



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 August 2017

Year A



Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

RESPONSE

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!*

CAREFUL WHAT YOU REACH FOR

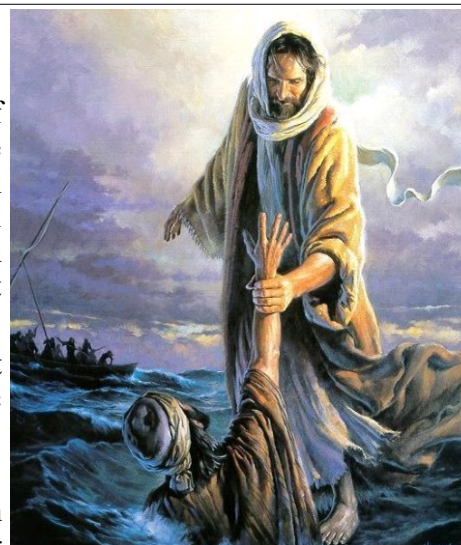
Be careful what you reach for when you are hurting or fearful.

That's an important message from today's Gospel. Peter finds himself sinking in a storm. He reaches out to Jesus, who brings him to safety. We have no control over what storms burst in our lives. But we do have control over who or what we reach for when the storms come. Like Peter, we'll find ourselves sinking if we take our focus off Jesus during those tough times. And like the homeless addict I met, we might make mistakes that hurt us for years to come.

Young people are vulnerable to lots of storms – pain and hurt they just can't avoid or control. Many live in abusive homes or with alcoholic parents. Many suffer in poverty. Many hurt from friends who betray them. Many feel unyielding pressure from parents, teachers, or coaches to excel.

If any of that is true of you, reach out to Jesus for help. Turn away from some things others might choose, like isolation, cutting, drugs, sex, or violence. Strengthen your prayer life. Don't miss Mass. Talk with someone you trust. Open up at youth group. Like Peter, you'll find Jesus offering you strength, peace, and a way to safety.

Excerpt from Gospel Connection of GPBS available at www.mailchi.mp



Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15 August
Mass at 9:00am and 7:30pm



Prayer to the Assumption of Mary
Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BRING FLOWERS AND PUT THEM IN THE OUR LADY'S GROTTO INSIDE THE CHURCH

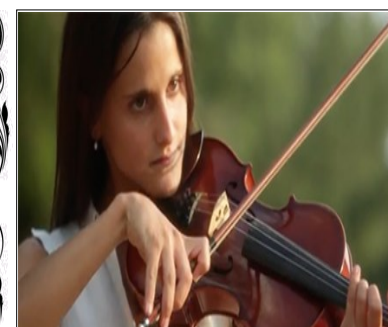
THANKSGIVING

Church: \$1,645.66 Priest: \$935.00
(Retired Priest & Archdiocese)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Sonia Pascuzzi, Vivien Lee, Hans Van Egmond, Joseph Cahalane, Jenny O' Sullivan, John Theideman, Anton Reinecke, Gertrude Cummins, Sylvian Hart, Catherine Crawley, Marjorie Francis, Felimon Burayag.

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Stan Piergrosse, Ted Davies, Peter Lisle



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYS FOR ARTISTS'

Pope Francis has released a video message accompanying his monthly prayer intention for August.

This month's intention is for artists: "That artists of our time, though their creativity, may help us discover the beauty of creation."

The text of the video message reads:

The arts give expression to the beauty of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God's creation.

When we admire a work of art or a marvel of nature, we discover how everything speaks to us of Him and of His love.

That artists of our time, though their creativity, may help us discover the beauty of creation.

To watch the video, please go to Catholic News website at www.cathnews.com



SALESIAN PRIEST JAILED FOR ABUSING STUDENTS

Another priest was jailed yesterday for sex abuse crimes against children while teaching at Salesian College, Rupertswood, in Melbourne's northwest, the *Herald Sun* reports.

Frank de Dood, 64, pleaded guilty to six indecent assault charges against five boys aged 11 to 16, between 1978 - 1983. Four of the students were abused at the Salesian's Rupertswood college in Sunbury where de Dood taught between 1981 and 1986. One student was abused at the Salesian campus at Chadstone.

At the County Court yesterday, de Dood was jailed for three years, with a non parole period of 20 months. He joins a raft of his former clergy colleagues from the school including Julian Fox and David Rapson who are both serving significant jail terms.

The school, which de Dood attended as a student, has been dubbed a "school of horrors". He abused boys at random, sometimes as punishment and sometimes to "teach them about love".

Judge Susan Cohen said de Dood exploited vulnerable youths and their families who had put their trust in him as a priest and teacher.

Full report is available at www.cathnews.com

THE DOOR TO OUR WINTER HEART

Saturday, 26 August at 10:00am till 2:00pm

Please join **Jan Webster** for a heart filled reflection morning to be held in the Narthex.

Morning tea supplied

BYO lunch

Please book at the Parish Office.

RSVP by 21 August

Cost \$10



CatholicCare Sunday Appeal 19- 20 August 2017

Strengthening families and communities

Above all, clothe yourselves in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... and be thankful

(Col 3:14-15)

ELEVEN DEAD IN NIGERIA CHURCH ATTACK



A shooting spree at a church in southeastern Nigeria has left at least 11 people dead and another 18 critically wounded, *Crux* reports.

Pope Francis yesterday extended his "heartfelt condolences" to the faithful of the Diocese of Nnewi in Nigeria, where the attack occurred.

Police officials described the incident as apparently related to a local dispute, rather than anything carried out by the radical Islamic terrorist movement Boko Haram.

The incident at St Philip Catholic Church in Ozubulu, a town within the country's Anambra state, occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning, during a regularly scheduled 6am Mass.

Many details of the attack remain unclear. Either one man or a larger group of gunmen, depending on various accounts, entered the church seeking a specific individual described in media reports as a local drug baron, after looking for him at his home and being informed he was at Mass.

Full report is available at www.cathnews.com

ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS

Sunday, 27 August 2017

Rosary at 2.00 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm

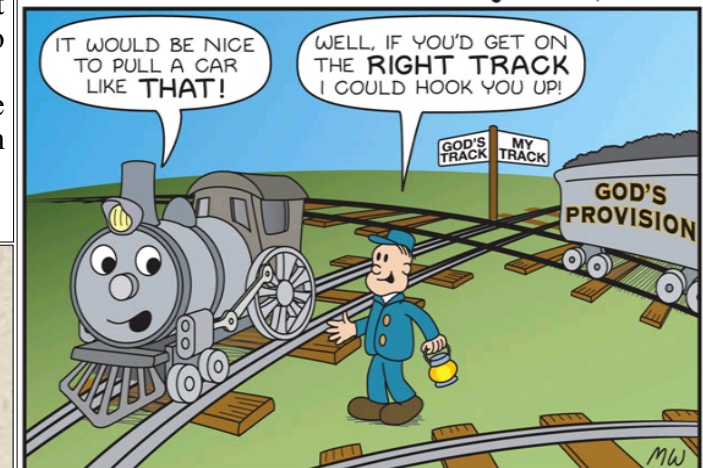
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Main celebrant: Archbishop Denis J Hart DD

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

THE RIGHT TRACK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. - MATTHEW 6:33 NIV