

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Vol 47, No 33

St. DOMINICS PARISH

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## St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

Sadly, the introduction of Stage 4 Restrictions in response to the public health crisis means that the church is still 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.

Live-Streamed Sunday Mass

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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.

## PASTORAL TEAM

Thu 3 St Gregory the Great 9:30am Exercise classes—online <u>S</u>un 6<sup>th</sup> 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP



Last Sunday Jesus blessed Peter and gave him authority over his mission to build the household of God. Things have turned quickly on Peter as now Jesus calls him a devil and pushes him off. The sound of his rejection reminds us of what Jesus said to the devil when he tempted Jesus in the desert, "Get behind me, Satan!" You can't blame Peter for trying to save his master from pain and death. But

there is more involved than just a devoted disciple's desire to protect the teacher he loves and follows. Christianity is not an easy walk, all smiles and good feelings.

Peter should have known better, after all, he's following the prophet Jesus. If Peter had reflected over the history of his religion, he would have remembered how prophets got rejected and killed. This is what Peter is facing: he is being called to accept a prophetic role and it will cost. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let he renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

If we choose to follow Christ we will live lives based on a different set of values from what guides those around us. This choice will cost us - friends, family, popularity and even possessions. We cannot buy into the values of our culture without first passing them under the lens of the gospel. At first Peter does not accept the terms of the relationship Jesus is offering. The emphasis on the pain and sacrifice seems to have blocked his ears to what comes along with the cross. Peter will, Jesus promises, gain his life.

"Get behind me, Satan!" It's an initial rejection, Jesus is also telling Peter to go back where disciples should be - behind and following Jesus. That's the right place for us too, despite our repeated failures to live up to being Jesus' disciples. Like Peter, in subtle or more obvious ways, we have rejected the cost of discipleship and admit today our need for another chance to keep trying.

We are invited back where we belong - following Jesus. Along with other disciples we will be guided by Matthew over the next weeks as we listen to Jesus' teachings. We disciples will notice on our journey with Jesus how he daily accepts his cross; the rejection and slander thrown in his path on the road to Jerusalem. As always, Jesus offers forgiveness for wayward and even obstructing disciples. Jesus sees in us what he saw in Peter, a willingness to do the best we can to follow him, even unto death. And so we join Peter as we get behind Jesus and follow him to Jerusalem.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

# **PASTORAL SERVICES**

PRAYERS WRITERS: 6 September Shane Tobin

## **COLLECTION STATISTICS**

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
July	\$3,854.75	\$167.00	\$ 143.38

**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 Dominicare. Dominicare 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.

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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.						



"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they rest in you." St. Augustine of Hippo

Remember everyone this Coronavirus will pass. Keep in mind this message from the Psalms: "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." -Psalm 43:5. --- Br Oliver





**Hymn:** Lord, I Need You - Chris Tomlin **Facebook:** St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC **Instagram:** sdyc\_

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: Adrian Langtree

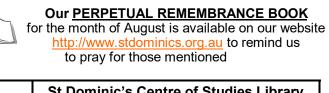
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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, Fr John Langtree and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

	MASS INTENTIONS					
Sun	30 <sup>™</sup> Aug	9:45am	For the People of the Parish			
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	7:00am	Dominican Vocations			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	7:00am	Barry Hickey			
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	12:00pm	Marjorie June Whelan			
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7:00am	Deceased Dominicans			

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# **DEVOTIONAL SITES AND APPS**

1. **Bread 4 Today:** <u>https://www.cssr.org.au/bread4today</u> This daily reflection app is produced by the Redemptorists, Australia, New Zealand and Samoa

2. Three-Minute Retreat: <u>https://www.loyolapress.com/3</u> -minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/about-3minuteretreats

These brief but thoughtful virtual 'retreats' are based on the lectionary and are produced by Loyola Press, a ministry of the Jesuits in the United States. They are available online or as an app on your phone.



## 22nd SUNDAY YEAR A—REFLECTION



I want to reflect on the verse of today's reading from St Paul, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [namely, one's life in all its dimensions] as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your

spiritual worship."

As Paul beings the section of his Letter to The Romans about ethical matters he describes the moral life of the Christian in language used to illustrate worship. Daily life Paul tells us is 'spiritual worship' or a 'living sacrifice'. He is not alone in this. St Peter refer to the Christian community as a living temple, and its sacrifice as the upright lives of its members who offer their sacrifice through Jesus Christ: "Like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house. to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2: 5).

