

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 18 July 2021

Please Pray for
OUR SICK - Justin Yu, Ailish Fitzgibbon, Molly Fitzgibbon, Rosemary Rae, Leena Cherian, Michael Johnson.
RECENTLY DECEASED - Alveno Muccignat, Colm Sands.
REMEMBRANCE - Thelma Caspersz, Anica Siketa, Adela Somontina, Maria Barbon, Blanche Gay, Salih Basic.
SPECIAL INTENTION - John Barbon, Tim Barbon, Louise Barbon Elliott, Luca Elliott Barbon, Marcus Elliott Barbon, Steven Elliot.

Safeguarding Children and Young People:
 Enquires /Complaints: 0426 211 572
Policies:
<https://www.frankstoncatholic.com.au/sfx/policies/>
If you see something, say something

St John's
 9789 9794
 Principal
 Derek Bruitzman

John Paul College
 9784 0200
 Principal
 John Visentin

St Augustine's
 9781 3007
 Principal
 Carrie Rodda

St Francis Xavier
 9783 3424
 Principal
 Stephen Peart

This Sunday's Readings
 1st Reading
 Jer 23:1-6
 2nd Reading
 Eph 2:13-18
 Gospel
 Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday's Readings
 1st Reading
 2Kings 4:42-44
 2nd Reading
 Eph 4:1-6
 Gospel
 John 6:1-15

SYRO MALABAR
 Regular services :
Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass at SFX
First Sunday of month - 5pm Mass at SJE

OFFERINGS		Thank you for your continued support	
GIVING BACK TO GOD			
St. John the Evangelist	St. Francis Xavier		
Presbytery \$ 624.00	Presbytery \$ 1,014.00		
Church \$ 760.00	Church \$ 1,613.00		

Catholic Theological College
Ethical Issues and Human Ageing
 Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays from 31 July 2021
 Lecturer: Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM
Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options available.
 Enquiries: 03 9412 333 or registrar@ctc.edu.au

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works
 "Thank you to both Parishes for their support to the recent SVdP Winter Appeal.
SFX - \$929 SJE - \$ 610
 Special thanks to **St John's & St Augustine's** Mini Vinnies team & the school community for their outstanding contribution.
 For Assistance call 9769 6060
SFX Vinnies Peter Butler: 0410 569 357 ;
 Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Mon 4.00pm-5.30pm
SJE Vinnies Mary Murtagh: 9781 3520;
 Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Tues 10.00am-11.30am

Have you just bought a new electronic device?
 If so, then your Preloved laptops, iPads, tablets and phones that are still in working order will benefit the less fortunate school children in Nigeria.
 Let us open our hearts to these children of underprivileged families as Education is not only a fundamental human right, but a sustainable means to alleviate poverty and bring about positive and lasting change!
 You may drop your items to the Parish Office.
 We would also accept a cash donation. Thank you!



Meditation on Jesus For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul
 (Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)
August 7th from 1-4pm. (Cost: \$20, Concession \$15).
 Registration is necessary by phone or email.
 Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD
At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,
 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.
 RSVP Tel: 03-97626625 or
 Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org
 Or
gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



" VALUED VOLUNTEERS"
 Thank you to all of you who have responded to "our" requests for the
 1. Working with Children Certificate
 2. The Mandatory Child Safe Declaration Certificate.
 Our parish must have these certificates as directed by the Archdiocese from all volunteers for parish records.
 If you have any questions, pls call the office: 97833484 or contact Maureen Sharpe at 0428835445 or email me at mrnsharpe@Yahoo.com.au
 Help us to complete this endeavour before 27th July.
 We need all of you.
 Many thanks and blessing Maureen Sharpe (Worship Team Leader) and Christina Williams (our super efficient Secretary).

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St. Francis Xavier's Programme
Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.15am; 1st + 3rd Mondays of the month
Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday 9.15am; 2nd, 4th + 5th Mondays of the month
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Wednesday before 9.15am Mass, Friday after 9.15 Mass
 1st Friday of month until 10.00pm
Reconciliation
 Saturday 10am & 5.30pm
Anointing of the Sick Mass
 1st Thursday of month 9.15am
Rosary
 Tuesdays before 9.15am Mass and Saturdays after 9.15am Mass

St. John's Programme
Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass: 7.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am
Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am
Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday 9.00am
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Wednesday before 9.00am Mass , Friday after 9.00am Mass
 1st Friday of month until 12noon
Reconciliation
 Saturday 9.30am & 6.15pm
Anointing of the Sick Mass
 1st Thursday of month 9.00am
Rosary
 Before weekday Mass, (except Wednesday)
 Saturday at 9.30am

Gospel - Mark 6:30-34
They were as sheep without a shepherd.
 The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Theme - Jesus Christ the True Shepherd

One of the titles of the king of Israel was Shepherd. This was taken from agricultural background. Some of the great patriarchs and leaders of the Jews were actual shepherds like Abraham, (Gen 21:28), Moses, (Ex 3:1), and King David, (1Sam 16:11). Just as shepherds combine the gift of strength and tenderness in taking care of their flock so are kings expected to pasture their people, both the strong and the vulnerable. They were to take special care of the widows and the orphans.

Just as shepherds protect and lead their flock to greener pastures, so were kings expected to provide security for the people of Israel and lead them to God who is their grand protector and provider. During the prophecy of Jeremiah which lasted from 628 BC to about 586 BC, there were good and bad kings in Israel. King Josiah who reigned from 640 - 609 BC was a good king. He implemented religious reform during his reign which included calling the Israelites to repentance by renewing the covenant God made with their ancestors at Mount Sinai. The Jews had abandoned this covenant by worshipping Baals. Josiah destroyed the altars of Baals and renovated and refurbished the temple in Jerusalem. It was during the renovation of the Temple in Jerusalem that the Priest Hilkiah discovered the book of Law which was given to Moses, (probably the book of Deuteronomy). Josiah then based his reform on the book of Law.

However, after the death of Josiah, his son Jehoiakim took the Israelites back to idolatry by worshipping Baals and other false gods. He turned deaf ears to the word of God as prophesied by Jeremiah, (Jer 23:1-6). He even tore and burnt the scroll which was written to him by Jeremiah, warning him of the catastrophe which was going to befall Israel unless he led the Israelites to repentance.

It was within the context of Jehoiakim's idolatry that the Lord said in the first Reading, "Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be scattered." The Lord also promised a remedy by stating that "see the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David who will reign as true king and be wise."

That shepherd - king as prophesied by prophet Jeremiah is Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, (Mk 6:30-34), Jesus took care of the needs of his disciples and the crowd. He realised that his disciples, who had returned from evangelising the people of Israel by preaching repentance, healing the sick and casting out demons, needed some rest. In our 24 hour news-cycle world, and seven-days-a-week work-cycle, (some people work two to three shifts a day to make ends meet), coupled with our other commitments which include house chores, we may not have time to rest. We need to strike a balance between work and rest so that we may renew ourselves and work better. Only God who is our Creator and provider has the capacity to work non-stop.

Jesus, as God made man for our sake, took pity on the crowd and taught them at length for the crowd was like sheep without a shepherd. Just as God goes on working so does the Son, (Jn 5:17). Jesus as the true shepherd takes care of us whether we are awake or asleep, and he leads us to God the Father unlike the bad Israelite kings like Jehoiakim who led the Jews away from God.

The preying upon children by some of those who ought to have been shepherds and the cover up of those heinous crimes had given the Body of Christ, (the Church), a cancerous wound. These actions have led some members of the flock to become disillusioned with the Church and have also created a platform for all those who are anti-religion to attack her. As a Church, we acknowledge and apologise for the evil perpetuated by some members of the Church leadership, (shepherds). We have learnt from our mistakes and in all Australian dioceses and archdioceses concrete steps are being undertaken to ensure that these abuses do not happen again. On a similar note, I condemn all forms of abuse which take place in homes, either perpetuated by parents who have abnegated their roles as parents or by relations of the children. All forms of child abuse must be uprooted wherever they are found.

I wish to acknowledge and thank God for the good work of many shepherds in the Church, (bishops, priests, parents, uncles, nieces, foster parents, etc). May Christ who is our Good and Eternal Shepherd always lead us to the Truth and may he also heal us of the hurt and the brokenness in our lives. Amen.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the **Permanent Diaconate** will be held on **14 August, Saturday 10:00 - 11.45 am** at the **Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.**

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

What is a Plenary Council? Why a Plenary Council



A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses and eparchies of the Catholic Church in Australia. Its purpose is to discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. While the church should be asking that question continually, a Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. And it has the authority to make church laws on the results of its discernment.

Although in the end it will be the bishops who will vote on any future directions for the church in Australia, they will be making those decisions in the light of a long listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through the voices of any of the faithful who wish to speak around Australia. This makes the Plenary Council different from the last one in 1937. Everyone has a chance to participate and to express whatever the Spirit is saying to them in their heart. ([Theology - Plenary Council \(catholic.org.au\)](http://Theology-Plenary-Council.catholic.org.au))

Mass would be online daily from Friday 16th July until Tuesday 20th July,

Weekday Masses

Friday 16th July - 9.15am.

Saturday 17th July - 9.15am.

Monday 19th July - 9.15am.

Tuesday 20th July - 9.15am.

Sunday Masses

Saturday 17th July - 6.00pm.

(evening).

Sunday 18th July - 10.30am.

First Eucharist



Our hearts go once again to students of year 4 and year 5 in two of our primary schools, (St John's and St Augustine's) who were scheduled to receive the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, 17th July and on Sunday, 18th July 2021).

We will reschedule a new date once participation in religious activities in person resumes again.

'Spirituality & Screen Images' Saturday 31 July, 12.30pm-5pm at Heart of Life, Malvern.

We always acknowledge Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But, Colossians 1 proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality. The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television, and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate *Lectio Divina*. Here, we respond to Visio Divina, clips from movies, their challenge.

This reflection day is led by *Peter Malone msc*, at **Heart of Life Centre, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC.** Cost \$60pp (afternoon tea provided).



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