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Secretary: Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)

Office Hours: Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 3:00pm

Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm

VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.



MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth and the young, new and elderly families into its orbit.

HOLY MASS

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil): 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am
(followed by **Benediction & Adoration on First Friday**)
Tuesday: 7:30pm
(followed by **Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction**)

(**Rosary:** 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Second Sunday of the month, 11:15am
(2 months advance notice)

Baptism Preparation: Second Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.

Reconciliation: Tuesday: 7pm & Saturday: 5.30pm

Marriage: Minimum 6 months advance notice is required

Sacramental Preparation: Call Parish Office

LOL Primary School
Principal: Ross Williams Tel: (03) 9729 3411

Parish Finance Committee Chairman: Michael Di Paola Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Michael Dennis

PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS

Liturgy: Roger Ratcliffe & Sherman Sta. Maria

Baptism Preparation: Rudy Vail & Maureen Mardy

Sacramental Preparation: Jacinta Joy

Home Visits & Holy Com.: Jan Webster

Counseling: Jan Webster

Care & Support Group: Anne Tilley

Liturgy Roster: Dany Lim

Altar Servers: Sujeev Rajan

Lit. of the Word for Children: Maureen Mardy

Our Lady of Fatima Visit: Veronica Measki

Bible Discussion Group: George Lucky (Call 0418336697)

Parish Choirs: P. Lisle / M. Dennis / Fons;
S. Fernandes; S. Egmond; K.D'Souza;
Galang / Cabisidan's

Prayer Group: Yvonne Fenech (Wed 7:30 pm)

Mothers Prayers: Margaret Stolke (Mon 7 pm)

Child Safety Officers: Peter Goggin & Maureen Mardy

Narthex Coordinator: Bernadette Pascoe

Altar Linen: Bernadette Pascoe

Counting & Banking: Barry Dempsey

Piety Stall: Maryan Lisle

Library: Anne Tilley

Cuppa: Bernadette Pascoe & Mary McKiterick

Art & Environment: Veronica Measki

Garden: Veronica Measki

Event Management: Carol Smith

Bingo: Ann Mackay

Parish Website: Danny Lim & Abel Sujeev

Craft Group: B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick (Thurs 9:30 am)

Maintenance: Peter Goggin

Men's Group: John Tilley (Last Mon 7:30 pm)

SVDP Society: For help, call 1300 305 330

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 SEPTEMBER 2019

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We aim to be a Safe and Inclusive Parish!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
2nd Reading: Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

RESPONSE

I will rise and go to my father.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOD WAS IN CHRIST, TO RECONCILE THE WORLD TO HIMSELF; AND THE GOOD NEWS OF RECONCILIATION HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US. Alleluia!

MERCY IS OUR DESTINY

We find many problems in today's gospel – a sheep got lost, a coin was mislaid, and a son left home. Yet the main theme is to Rejoice. Jesus rejoices at the repentance of a sinner more than remembers the sin. Not just because he has said sorry, but because his turning to God makes God happy. He seems to want to give the best of himself – his mercy. Receiving and opening to mercy is our destiny. We are at our best in receiving the mercy of God and the forgiveness of another. We belong to the community of mercy. The sheep belonged in the sheepfold and now is back, a happy sheep on the shoulders of Jesus. The coin belonged on the crown a lady wore – her dowry – and the coin was back where it belonged. Shepherd and lady were rejoicing, not giving out to the sheep nor giving out about the coin. With the mercy of God we are back where we belong – in the love of God. We rejoice in this and God rejoices in our happiness with him.



If we can be grateful for mercy in our lives, then we will rejoice for mercy shown to others. Mercy heals desires for revenge and lessening anger. Then we are sharing in the joy of Jesus. 'It is the beating heart of the gospel (Pope Francis). Remember a time in your life when you felt the mercy of God or the forgiveness and understanding of another. Be grateful! Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and heal the wounds of my sin.

Source: Fr Donal Neary SJ is editor of the Sacred Heart Messenger <https://sacredheartmessenger.com>. Image from <https://www.loyolapress.com>

POPE FRANCIS ON THE PARABLE OF THE MERCIFUL FATHER

I am always struck when I reread the parable of the merciful father; it impresses me because it always gives me great hope. Think of that younger son who was in the father's house, who was loved; and yet he wants his part of the inheritance. He goes off, spends everything, hits rock bottom, where he could not be more distant from the father. Yet when he is at his lowest, he misses the warmth of the father's house and he goes back. And the father? Had he forgotten the son? No, never. He is there, he sees the son from afar; he was waiting for him every hour of every day. The son was always in his father's heart, even though he had left him, even though he had squandered his whole inheritance, his freedom. The father, with patience, love, hope, and mercy had never for a second stopped thinking about him, and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach: his son has returned! And that is the joy of the father. In that embrace for his son is all this joy: he has returned! God is always waiting for us; he never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence, hope-always!

A great German theologian, Romano Guardini, said that God responds to our weakness by his patience, and this is the reason for our confidence, our hope (see Glaubenserkenntnis [Würzburg, 1949], p. 28). It is like a dialogue between our weakness and the patience of God; it is a dialogue that, if we have it, will grant us hope.