Thus one commentator points out that Paul modifies the language of cultic worship in order "to convey that ... obedience to God's ways is a fundamental expression of authentic worship." So when we are committed to God's will, for the most part discovered in discerning the responsibilities of our personal vocation, our daily life itself becomes worship.

The Christian community over time saw in Paul's teaching a link to the Eucharist. One of the great figures of the early Church, Saint Cyprian of Carthage [200 AD - 258 AD,] who lived at a time of persecution, eventually becoming a martyr himself, in a letter to a group of clergy and lay faithful sentenced to slave labor in the mines of Numidia (modern day Algeria) sought to console them when he reminded them that although they could not celebrate the Eucharist they were nevertheless "celebrating and offering a sacrifice to God". He remarked, "You have become yourselves sacrificial offerings to God, you are presenting yourselves as holy and unspotted victims." He then quoted today's text from St Paul about presenting one's life "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God".

We can relate the worship of daily life to the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church's first reminds us that "in the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ also becomes the sacrifice of the members of his Body." It then goes on to link our daily lives to Christ's sacrifice, "The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value." In the Eucharist we join in Jesus' self -offering, and we offer ourselves with him.

At a time of pandemic when most are deprived of the Eucharist Paul's reading, especially when seen in the light of St Cyprian's letter to Christians deprived of the Eucharist, has particular relevance, reminding us that the upright life of the Christian remains always "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God".

Fr David Willis OP

**CANTERBURY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** At the August meeting of the Canterbury Council of Churches members shared on initiatives they have taken to better care for parishioners during these coronavirus times. Cathie Sheehan and Denis Fitzgerald briefed the group on our weekly letter, streamed Masses etc, and the resumption of our prayers each month for one of our fellow members - in August we pray in particular for the congregation at St Dunstan's Anglican Church, and their Vicar, the Rev Roberta Hamilton.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

## Social Justice Statement on Mental Health: Social Justice Sunday is 30 August 2020

The Bishops invite us all: "to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community."

They ask us to reflect: " on the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in  $\frac{1}{2}$ prison.'

Take up their invitation, especially at this critical time for everyone.

Australian Bishops www.social justice.catholic.org.au

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EXERCISE CLASSES have resumed but in a different way. As the Parish centre is closed Amanda is conducting her classes online through Zoom. You are more than welcome to join the chair-based classes on



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Tuesdays at 9.45am or the active adults classes on Thursdays at 9.30am If you wish to join one of these classes or both of them please call **Amanda at** 0410 685 224 or acubit@bigpond.net.au and she will send you the invitation. What you need is a computer/ tablet, a towel, drink bottle, a chair preferably without arm rests, a cushion a couple of weights (two cans of soup or equivalent or milk cartons filled with liquid or half full depending on your strength). All are welcome.



VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES together 30th August 2pm Standing Sunday. Gather with Christians from across the Victorian State as we uphold our Nation, our State and its citizens during this pandemic. Christian

leaders from across the breadth of the Church have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, our government, our front line health workers, our communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty. The gathering is virtual and will be screened on Youtube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCJUWPly-otYVinUhepFIIQ

Light in the darkness on the eve of Spring, Monday 31st August, Christians are being asked to Stand in the driveways at 7pm and light a candle. On the last light of the last day of winter fades, stand in your front garden and spend some time in silence, perhaps light a candle, to remember who those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus or to violence. Then, as the first night of spring begins, look to the future with prayer and hope. Let us move from the cold and the dark into warmth and light together.

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# **ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S**

## We pray for our fellow Christians



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Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that  $\frac{1}{2}$ 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our 🙀 commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, \* we are a member of the Canterbury Council

month for the community at <u>St Paul's Anglican Church</u>  $\frac{1}{2}$ ☆ \* in Highfield Road and their Vicar the Revd Rachel ☆ ☆  $\checkmark$ McDougall.  $\frac{2}{3}$ 

## **Entrance Antiphon**

## PROPER OF THE MASS: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation** 

**Communion Antiphon** Today's Readings Next Week's Readings

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia! How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you. (22nd Ord, Year A) Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 162 Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 (23rdOrd, Year A) Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

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