

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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REMEMBER YOUR DINNER PARTNER

Was Jesus talking about the church car park in this Gospel? Watch a church car park after Mass. See who lets others go first and who races to be the first out, cutting off other parishioners.

Or maybe Jesus was talking about the sign of peace. I remember one parishioner who refused to offer it to another because he was angry with him. Or maybe Jesus was talking about who is welcome at church. I remember a parishioner who was angry when her Church let homeless people spend the night in a parish building.

I think Jesus was talking about all of the above in this week's Gospel. You see, going to church, where we eat and drink in Jesus' company, is really pretty easy. It takes about an hour. But after the final blessing, some people think they've done their part for the week and don't connect that "meal" with their behavior for the next six days.

But following Jesus requires much more. The challenge we face is letting the Sunday Eucharist shape our lives all week long. How does your weekly meal with Jesus shape how you play sports, treat outsiders, live with family work at your job, and act at school?

There's another challenge in this reading. We might be surprised, Jesus says, by who we meet at God's banquet in heaven. I've met homeless people who never go to church but are more compassionate than some people I know who go to church daily.

So go to church. Eat and drink in Jesus' company. But remember your dinner partner for the rest of the week. And also remember he dines with a lot of people we'll never see in church.

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TRUE HUMILITY

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus censures people who take the seats of honour at a feast. Take the least honourable places, he tells them, and then the host can invite you to a more honourable place.

Jesus is rebuking the pride of those people who go for the honourable seats. But what is the solution to the problem of pride? If you race your friends to the least honourable seat because the reward for doing so is that you get one of the best seats, isn't this pride too?

So what is true humility? Well, think about pride.

There is a childish kind of pride, where you brag about your accomplishments while everybody else tries to be polite enough not to roll their eyes. Then there is the grown-up pride, the pride of the self-made man. A multi-millionaire who explains that he is where he is all by himself. He has failed to notice all the gifts he has been given that have helped him get where he is.

A more complicated kind of pride can be found in a person who knows that all his good comes from the grace of God. But he is sure that God has given such grace to him and not to his neighbours, because God knew that *he*, unlike his neighbours, would make good use of God's gifts. This is the pride of a prig.

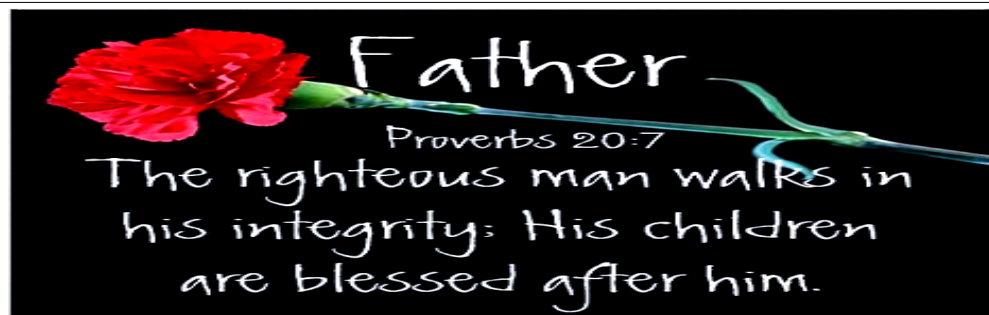
Finally, the worst and most sophisticated kind of pride is found in the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like other men, especially not like that sinner, the publican, praying next to him in the Temple. The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that *he* had God's gifts and that the publican didn't. The Pharisee liked looking down on the publican.

Here is what humility is, then. It is recognizing that every good in yourself is a gift from God and is meant to be given back to the Lord by being shared with others.

So you can't get true humility by racing for the least honourable seat. If the least honourable seat is, in the Lord's view, the best place to be seated, then true humility requires your sharing it with others in gratitude to the Lord who gave it.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



POPE FRANCIS FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL, ALWAYS BE BY THEIR SIDE

"I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!"