I would like to emphasize one other thing: God's patience has to call forth in us the courage to return to him, however many mistakes and sins there may be in our life. Jesus tells Thomas to put his finger in the wounds of his hands and in his side. Maybe someone among us here is thinking, my sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable; my unbelief is like that of Thomas. I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him. He will take care of everything. For God, we are important; indeed we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart.

Excerpted from *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis available at <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: OLOL Parish Family expresses our thoughts and prayers to the family of Charles and Linda Morais at the passing away of their father, Augustin Morais.

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Watycha, Joseph Constantino, Bradley Strich, James Henry Foster, Bernadette Palone, Joan Worsnop, Leo Brown.

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Pam Burke, Nigel Goggin, Matthew MacDonald, Wendy Markby, Angelita Augustine, Fiona Scudds, Josephine Fenech, Amanda Kenny.



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SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

This weekend we are invited to acknowledge and pray for all the Catholic social services agencies across the Archdiocese of Melbourne that offer professional and volunteer services and support to those most needy and marginalised in our society. More information and support possibilities can be found at www.css.org.au

SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM UP TO BATTLE DISADVANTAGE

More than 20 Catholic social service providers have joined with researchers from the Australian National University to commission new research into entrenched disadvantage.

Catholic Social Services Australia chief executive Ursula Stephens said the Identifying Locational Drivers of Entrenched Disadvantage project "is a significant coming together across the national Catholic social services network".

The aim of the research is to identify what drives and entrenches disadvantage in every suburb of Australia. Among its innovations is factoring in population change and projecting trends over the next 10 years.

Australian Catholic Bishop Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge delivered a video message supporting the project. "Each day, the Church works with people living on or below the poverty line. We provide accommodation, meals and support when they have nowhere else to turn," Archbishop Coleridge said.

Fr Mick Lowcock, head of North West Queensland Indigenous Catholic Social Services, one of the project partners, said it was impossible to overstate the importance of the Church's ongoing service to those in need. Full report at www.cathnews.com

LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The 'Listening and Discernment' phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PARISH FORUM: PLANNING TO OFFER SHELTER IN WINTER 2020

Tuesday 24 September 6.00 for 6.30 - 8.30pm
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
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Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566

WORKSHOP FOR EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER AFTER THE 10AM MASS
If you are 18 years of age and leading an exemplary life, you are invited to join this parish ministry. Sign-in sheet is available in the Narthex.

CLERGY CONFERENCE 16 - 19 SEPTEMBER

JUST A REMINDER NO MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, ONLY COMMUNION SERVICE.

POPE: POVERTY NOT PART OF GOD'S PLAN

God's plan for humanity involves community, mutual support, sharing and caring for each other and for the earth, Pope Francis said during Mass for almost one million people in Madagascar last weekend. "As we look around us, how many men and women, young people and children are suffering and in utter need. This is not part of God's plan," he said.

Madagascar is one of the world's 10 poorest countries. According to the World Bank, 75 per cent of the population lives on less than \$1.90 a day. It is the second of three countries Pope Francis visited last week. Full report at www.cathnews.com

CARDINAL BUILT BRIDGES BETWEEN CATHOLIC WORLD AND VIETNAM

The head of the Catholic bishops in Vietnam, Archbishop Joseph Nguyen Chi Linh has praised a late Vatican official for his efforts to build bridges between Vietnam and the Catholic world.

Cardinal Roger Marie Elie Etchegaray, president emeritus of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, died on September 4. He was 96.

The French cardinal was the first top Vatican official to visit the Southeast Asian country after it was reunified under communist rule in 1975. He made a two-week working visit in 1989. "His historic visit was successful. Government officials and all people of God in Vietnam loved him. His mission became a historic bridge between Vietnam and the Catholic world," Archbishop Linh said. Full report at www.cathnews.com

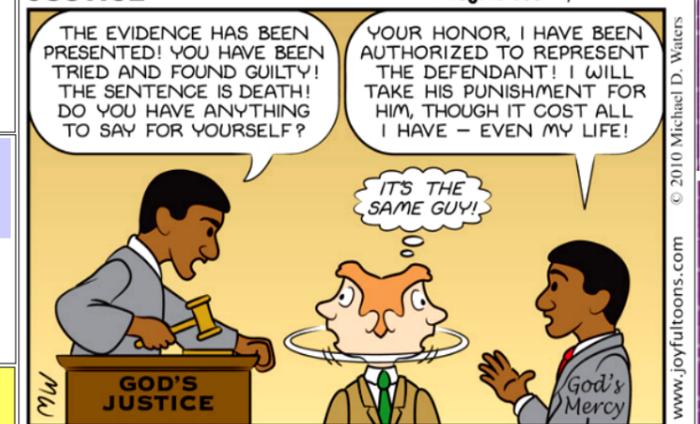
FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 16 September - Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
- 20 September - Sts Andrew Kin Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions
- 21 September - St Matthew



JUSTICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

— ROMANS 3:26 NIV