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THE DOMINICAN

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St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

Sadly, the re-introduction of Stage 3 Restrictions in response to the public health crisis means that the church is closed for all public liturgies till further notice.

There will be a streamed Mass from the church at **11am Sunday, and at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** until the restrictions are eased. Be sure that we are still praying, and praying for you.

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The Parish office will be closed till further notice. You can continue to contact the Parish staff and priests at the phone number 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

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PARISH CALENDAR: 26th July— 2nd August 2020

Sun 26th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wed 29nd St Martha
 Fri 31st St Ignatius of Loyola
 Sat 1st St Alphonsus Liguori
 Sun 2nd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Jesus told parables of the Kingdom to his disciples. He has an experience of God and life that he is sharing with his disciples who are beginning to understand his view of life and God. When he lays out these stories to people looking from the outside, they do not get it. To them the parables do not make sense and even sound crazy. But for disciples like us, we may not be biblical scholars and are far from complete and perfect followers, but we hear with ears of faith and know what Jesus is describing. It is about a way of believing and living which we have accepted, for we have come to know it as true. These parables have a wisdom we would not get on our own.

A Treasure that Treasures

Matthew
 13:44-46



We are like the people in these parables who have made personal sacrifices, for what we have found is truly the most valuable possession we could ever have. We do not live according to the prevalent standards around us: we choose honesty, even when it means not making extra profits on the job; we treat all people, not just family, in a loving way, even if others do not think these people are worth it; we are faithful in marriage and friendships, even though the world treats promises, spoken and unspoken, casually; we help people who need us, even if we do not owe them anything; we have hope as we look into the future, even though there is a lot that could make us despair; we forgive those offend us, even though our world keeps a long memory of wrongs.

In the Bible the pearl is a symbol of wisdom. We pray for wisdom: to help us make good decisions each day; to know what we have to detach ourselves from in order to live in God's way; to know what choices we must make in favour of the treasure that we hold; to know what changes, even the little ones, we must make to experience more of God; to know what to do to build up the relationships we have that are good and to know what relationships we have that are destructive and we need to let go of; to know where to invest our precious time and energy in ways that serve God, our treasure.

Jesus speaks of the "little ones" in the gospel. They are the ones who have the gift of wisdom, not based on a person's achievement, status, or even education. These simple ones know, as if by instinct, what Jesus is speaking about and they live according to the wisdom they have been given.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 06:00pm
 Sun 08:00am
 9:30am
 11:00am
 06:00pm

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READERS

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SANCTUARY CARERS FOR:

Altar Washing:

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PRAYERS WRITERS: 2 August Dr Julianna Drobik

COLLECTION COUNTERS

WELCOMERS

COLLECTION STATISTICS

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| Ave | Thanksgiving | Dom Priests | Loose |
| June | \$3,617.75 | \$468.00 | \$ 360.83 |

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Colvin **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Leonard Borez, Eunice Ann Britto, Angela Gibbs

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 25 th July | 7:30am | Barry Hickey |
| Sun | 26 th July | 9:45am 11:00am | Leonard Borez For the People of the Parish St Anne's Appreciation Society |
| Mon | 27 th July | 7:00am | Dominican Vocations |
| Wed | 29 th July | 7:00am 12:00pm | Marjorie June Whelan Special Intention Eunice Ann Britto |
| Thu | 30 th July | 7:00am | Angela Gibbs |
| Fri | 31 st July | 7:00am | Deceased Dominicans |

If you want to have a Mass offered,
 please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of July is available on our website

<http://www.stdominics.org.au> to remind us
 to pray for those mentioned

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website <http://www.stdominics.org.au/> Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

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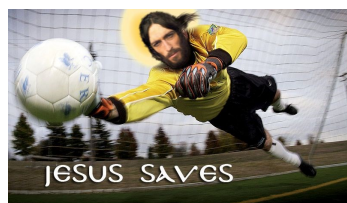
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"People who trust themselves are lost. Those who trust in God can do all things."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

"For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge"
Psalm 91:3-4.



