

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## First Reading [Is 53:10-11](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

## Second Reading [Heb 4:14-16](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

## Gospel [Mk 10:35-45](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus

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said to them, ‘The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.’

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: ‘You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’

## Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**REFLECTION** by Scott Hahn

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they’re asking in today’s Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honours.

But the road to Christ’s kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God’s judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins. But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins.

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah’s suffering servant, whom we read about in today’s First Reading.

Like Isaiah’s servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel’s priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people.

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today’s Epistle. Israel’s high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood.

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed “the many”—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today’s Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today’s Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him. We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death.

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood.

**Inspiration from the Saints:** “What unites us is much greater than what divides us!”

St. Pope John XXIII

## **SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT...**

A priest decided to skip church one Sunday morning to go and play golf. He told his assistant that he wasn't feeling well and drove to a golf course in another town, so that nobody would know him.

He teed off on the first hole. A huge gust of wind caught his ball, carried it an extra hundred yards and dropped it right in the hole, for a 450 yard hole in one.

An angel looked at God and said "What'd you do that for?" God smiled and said "Who's he going to tell?"

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068  
Parish Contact Person: Mrs Faye Nihill 5092 1326

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries: Sick:** Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir and Josephine Sciberras 🙏

**May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace.**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Group 1 - Hopefully!

Reader: John Galvin

Prayers of the Faithful: Les Gregg

Offertory Procession: Volunteers

### Collections: 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Ouyen: \$127.60

Planned Giving: \$530.00

### Church Cleaning:

October: Merrill & John Boland

### Presbytery Cleaning:

October: Celia Reidy

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Father will be available before and after Mass for Reconciliation Or at any other time by appointment

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00 pm, all welcome!

### Online/TV Masses 6:00am Mass on Channel 10.

The **Ballarat Cathedral** has Mass every day at <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/> or the **Horsham Eucharistic Facebook** group page (which usually live-streams at 10:30 am and can be watched at any later time) can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>

**Masses:** At present we are permitted to have 20 people at Mass. Father will also be saying Mass of a **Friday afternoon at 4:00pm**. This Mass is also capped at 20 and will not be allocated but will be on a first come first serve basis. As a rule of thumb, we usually have 15/16 at

this Mass so it provides another opportunity for those who are not allotted to the coming Sunday. It is really important that if you know you will not be at your allocated Mass you let either Faye or Marie know before hand so that we can slot people in. We actually have 47 people that attend Mass regularly so we will be relying on who will and who won't be there. **Please let us know if you will be away so that no one needlessly misses out. If you have any questions please speak to either Faye or Marie. \*Please note that if you are not in the Mass group for the week, a bulletin will be delivered to your letterbox if you are in town. \*Sacred Heart \*Mildura** are also streaming Mass again. You can find them on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in **Sacred Heart Parish Mildura**.

**PRAYER FOR RAIN:** Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, especially in these coming months to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**New Appointments as of the 10<sup>th</sup> Of January 2022:** Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes having served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish having served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years.

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As I write this, I have no idea whether we will still be in “lockdown” on the weekend or not and whether Mass will be possible for Group 2. I do know that both Peter and I have been at an exposure site so there is no possibility of me printing or delivering this bulletin – possibly/probably for the next 14 days. Hopefully the lockdown will lift and only those affected by the exposure site will have to isolate 🧑🏻 but who knows. So those that receive this via email will receive it regardless and I will try to find some way of keeping our news generated. In the meantime, let us look for the beauty around us, stay closer to Jesus through our prayer, keep in contact with each other via phone or any other safe way and stay positive.

**Report from the Plenary:** Well, the first General Assembly of the Plenary Council is over! Meanwhile the Steering and Drafting Committees will continue working on the proposals made during last week; this will continue to up until next July when the second and final Assembly takes place in Sydney; perhaps with more input from some of the “small groups”. Thankfully I am not on either Committee, however Bishop Paul is. Probably the first question everyone would like to know is – was it successful? I would have to say ‘yes.’ Before joining our individual ‘small groups’ we were asked to preference 6 of the 16 questions to be discerned, in order of interest. My first choice was, “How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples?” and that is the group to which I was assigned. There is lot to unpack in that question as there was in each of the 16 questions, but it is the one that I felt was the most urgent because I want our parish and the whole Church in Australia to be dynamic and flourish. The Church is made up of parishes and ours is pretty typical of many in Australia, not discounting our size. However, the Church in Australia cannot flourish and be vibrant if our parishes are not. One of the criticisms people put forward about the Plenary was that it would be nothing more than a talk-fest, and nothing would come of it. I think they are proved wrong when, speaking from my groups point of view we came up with 4 concrete proposals regarding our question – something I did not think remotely possible late on Wednesday night. Yes, it was messy and there were disagreements over . . . a lot of things, but it was always honest and respectful. There were debates over the exact meaning of terms and what was meant by words such as ‘parish’ and ‘missionary’ and would it be generally understood? And just when we thought we were getting somewhere someone raised the valid point that we were actually dealing more with “formation of parishes” – which was not our department 🙏

Yes, the First General Assembly did get somewhere, many groups came up with concrete proposals. I believe it is the start of a way ahead, a positive step towards a better future for our Church in Australia and that means each of us. A saying I had not heard before resonated and has stayed with me from the opening day “we cannot hurry the river.” It will take time, as all good things do. Significantly, it is nine months until we meet again for the Second General Assembly of the Plenary Council. I wonder at what goodness it will bring to birth.



**Blessed** – is a beautiful **Advent and Christmas reflection guide** that will be available for personal reflection not as a group discussion. Copies are \$5 and can be ordered by contacting Marie, as soon as possible due to the mail delays.

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