

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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DEATH



Do not be afraid of
those who kill the
body but cannot kill
the soul. Rather, be
afraid of Him who can
destroy both soul and
body in hell.

Matthew 10:28

The Gospel reading this week is focused on death. In it, Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid of those who can kill them. Those people are not to be feared, because death itself is not to be feared.

No doubt, there is always something sorrowful about dying, because death separates the dying person from his family and his friends; and they still have to slog through their lives in this world without their companion. But Jesus is not telling people to accept death without sorrow. He is telling them not to fear death.

If you were walking alone down a dark street late at night, and you saw a small knot of strangers gathered menacingly at a corner, wouldn't you be afraid? Shouldn't you be afraid? If the cancer doctor tells you that you have only months to live, wouldn't you—shouldn't you—be afraid? How can Jesus tell us—actually, command us—not to be afraid of death?

Well, think about it this way. If you are surprised when you discover that you are dying, you just haven't been paying attention. None of us is getting out of this alive. Everyone of us will die. It is just a question of when. Or maybe better: it is just a question of how.

Here is how it will be if you love the Lord. In dying, you will move through the veil that separates you, in this world of sorrow and suffering, from the Lord's own presence. There, on the other side, you will find all tears wiped away—the tears you have already wept and the ones that are stuck in your heart right now. All those tears will be wiped away by your Creator with a tenderness so great that you will think you must be dreaming. The beauty and the goodness of that new world will surpass your every desire. And you yourself will be something lovelier than you ever imagined you could be. Surrounded by beauty and goodness, bathed in the love of the Lord, transformed, yourself, in the beauty of holiness, you will join the angels in singing for joy at what the Lord has done.

Are you afraid now? Is this scary to you?

What is worth fearing is losing all of this beauty and goodness on the other side of death because you will not now surrender to the love of the Lord who calls you to himself. But this is a kind of death that comes only from sin, as the Second Reading says. No one else can force it on you; only you can cause this death in yourself.

And that is why the Lord tells his disciples not to fear those who can kill the body.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

*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 are already here and unite
myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Most Divine,

All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. (say 3x)

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." -Matthew 10:32
Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!



PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

We would like to thank everyone who have supported this year's Project Compassion appeal. Caritas Australia is still accepting donations. If you still have the Project Compassion donation box or envelope, please bring it to the Church. Otherwise, you can deposit it at any Commonwealth Bank branch with banking details below:

- Bank: Commonwealth Bank
- BSB Number: 062438
- Account Number: 1000 4640
- Account Name: PC-METSYD
- Reference: Please put your surname and postcode, e.g. 'Smith 3193' and then email our office on aliciao@caritas.org.au with details of the donation, your name and address for receipting purposes.



MORNING TEA WITH FR TONY ON ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:10AM

Meeting ID: 288 646 3871
<https://zoom.us/j/2886463871>

Fr Tony continues to be present for chats, updates, counselling, queries and even prayer requests. You can contact him at tony.kerin@cam.org.au or call (03) 9401 6371.

Fr Tony's Mass live streaming and replay at **Catholic-Parish-of Greater-Box Hill**

(root: <https://www.facebook.com/Catholic-Parish-of-Greater-Box-Hill-345491692726741/>)

St Timothy's Vietnamese Sunday Mass at 5 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Timothy-Vietnamese-Community>



Thank you for using St Timothy's Parish Thanksgiving Online Payment Portal and for your continuing support to our parish.

Our site link is **Parish Pay Portal**
<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116521&langPref=en-CA>

Alternatively, you may opt to use the direct/debit facility, kindly email or call us for the Parish bank details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Anne Cleary, Francis Michael Lynch,
Mary Excell, Ronald White, Benny D'Sa,
Valerian, D'Sa, Harrison Wagg,
Giuseppe Fiorentino, David Clarke,
Federico Manguiat, John Santilli,
Ellen Wagg, John Chapman,
William Swallow, Josephine Isola.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL 2020

You Can Help End The Pain Of Poverty

This bulletin note is to again seek your support for the St Vincent de Paul Society's 'Winter Appeal'.