Hymn: We are Called - David Haas

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PARISH RESOURCES Parishioners who don't have internet access and prefer to stay at home can receive the Dominican or other parish resources by contacting the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au and someone will drop them in your mailbox.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:
 may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to
 those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:
 help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:
 assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:
 may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and
 vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history
 and every situation: help us to grow in faith
 and pray to the Father,

Thy will be done.

Amen

17TH SUNDAY 2020 - A REFLECTION



This Sunday's Gospel brings to a close Matthew's chapter devoted to Jesus' parables, stories that drew on ordinary events in life which pointed beyond themselves. Why did Jesus begin to use

parables at this stage of his ministry? The answer is found in the hearers of Jesus' preaching. Jesus explained, "The reason I speak to [the crowds] in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'" As one author puts it, "Jesus continues to teach but he now uses enigmatic language, which will be a challenge for the listeners to ask themselves what the teaching means. To those whose hearts are blinded it will be meaningless."

Matthew had reported that the scribes and Pharisees first began to accuse Jesus of blasphemy when he forgave a paralysed man his sins. This was followed by their complaints that he ate and drank with tax-collectors and sinners. And a little later, noticing that Jesus' disciples plucked grain on a Sabbath and that he healed a man with a withered hand on that holy day, Matthew tells us "the Pharisees conspired against him, how to destroy him."

At the very end of our chapter, and found in the longer reading of today's Gospel, Jesus returned to the theme of understanding, when he asked his disciples, "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." More than once Jesus challenged his disciples for being weak in faith, but in Matthew's Gospel they do understand his teaching.

Against the background of this chapter of Matthew which highlights both attitudes of openness and hostility to Jesus' teaching we might recall the characteristics of dialogue that express love of neighbour. Paul VI's encyclical, *Ecclesiam Suam*, of 1964 named four characteristics of authentic dialogue:

- (1) Clarity, "Clarity before all else; the dialogue demands that what is said should be intelligible."
- (2) Meekness. "Our dialogue must be accompanied by that meekness which Christ bade us learn from Himself: "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart." It would indeed be a disgrace if our dialogue were marked by arrogance."
- (3) Confidence: "Confidence not only in the power of one's own words, but also in the good will of both parties to the dialogue. Hence dialogue promotes intimacy and friendship *on both sides. It unites them in a mutual adherence to the Good, and thus excludes all self-seeking.*"
- (4) The final characteristic of dialogue is Prudence: "The person who speaks is always at pains to learn the sensitivities of his audience, and if reason demands it, they adapt themselves and the manner of their presentation to the susceptibilities and the degree of intelligence of their hearers."

In such dialogue Paul VI considers that "truth is wedded to charity and understanding to love." May these characteristics be appropriately present as we communicate with each other and may they transfer over into our dialogue with the Lord in our prayer and worship.

Fr David Willis OP

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

St Ignatius of Loyola 31 July

Ignatius, in his enormous legacy, gave us another approach to discernment. Discernment is more than a process that we use in our secular world, it has a role in our Christianity.

It's worth applying discernment as "the prayerful attentiveness to God's presence in us and in the world, and openness to answering God's call to us, both personally and collectively". Social Justice Diary 2020

DOMINICARE In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community it is timely to draw your attention to a phone number that appears each week on the front of the Dominican, namely that of Dominiccare. Dominiccare has been part of the parish for decades and is simply a chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS
Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au
If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

HOW CAN I MAKE A "SPIRITUAL COMMUNION"? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

A person who cannot physically receive Holy Communion may unite himself or herself with the Eucharist in an act of prayer, expressing their love for Christ and his people and looking forward to the time when they can again receive the sacrament. After all, the final end or purpose of the sacrament is that Christ might dwell in the heart of the recipient. There is a well-known prayer of St Alphonsus which may be prayed - but you can certainly use your own words, or no words, instead, if you wish.

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy 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.

PROPER OF THE MASS: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Today's Readings

(17th Ord, Year A) 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Next Week's Readings

(18th Ord, Year A) Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

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