

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 July 2016

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Jubilee Year
of Mercy
2015/16

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading : Genesis 18:20-32
2nd Reading : Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel : Luke 11:1-13

RESPONSE

*The just will live
in the presence of
the Lord*

ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous
heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!*



"You are anxious - one thing is needful"

Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence.

Give your concerns and pre-occupations to the Lord

Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord attentively? And does the Lord find a welcomed and honoured place in your home?

Always welcome the Lord into your home and heart

The Lord Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honour the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

When you sit, eat, sleep and when you entertain your friends and guests, remember that the Lord Jesus is also the guest of your home. Scripture tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travellers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favourably for his gracious hospitality (Genesis 18:1-10; Hebrews 13:2). The Lord wants us to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us. God, in turn, blesses us with his gracious presence and fills us with joy.

"Lord Jesus, to be in your presence is life and joy for me. Free me from needless concerns and preoccupations that I may give you my undivided love and attention."

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Catholic Mission Appeal 2016

There will be a special collection in all masses this weekend to support this year's mission to Cambodia. Sr. Anne Morrison FCJ will talk about this during the 10am and 5pm Sunday masses.

JUST AS YOU DID IT ... You did it to me
Matthew 25:40

Please give life & a new future to the least of these children

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL ESPECIALLY TO IAN MARTIN WHO HAVE HELPED AND DONATED ALMOST 6 KGS OF USED POSTAGE STAMPS TO MARY MACKILLOP INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR PERU APPEAL.

THANKSGIVING

Church : \$ 1,301.36
Presbytery: \$ 933.00
(Retired Priest & Archdiocese)

THANK YOU!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The OLOL Sacramental Preparation group headed by Jacinta Joy will hold the Confirmation Classes beginning this Saturday, 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Narthex. This is in preparation for this year's Holy Confirmation which is scheduled on 28 October 2016.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Alby O'hehir, Kathleen Borman, Marie Wallace, Germano Artini, Bonnie Arthur, Mae Lamb, Harold Rogers, Mary Turner, Paul Edge, Mary Evelyn Dwyer, Mary Garrat

SICK : Mary Edmonds, Brian Taggart, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay, Geoff Bell, Stan Piergrosse



Pope Francis: pray for those who scorn, take advantage of you

Pray for those responsible for extreme poverty, for the rich who feast unaware of people in need at their door, and for priests who ignore those who are hurting, Pope Francis has told people living a precarious existence.

Say a prayer for these people, wish them well and 'ask Jesus that they convert, and I assure you that if you

do this, there will be great joy in the church, in your hearts and also in beloved France,' the pope told his audience.

The pope met with about 200 people from the French province of Lyon, who are homeless, living in poverty or coping with an illness or disability.

The group was on pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Philippe Barbarin of Lyon and the All Together With Dignity Fourth World movement founded by Father Joseph Wresinski, who ministered to deprived families in urban and rural parishes.

Meeting with the group this week in the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall, the pope told them he had a favour to ask them, or rather, he said, he was giving them a mission to carry out. It is 'a mission that only you, in your poverty will be able to accomplish,' he said in Italian, while an aide translated into French.

See complete article at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Video released for Pope's July prayer intentions

Pope Francis' prayer intentions this month focus on the Indigenous, Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has been releasing video messages to illustrate his monthly prayer intentions, announced by the Apostleship of Prayer. The July video, produced by The Apostleship of Prayer, has now been released.

Pope Francis' evangelization intention is for Latin America and the Caribbean, and prays that "the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm."

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Embracing the differently abled: Professor Greg Craven, ACU

NEXT MONTH in Melbourne, a conference sponsored by Australian Catholic University will look at the acute challenge that disability poses within the Church and the barriers that exist, even in our own parish communities.



ACU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Greg Craven, writes about disabled people integrating fully into parish life, as well as how the upcoming conference, 'Exclusion and Embrace', will address those and other challenges in today's Catholic society.

See complete article at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Chained-up in Cambodia

Many Cambodians view the mentally ill as being possessed by evil spirits and are often shackled and confined.

Father Kevin Conroy, a Maryknoll priest associate, works to unshackle mentally ill people, but the problem is a protracted one. "I feel angry about this situation," says Father Kevin Conroy, who has been working in Cambodia for 10 years. "Local Catholic priests often tell me about mentally ill people in their parishes whom they are unable to help ... these are the poorest of the poor."

Mental illness is a widespread and under treated in this Southeast Asian nation that is still recovering from the trauma of the Khmer Rouge government's reign of terror under leader Pol Pot.

See complete article at <http://www.ucanindia.in/news/>

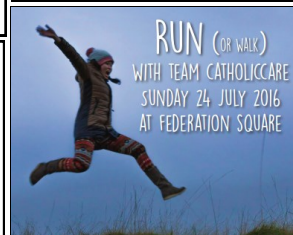
VISITING theologian and pastor, Monsignor Professor Tomas Halik (Prague), spent the weekend on either side of Melbourne.



On Saturday he led a Year of Mercy reflection at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Keysborough, where he talked about the need for open hearts and open minds to be able to dialogue with God. "We need to listen – with open hearts and open minds to the everyday events in which God is speaking to us ... We need to try to understand, to answer and to live in mutual dialogue with God."

On Sunday he visited the parish community of Resurrection Parish, Kings Park. Reflecting on the gospel question "Who is my neighbour?" (Parable of the Good Samaritan), the Monsignor stressed that "what we need is a culture of nearness, especially in our divided and fragmented world of today. ... Perhaps what is more important to God is not whether or not we believe in him, but whether or not we love him, and therefore whether we love our neighbours, because faith without love is nothing; a faith without love is empty."

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TEAM CATHOLIC CARE RUN FOR REFUGEES
Sunday 24 July, Federation Square, Melbourne

Dust off your running shoes—it's time to join Team CatholicCare in our Run for Refugees at the

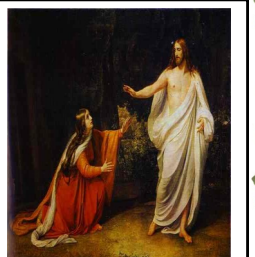
annual Run Melbourne event. Team CatholicCare is fundraising for its refugee and settlement programs. When refugees arrive in Australia they need extra support for successful integration and settlement in a new country. This is where CatholicCare responds with support and services. Together, we can welcome refugees and help them with the social and life skills they need to settle safely. Our target is to recruit 100 'Team CatholicCare' members and raise \$20,000. All it would take is 100 team members raising just \$200 each, but the sky is the limit. The first 50 people to join Team CatholicCare and fundraise will receive a free Team CatholicCare t-shirt. Plus, CCI Personal Insurance will donate \$40 for every person who registers with Team CatholicCare.

Details: www.ccam.org.au/events or fundraising@ccam.org.au

Feast of the Week

22 July—St. Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene is known as the one who loved Christ and who was greatly loved by Christ, and was called a "witness of Divine Mercy" by St. Gregory the Great and an "apostle of the apostles" by St. Thomas Aquinas. Recently Pope Francis has raised it to the rank of Feast rather than a Memorial.



NOTICE

FATHER SEBASTIAN WILL BE ON ANNUAL LEAVE AND RETREAT FROM 15 AUGUST 2016 TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2016. DURING HIS ABSENCE, FR. JACOB AND FR. MICHAEL WILL TAKE CARE OF THE PARISH.