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." -Luke 14: 13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return-a raffle ticket, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

MEDITATION ON JESUS FOR HEALING AND WELLBEING JANSSEN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

1 hr meditation 10:30 AM (2nd & 4th Friday of the month)
1 day retreat 9:30 am—4:00 pm, 21 September, Saturday
3 hrs meditation 10 am –1:00 pm, 12 October, Saturday
Guided by Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD
22 Woodvale Rd, Boronia 3155 RSVP Tel 9762 6625

ROSTERS:

6:00PM

9:30AM

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

♦This Week	S. Samarasundera C. Buchan M. Italiano	A. Benedict C. L.Tay L. Cigana
♦Next week	S. Chen H. Grealy Sr June	D. Hickman E. Mendes A. Yee

PROCLAIMERS

♦This Week C: P:	P. Kelly H. Lobo	A. Lee P.O' Reilly
♦Next week C: P:	P. D' Cruz R. Grealy	B. Ross T. Yee

COUNTERS

This Week: Mary Choy / Eileen Tam
Next Week: Terry Drew / Patrick Kelly

ARCHBISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2019

01 SEPTEMBER

We will have a special collection in support of the Father's Day appeal in all Masses this weekend. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

Priest generally retire at 75 years according to Canon Law. At present, there are 89 Melbourne retired priests. They have ministered in most Melbourne Parishes. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring.

Retired priests have served us well. They are very grateful for your support now and in the future.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ♦ 2 September - St Gregory the Great
- ♦ 8 September - The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SPRING EMBER DAY

6 September

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

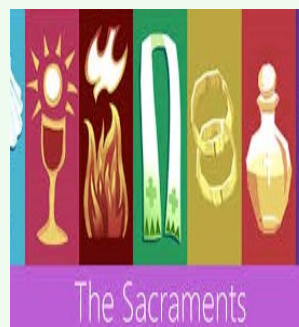
EMBER DAYS mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focusing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Vera Carmody, Cecilia Contreras,
Kath Tobias, Stella Mary Hammett,
Francis Joseph Tyrrell, Eileen Mayo,
Audrey Barry, Annie Calleja, Ken West,
Jeffery Lawrence, Robert Mead,
Maria Delores Salinas, William Searle,
Edward John McGrath, Kathleen Williams.

SACRAMENTS: Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

- ♦ **Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the Month (9:30 AM Mass)
- ♦ **Reconciliation**
- ♦ **Marriage**
- ♦ **Anointing of the Sick**
- ♦ **Funerals**



2019 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

- ♦ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.
- ♦ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

MASS TIMES:

- ♦ Saturday: 6:00 PM
 - ♦ Sunday: 9:30 AM
 - ♦ Indian Mass: 12:00 NN every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
 - ♦ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
 - ♦ Adoration 7:30 PM every 1st Friday of the month
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or ANH TOAN 0422 295 115.

WEEKDAYS:

- ♦ 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am (Strathdon)
- ♦ 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:30 am (Livingstone)
- ♦ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ♦ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ♦ Every Friday, 10:00 am



LITURGY CAN BE TRANSFORMATIVE; CARDINAL PAROLIN

A better understanding of the meaning and symbolic language of the Church's liturgy, especially the Mass, will help Catholics encounter the Lord and grow in holiness, The Vatican Secretary, Cardinal Pietro Parolin said in a letter this week. *Source: CNA.*

"Concretely, it is a matter of helping communities to better internalise the prayer of the Church, to love it as an experience of encounter with the Lord."

The liturgy will be "capable of forming and transforming those who participate in it," Cardinal Parolin added, "if these, pastors and laity, will learn ever better to grasp its meaning and symbolic language, including art, song and music in the service of the mystery celebrated, including even the silence".

He also noted Pope Francis' desire to bring attention to the universal call for holiness through his 2018 apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*.

The Pope, he said, hopes the week's reflections on liturgy will lead to a growth in the awareness of the liturgy as a "privileged place in which the holiness of God draws us to himself with its beauty, its truth, and its goodness."

NEW CAMPAIGN FOR MILITARY VETERANS

Australian Catholic University has launched a direct university pathway scheme that will offer consistent entry requirements for military veterans.

In an Australian first, the new pathway scheme will make ACU the first Australian university to offer consistent entry requirements for veterans, regardless of state of residence and study.

The direct entry university pathway scheme is part of the wider ACU Student Veterans Support Program (SVSP) that aims to provide ongoing support to veterans, from applying and enrolling, to timetabling and orientation, as well as academic, counselling and financial support.

ACU Vice-Chancellor and President Greg Craven officially launched the program at ACU's Brisbane campus on Monday. "University study provides a significant pathway in the transition to civilian life from the military for many veterans," Professor Craven said.

"In launching the scheme, we aim to promote the academic success, empowerment, and professional development of student veterans through advocacy and supporting resources, to alleviate transitional issues for veterans and help them enjoy success."

A PEN FOR KIDS TO HAVE THEIR SAY

Children in the Adelaide Archdiocese will be encouraged to have a say and write down their thoughts during National Child Protection Week in September. *Source: The Southern Cross.*

To celebrate Child Protection Sunday, on September 8, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will distribute about 3000 colourful pens to young parishioners. The pens include a pull-out banner that outlines children's rights.

Sally Wellington, manager of the Archdiocese's Child Protection Unit, said the pen represents one of the tools children and young people can use to communicate with adults in the Church who are there to listen and respond.

"We are hoping these pens will start a conversation between children and their parents or caregivers about their rights and how they are supported in the Church environment," she said.

DOCTORS IN WA DEMAND TOUGHER CONTROLS

West Australian doctors are demanding tougher controls over the way a lethal drug will be made available to patients under the state's proposed controversial voluntary euthanasia laws

Australian Medical Association WA president Andrew Miller said on Saturday that there were not enough safeguards to prevent the proposed system – in which a lethal drug can be taken by patients at home – being abused.

He said the undisclosed lethal concoction, to be prepared by a registered pharmacist, should be administered at a health facility under supervision – not at a person's home. "This is a poison and if it falls into the wrong hands it could be dangerous."

Under new Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation, to be debated in the West Australian Parliament this week, a lethal drug – prepared by an authorised pharmacist – can be administered by a practitioner. But the lethal drug can also be taken at home by a patient, unsupervised, after being delivered to a patient's home where it could be administered at a time of their choosing.

OBEYING GOD IS KEY TO CHRISTIAN LIFE: POPE

An important aspect of the Christian life is obeying God even when there may be consequences for going against the commands of others, Pope Francis said yesterday. *Source: CNA.*

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter offers "a key to the Christian life: 'To obey God instead of men'," the Pope said during his general audience, adding that "it is the great Christian response".

"This means listening to God without reservations, without postponements, without calculations," he said. "Adhere to him to become capable of covenant with him and with [those] whom we meet on our way."

Continuing his weekly catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, Francis commented on a passage in chapter five, when the apostles are teaching and performing "signs and wonders" among the people.

The Pope pointed out that Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, only has to pass by and even "his shadow becomes a 'caress' ... an outpouring of the tenderness of the Risen One who bends over the sick and restores life, salvation, dignity".

"They are not to be discarded, on the contrary, they are to be treated, to be looked after: They are the object of Christian concern," he said.

COALITION TO SUPPORT VICTORIA'S CONFESSION LAWS

New legislation forcing priests to report child abuse to authorities even if disclosed in confession now has enough support to pass through both houses of Victorian Parliament.

The Andrews Government introduced the legislation last month compelling priests to break the seal of confession to report disclosures of child abuse, but the Coalition stopped short of supporting it at the time.

However, Opposition Leader Michael O'Brien yesterday revealed he would back the bill. "The safety of kids has to come first and we'll be supporting legislation that does that," he said.

Catholic leaders have spoken out against the looming changes with Archbishop Comensoli insisting he was prepared to go to jail rather than break the seal of confession. Religious leaders face three years in jail if they refuse to comply with the planned laws.

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

‘What's in it for me?’ We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but sometimes we have selfish desires. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. *There is nothing in it for them*; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world. At the banquet of life, Christians are called to give priority to the ill and the needy. May we discover that where faith is concern, the answer to ‘What's in it for me?’ is ‘very little – except God's favour and justice.’

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself for our sake.	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you give places of honour to the lowly.	Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you call us to be generous hosts.	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

FIRST READING: *Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29*

A proud person is prone to listen only to one’s own opinion. A person who does not recognize his limitations and follies has a malady. A person who seeks wisdom and reflects on the teachings of the great tradition is a sensible individual.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
- 2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
- 3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING: *Hebrew 12: 18-19*

Throughout this letter Jesus’ role as the mediator of a new covenant has been emphasised. Every liturgical celebration is a participation with the heavenly liturgy of the saints in their praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL : *Luke 14: 1, 7-14*

Proper placement at banquets was important for a society preoccupied with questions of honour and shame. However, Jesus finds fault with the arrogant attitude of those who think that they are more important guests than they really are or those who bestow kindness for showmanship and false generosity.



Who have you invited?

NEXT WEEK: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18; Second Reading: Phil 9-10, 12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33