As you know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, being present in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is more important now than ever.

OUR WINTER APPEAL THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD DURING MASSES OVER THE WEEKENDS OF THE 20th / 21st JUNE AND THE 27th / 28th JUNE.

This year, because there are fewer parishioners able to attend Mass, we have adapted our Winter Appeal so that donations can be made by calling 13 18 12 or online at www.vinnies.org.au. Donors can direct their gift to our Conference by entering 'Forest Hill' in the comments field. Also, there will be some envelopes available in the church foyer for cheque and credit card donations.

We are also appealing for non-perishable goods including foods and toiletries, suitable clothing, blankets, doonas etc and these items can be left at the Piety Stall.

All donations received are used for the local needs of the St. Timothy's (Forest Hill) Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We thank you again for your generous support now and over the past 40 plus years.

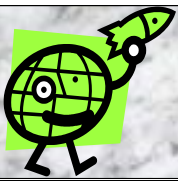
INFORMATION ON EASING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND CEREMONIES.

FROM **11:59PM ON 21 JUNE**, PLACES OF WORSHIP CAN OPEN FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP OR SMALL RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES FOR UP TO **50 PEOPLE** IN EACH SEPARATE AREA, WITH A **MAXIMUM OF 20 PEOPLE PER GROUP**.

Given the latest update, St Timothy's will still continue with the **Mass booking via signupgenius.com** (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A49A4AE2CA2F85-sttimothy>) and parishioners are advised to continue to follow the guidelines below:

1. Sit only in allocated spaces to comply with physical distancing.
2. Observed proper hygiene (hand sanitiser, paper towel and bins are available) and use of entry and exit doors.
3. First and Second collection boxes are found just outside the exit door near the kitchen.
4. Don't forget to list your names and contact information with our registrars. This will be use for contact tracing purposes.
5. There are 2 registrars rostered for each service. Their duties are to record the entries in the attendance register, to ensure the maintenance of safe distancing and hygiene, and to the disinfect the touch points after each service.

ROSTERS:	6:00PM	9:30AM
PROCLAIMERS		
♦This Week C: P:	P. Kelly H. Lobo	R. Yee T. Yee
♦Next week C: P:	H. Lobo P. Kelly	A. Lee K. Barritt
COUNTERS		
This Week: Raj Fonn / Violet Fonn Next Week: Peter Deayton / Lester Steele		



SCIENTISTS URGED TO DEVELOP ETHICAL COVID-19 VACCINE

The Vatican and bishops around the world have been urging governments and scientists to support the development of vaccines that have no connection to abortion.

Spanish Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera said on Sunday that attempts to find a COVID-19 vaccine using cell lines created from babies aborted voluntarily decades ago were a “work of the devil”.

A spokesman for the Pontifical Academy for Life said that the academy is working on a statement specifically regarding the development of vaccines for COVID-19, which he said would follow Church teaching as explained in 2008 by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the academy’s 2017 note on the importance of vaccines.

In the document, “Dignitas Personae” (“The Dignity of the Person”), the doctrinal congregation said researchers have an ethical duty not to use “biological material” obtained from morally illicit procedures, especially abortion.

An article published online by sciencemag.org on June 5 said that at least five of the 10 potential COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved for human trials “use one of two human fetal cell lines: HEK-293, a kidney cell line widely used in research and industry that comes from a fetus aborted in about 1972; and PER.C6, a proprietary cell line owned by Janssen, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, developed from retinal cells from an 18-week-old fetus aborted in 1985”.

In April, the chairmen of four US bishops’ committees, joined by the leaders of several health care, bioethics and pro-life organisations, “urgently and respectfully” implored the commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration to ensure vaccines developed for the coronavirus “are free from any connection to abortion.”

The Pontifical Academy for Life expressed a similar hope that scientists and governments would avoid using cell lines from aborted babies.

