the Herald Sun. Subsequently, I've been interviewed on 3AW and I have now been approached by a group to be the advocate of protest for this issue.

The issue being, there is an amendment (VC217 - Decriminalising sex work), to be introduced to the Victorian Planning Provisions (VPP) to come into operation on 1 December 2023. It speaks about decriminalising sex work to "achieve better public health and human rights". But it involves the following:

- The Sex Work Decriminalisation Act 2022, will repeal the existing Sex Work Act 1994. Planning schemes and Part 4 of the Sex Work Act currently operate together to regulate the use and development of land for a brothel. Part 4 of the Act contains restrictions on the granting of a planning permit for a brothel
- All restrictions in Part 4 of the Sex Work Act on where a brothel can be established will be repealed by the Sex Work Decriminalisation Act. These controls will not be re-enacted in the VPP and planning schemes.
- **Brothels will become known as a sex service premises and will be treated in the same way as other businesses that provide personal services.**

The VPP and all planning schemes will be amended to:

- Delete clause 53.03 (Brothels) which links planning decision making to the Sex Work Act
- Delete the land use term brothel and Insert the land use term sex services premises (where required)
- **Align planning controls for a sex services premises with those that apply to a shop in commercial and mixed use areas.**
- **Allow sex work to be carried out as a home based business**
- etc, etc

My objection was and is: that sex service premises could now be placed next to a school, childcare centre, places of worship, your home and even in a shopping centre! I also do not believe the reasoning the Gov't give for better protection of workers is valid. As more sex services that no longer require a permit in certain zones are more likely to be at risk by criminals to the rampant dehumanization of women & girls. **So - do we as a Parish want to stand up and voice our protest?**

Let me know by email: geoffrey.mcilroy@cam.org.au

Fr Geoff

For more information: vic.gov.au/sex-work-decriminalisation

PIETY STORE

Hello fellow Parishioners,

Hope you are all happy and enjoying life?

I am repeating this notice, with a couple of changes, because many of you were so impressed with the items for sale that I have added more on the table. Please take this opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. A great time to pick up a religious item at a great price.

They say a change is as good as a holiday, so the Gift Shop is having a [clearance sale](#) to make room for a different variety of stock to what we are currently carrying. There are popular items that we will always have on the shelves due to the constant demand for them, but we feel it's time to give you more variety across the board. For example: I purchased one Spiritual Book and due to demand for this book, I added others from the series. To date we have sold 13. They make the most beautiful gift, a gift you would be proud and excited to give, knowing just how special a gift it is. It can be given for any occasion. I would be over the moon to find one under my Christmas tree.

We have also recently purchased several larger Nativities. The first Sunday they were on display we sold 3 of the five. These also have been reordered and due in this week along with the books.



All the sale goods will be on the large table outside of the Gift Shop on Saturday before Mass from 5pm – 6pm, and on Sunday from 8.30am – 12.30pm so please call pass and see if there are a few gifts to help you with your Christmas shopping at a really good price. A religious gift at Christmas is the perfect gift. We have several tiny nativities which make great stocking fillers; they are great for the kids room, on dressers or window ledges, a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

We have Christmas cards and Columban Calendars, so please don't leave it too long or you will find we have sold out.

Have a great week and stay safe.

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Sunday 13 November 2022



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- Music
- Surprises

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Just bring yourselves and your Teddy Bears, for a special treat

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

*Following on from our "what is homelessness" forum.
An in depth conversation about the context of housing on the
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from here.*

Date: Tuesday 8th Nov 2022
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Theatre
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Cost: Free

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Keynote Speaker

Paul McDonald
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Jokes of the Week



1) Pastor: Now Jimmy, tell me, frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

No, Father, I don't have to. My mum is a good cook.

2) "Both of us are Halloween!": Two little neighbour girls about the same age, one Christian and one Jewish, were constant companions. After one Easter holiday, the grandfather of the Christian girl asked her what her friend had

received for Easter. The girl in surprise, and said, "But that Becky is Jewish and she Easter." Then she went on to



looked at her grandfather Grandpa, you should know wouldn't get anything for explain patiently, "You see,

I'm Easter and she's Passover. I'm Christmas and she's Hanukkah." Then with a big smile, she added, "but I'm really glad that both of us are Halloween."

3) When is the Resurrection? A young preacher, very zealous about soul-winning, came upon a farmer working in his field. Being concerned about the farmer's soul the preacher asked the man, "Are you labouring in the vineyard of the Lord, my good man?" Not even looking at the preacher and continuing his work the farmer replied, "Naw, these are soybeans." The young, determined preacher tried again asking the farmer, "Are you prepared for the resurrection?" This caught the farmer's attention and he asked, "When's it gonna be?" Thinking he had accomplished something the young preacher replied, "It could be today, tomorrow, or the next day." Taking a handkerchief from his back pocket and wiping his brow, the farmer remarked, "Well, don't mention it to my wife. She doesn't get out much and she'll wanna go all three days."

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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5th & 6th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Kath Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Zofia Kraus

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Faye Murphy, Michael Turner

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Sandra Barrett

Feast of Christ the King – 19th & 20th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Britton, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Failla

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton