

## ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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## 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

12 - 13 OCTOBER 2019

Parish Priest / Administrator: Fr. Tony Kerin EV

Secretaries: Millicent (Tuesday: 9am-4pm, Friday: 1pm-5pm)

Corrie (Wed-Thurs, 9am - 3pm)

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into

our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!

Have you noticed how the words '*please*' and '*thank you*' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. There's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider.

Lepers were treated as outcasts. They were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchable; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

Besides gratitude, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, and defend their rights to dignity and participation.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say '*please*' and '*thank you*'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts.'

**Richard Leonard SJ** is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, is a member of the Australian Catholic Media Council and a film critic for all the major Australian Catholic newspapers.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:18)*

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH CONCERT

**TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER, 7PM**

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, EAST MELBOURNE**

This concert will feature Baroque Ensemble SONARE and Vocal Ensemble CANTUS NOVESIA from Germany, under the direction of Joachim Neugard, Director of Music and the cathedral in Neuss, Germany.

**Tickets:** \$20 (no concessions). Children under 15 free

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BFXGN> or tickets available at the door

### 'AN AFTERNOON WITH OUR LADY' VISIT OF PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**13-18 OCTOBER**

**PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, MOUNT WAVERLEY**

All are invited for an afternoon of formation, prayer and inspiration as we welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the Parish.

#### ROSTERS:

**6:00PM**

**9:30AM**

#### EUCHARIST MINISTERS

◆ This Week	S. Chan P. Naughtin	P. Kawalevski L Cigana D. Hickman
◆ Next week	C. Buchan H. Grealy	A. Benedict C.L. Tay E. Mendes

#### PROCLAIMERS

◆ This Week	C: P. Kelly P: P. D'Cruz	R. Yee T. Yee
◆ Next week	C: R. Grealy P: H. Lobo	K. Barritt Sr Betty

#### COUNTERS

This Week: Raj Fonn / Violet Fonn

Next Week: Peter Deayton / Lester Steele

## ST TIMOTHY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



We are accepting nominations for our Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination form is available on Church and foyer table. Submit to church collectors during Mass or to Parish Office. Nominations close end of November for the election (if required) of the council to begin meeting in February 2020.



### WORK WITH CHILDREN CHECK

As announced last week, we would like to remind **ALL VOLUNTEERS OF ST TIMOTHY'S** to please provide the Parish Office copy of your Work with Children Check. This is in compliance with the Victorian Government Safety Audits. Please ensure that St Timothy's is included among your volunteer place. All updates and or new application can be done online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). We appreciate your utmost cooperation.

### ST TIMOTHY'S SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE



We are in need of volunteers to be a part of St Timothy's Safeguarding Committee. The main responsibilities are to monitor, oversee and uphold the Archdiocese of Melbourne's commitment to the care and safety of children and vulnerable persons. Those interested may contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

### 'A DATE WITH OUR LADY' VISIT OF PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**19-25 OCTOBER, 9:00 AM—5:00 PM**

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, BLACKBURN**

Other than scheduled liturgies and timetables, the Church is open for personal devotion.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marcel Hickman, Louis Rodrigues, Kathleen McLoney, Gina Gangi, Luigina Isola, James Mascarinas, Carmella Zuccarello, Merlyn Alwis, Alleluia Mendes, Priscilo Nengasea, Margaret Curtain, Faye Ilbern, Angelina Viola, Filomena Cigana, Edward Joseph Bevans, Margie Ratcliff, Lorraine Oakman.

### 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

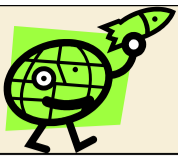
- ◆ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.
- ◆ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

### 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



## **ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI RELEASES STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BILL ON BEHALF OF ACBC**

“The Government’s Religious Discrimination Bill must protect the ability of churches and other religious groups to continue to serve the poor and sick through housing and supported accommodation, hospitals and aged care, soup vans, drop-in centres, providing food and clothing, and financial and emotional support,” the Archbishop Peter A Comensoli said last Friday.

Archbishop Comensoli is the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference spokesperson on religious freedom.

“The Catholic Church has a long and proud history of providing outstanding care and services to people across many backgrounds, including high-quality education, health services and social services. We serve those who are sick, elderly, poor or down on their luck.

“We can only continue that work if we can employ staff who support our mission. Many of our staff may not share our religious faith, but they support the value of our mission to serve others.

“This Bill would provide important protection against discrimination on the grounds of religious belief or activity and a positive protection of our freedom to act in accordance with our religious faith, but excludes vital parts of the work of the Church.

“Catholic hospitals and aged care are excluded from the legislation and should not be, because they are legitimate religious bodies which have carried out a key mission of the Church for more than 150 years, inspired by the example of Jesus.

“Including religious hospitals and aged care services in the legislation would help them to continue to hire people who support the value of their religious mission to serve others.”

## **AMAZON SYNOD AGREES ON QUESTIONS NOT ANSWERS**

In the first two days of the Synod of Bishops on the Amazon (6-27 Oct), participants have flagged a regional priest shortage and the need for a clear ministerial role for women as key issues up for discussion. Source: *Crux*.

Speaking to journalists during a press briefing at the close of yesterday’s morning session, Paolo Ruffini, prefect of the Vatican’s communications department, said both ordained ministry and the need to find “new paths” for women’s ministry in regional communities has been “underlined a lot” in the speeches thus far.

On these two issues, he said, “everyone says there is a question and a need to find an answer, but the answers aren’t the same.”

Agreeing that priestly celibacy, which has been mandatory for the Roman Catholic Church since the 11th century, is a “great gift of the Holy Spirit,” some Synod participants still suggested the long-debated possibility of ordaining *virii probati*, or mature married men, to help curb the regional shortage, evaluating the outcome over time to gauge its effectiveness. However, others, Mr Ruffini said, argued against the proposal, saying it would turn priests into “a simple functionary” for Masses, “and not a pastor of the community.”

Lacking a clear solution in the speeches given thus far, Mr Ruffini stressed that “It’s a developing process,” and voiced his belief that clearer solutions will begin to take shape when small group deliberations begin today.

## **BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO NAMED BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY**

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, a diocese that covers much of Sydney’s North Shore and the New South Wales Central Coast.

Bishop Randazzo, currently an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney, succeeds Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, whose episcopacy in Broken Bay ended in July 2018 after he was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne.

Born in Sydney, Bishop Randazzo grew up in southeast Queensland and went on to study at the Pius XII Provincial Seminary and the University of Queensland. He was ordained a priest for Brisbane Archdiocese in 1991. After parish and diocesan responsibilities in Brisbane, Bishop Randazzo moved to Rome, where he gained qualifications in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He would later work for five years at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Upon returning to Australia, Bishop Randazzo served as rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, which trains priests for the five dioceses of Queensland, before being appointed an auxiliary bishop for Sydney in 2016.

## **RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA IN 2020 PILGRIMAGE**

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia next year on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin. From February through May 2020, the family’s relics will travel to Queensland, New South Wales and ACT, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia.

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux last came to Australia in 2002 where they were met with an outpouring of adoration among the faithful in Sydney. While it is difficult to predict whether the February arrival of the relics will attract similar response as in 2002, the pilgrimage may be a powerful moment of connection between Australians and an immensely popular and beloved saint.

## **POPE FRANCIS: DON'T KICK HOLY SPIRIT OUT OF SYNOD ROOM**

Pope Francis and bishops gather for a prayer service in St Peter’s Basilica at the start of the first session of the Amazon Synod. The Synod of Bishops for the Amazon is a time of reflection, dialogue and listening to the needs and sufferings of indigenous people, Pope Francis said.

“The Holy Spirit is the primary actor in the Synod. Please, do not kick him out of the room,” the Pope said, opening the gathering’s first working session.

Speaking off-the-cuff, the Pope said he was saddened to hear a “sarcastic” remark from a Synod participant about an indigenous man wearing a feathered headdress who presented the offertory gifts at the Synod’s opening Mass on Sunday. “Tell me: What difference is there between having feathers on your head and the three-cornered hat worn by some officials of our dicasteries?” he asked, eliciting applause from Synod participants.

Instead of becoming a series of reductive discussions that only undermine “the poetry” of indigenous people and their cultures, he said, the Synod is a way for the Church to walk with them “under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”

## **INTRODUCTION TO MASS:**

Where are you in the Gospel story? Are you with the nine, doing all the correct things but without perceiving the wonder of God's goodness to you? Or like the outsider, the Samaritan leper, can you see the miracles of God unfolding around you? What is there in your own life that perhaps you take for granted – health, freedom from war or conflict, good education for your children, living in a democracy. We have much to be grateful for.