POPE: EUCHARIST GIVES US CHRIST'S HEALING LOVE

Christ’s presence in the Eucharist heals wounds and transforms bitter negativity into the joy of Lord, Pope Francis said in his homily for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last Sunday.

“The Eucharist brings us the Father’s faithful love, which heals our sense of being orphans. It gives us Jesus’ love, which transformed a tomb from an end to a beginning, and in the same way can transform our lives. It fills our hearts with the consoling love of the Holy Spirit, who never leaves us alone and always heals our wounds,” Pope Francis said.

“Every time we receive him, he reminds us that we are precious, that we are guests he has invited to his banquet, friends with whom he wants to dine. And not only because he is generous, but because he is truly in love with us. He sees and loves the beauty and goodness that we are.”

The feast of Corpus Christi provides an opportunity for the Church to focus on Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, which Pope Francis said satisfies the deepest desires of our hearts.

GOVERNMENT’S EXPERT PANEL ‘INCOMPLETE AND ILL INFORMED’

Australia’s efforts to tackle modern slavery are at risk of being thrown off course because an expert panel is dominated by business interests, according to campaigners. Source: *The Guardian*.

The group – set up to advise the Government on how it implements the new modern slavery laws – has five permanent members. These are the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Australian Industry Group, the Business Council of Australia, the Law Council of Australia, and the Global Compact Network Australia – a network that brings together companies and other groups that have signed up to the UN’s corporate sustainability initiative. Unions and civil society groups are not represented.

Keren Adams, a legal director at the Human Rights Law Centre, said she was concerned about “the total absence of representation by either trade unions or civil society organisations but really any organisations that are working on the ground with people who are meant to be affected by these laws”.

The Modern Slavery Act will require Australia’s largest businesses – those with annual consolidated revenue of more than \$100 million – to publish annual statements on the steps they are taking to address modern slavery in their supply chains and operations.

DOCTORS GIVE TELEHEALTH THE THUMBS UP

Telehealth has proved a lifeline through the COVID-19 crisis and could be here to stay, according to a number of Catholic hospital operators.

Both St John of God Health Care Group and St Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney have reported a huge increase in telehealth consultations since the pandemic began – with both patients and clinicians reporting very positive feedback. It is seen as an opportunity to extend the use of telehealth services, which have been increasing in use across Australia over the last two to three years due to technological advancements.

Telehealth services have also been widely adopted in many of its hospitals in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia during the pandemic. These appointments range from hospital pre-admission appointments, parent education classes for parents-to-be, outpatient appointments for patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes, and a wide range of rehabilitation and mental health programs.

NEW FUNDING ‘CRUCIAL’ FOR SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING

The Victorian Government’s \$9.8 million funding to extend emergency accommodation for people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic and plan pathways into long-term housing is a positive step, says Jesuit Social Services.

“Safe and secure housing helps provide a solid foundation for personal health, wellbeing and agency, and helps build more productive, cohesive and safer communities. Without it, we can’t expect people to reach their potential or have the opportunities many take for granted,” says Jesuit Social Services chief executive officer Julie Edwards.

The funding will allow agencies to continue placing clients in temporary hotel accommodation and also support improved data collection – to provide a greater understanding of the driving factors behind a person’s homelessness.

INTRODUCTION:

The message to not be afraid reminds us to courageously proclaim the Good News. It is a reminder of God’s enduring love for us. He is the comfort that will carry us through disappointments, the strength that will enable us to endure the difficulties that come with discipleship. We are called to trust in God despite hardships. If God cares for the insignificant sparrows, how much more will God care for us? There is light after darkness and hope even in the midst of suffering.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you hear the cry of the poor.	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you turn toward those who seek mercy.	Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you release those who are in bondage.	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

FIRST READING: *Jer 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said:
‘I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, “Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!” But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

- 1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
- 2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
- 3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: *Rom 5: 12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL : *Mt 10: 26-33*
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.
‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.
‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’