## **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Lord Jesus, you cleanse us from our sins.

**Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you show mercy to those who believe

**Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your message reaches to the ends of the earth.

**Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.**

## **FIRST READING: 2Kings 5: 14-17**

No gifts in return – either to God or God's prophet are required or accepted. Israel's God distributes favours with absolute freedom and generosity. The one thing necessary is grateful acknowledgement.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

## **SECOND READING: 2Tim 2: 8-13**

Paul exhorts Timothy to remember the heart of the gospel: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. This is the very basis of Christian faith. The agony and indignity that Paul bears are seen by Paul as his share in the preaching of the Good News.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

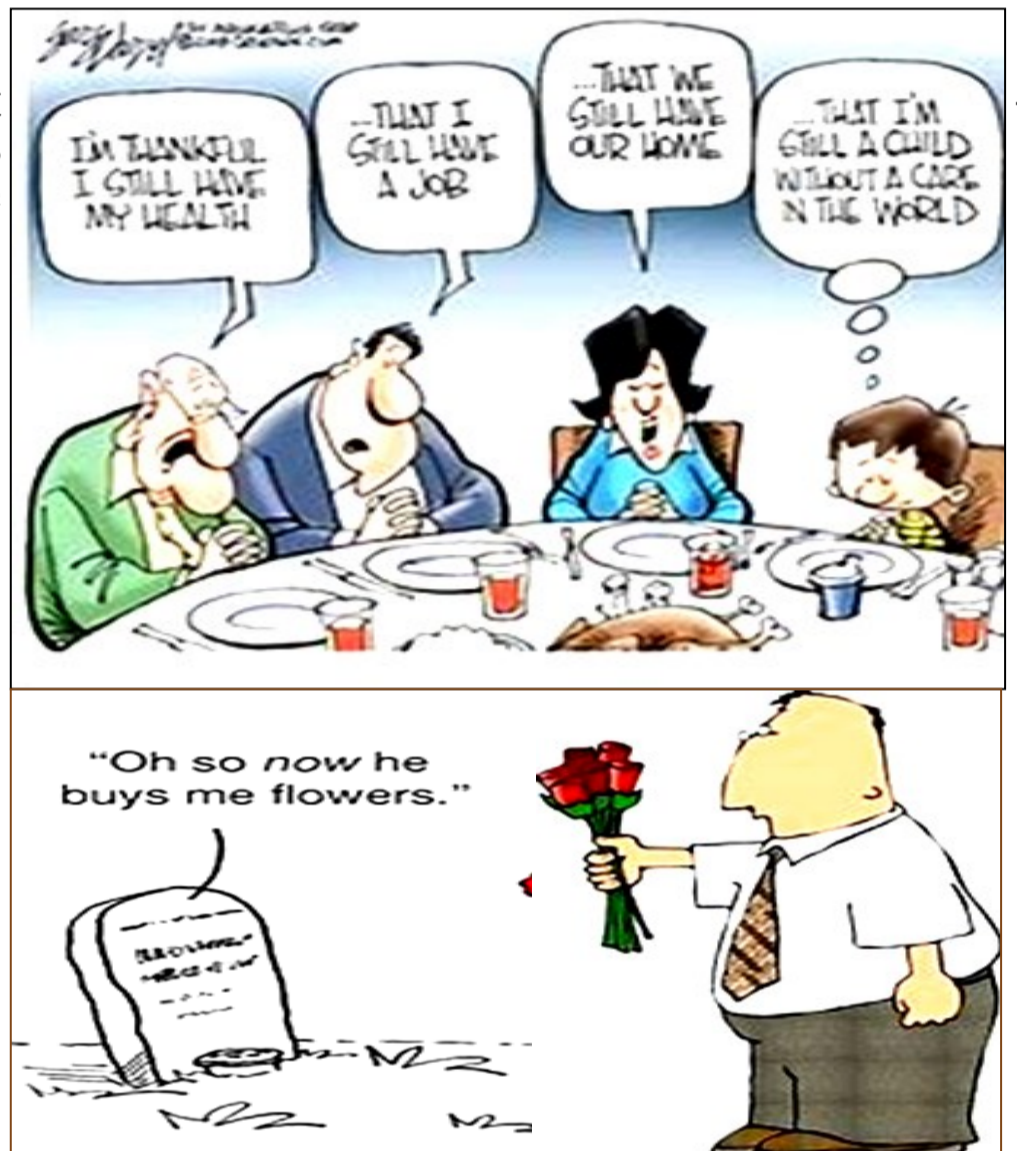
**Alleluia! alleluia!**

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19**

Beyond physical healing or rescue, salvation means coming to know God in a new way as a God who saves, and being transformed by that knowledge. The Samaritan who returns to give thanks really comes to the 'knowledge of salvation.'



**NEXT WEEK: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13; Second Reading: 2Tim 3:14 –4: 2 ; Gospel Luke 18: 1-8**