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Baptism Weekend and CCSV - Social Services Sunday

From the PP's Desk- I spent Wednesday with the Archbishop and about 150 priests of the Archdiocese.

We discussed Taking the Way of the Gospel at some length. One priest commented that to him it feels as though the Archbishop is saying that we haven't been following Jesus Christ and the Good News in the past, that we haven't been seeking to be missionary. As he spoke, with some grief in his voice, it struck me that perhaps that sense is felt by others: you maybe.

Please, please know that this is not what is meant. We only exist as parishes today because of all the wonderful work you have done as disciples over the decades since the sixties when our parish was established. But ... it is painfully obvious that times have changed. That new ways of evangelising are needed to speak the Good News into today's world around us, a world where people want to be shown the path and choose it consciously for themselves rather than immediately trusting the person who points out the path.

Taking the way of the Gospel is about finding those new ways of speaking the Good News, of inviting others to come and meet Jesus Christ, of learning about him and of becoming a disciple who follows intentionally.

Within each of St Greg's and St Kevin's there is much going on to seek to refresh, re-energise, renew, our ministries and to grow new ministries: all with the overarching view of seeking to open our hearts to learn where the Holy Spirit is leading us so that we can speak into the lives of those thirsting for faith and hope and love in their lives.

In addition, the Archbishop spoke of a few things that are coming up:

1. Childsafe Audit: the Commission for Children and Young People has advised the Archdiocese that there will be an audit of the Archdiocese at some stage this year. This audit will include some parishes. We don't know which parishes but when that is known each parish that is audited will get two weeks notice and then there will be an assessment of records, observation of practice, conversation with young people, clergy, staff and volunteers and a survey of standards, culture and practice. These audits are intended to help us grow into a culture that effectively and proactively provides a safe environment for all people, and particularly children, who participate in our community. Please act to get your Working with Children Check / Code of Conduct in place as soon as possible (we are at about 60% coverage at present).
2. 27th October for four days: there will be celebrations for the 150th anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne – have a look around on line to find out what is happening.
3. 19th-25th February will be the 50th Anniversary of the International Eucharistic Congress that was held in Melbourne – a congress which was a turning point for Melbourne in its richness of liturgical life. There will be celebrations / thinking.
4. World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon. Do you know anyone who would like to go? Encourage them, help them raise funds, let us know. Archbishop Peter would like to have 500 young teachers go – two from each Catholic School in the Archdiocese. Not sure what we can do directly but perhaps encourage the young people you know.

God bless, Fr Charles

What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	11.00am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



REMINDER - 29th September Sr Brigid / Asylum Seeker evening Presentation - REGISTRATION essential

Registration (via Parish website Notice) is essential for the Social Justice Action online presentation by Sr Brigid Arthur at 7:30pm on Thursday 29 September. Online access details will be emailed after registration

John Costa



to those of you who have ensured that the parish office has a copy of your Working With Children Check as well as signing our Code of Conduct document.

If you haven't done so yet, please ensure the parish office has a copy of these documents at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you all.



Road Resurfacing Works

are being carried out in Sinclair Avenue and will be closed for the next two

weeks. Car access to the Church will be available from Foote Street only.

Today we acknowledge **Social Services Sunday**. We invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities.



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving Envelopes for the next period and contribution receipts for the immediate period to last Sunday are now available for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please ensure you collect yours before leaving today. In doing so, you will further assist the Parish in reducing its postage costs.

A huge **thank you** to Peter Norman in giving of his time and effort in preparing these envelopes for your convenience.



Happy Birthday to our "Queen Baker" and "Star Knitter" Betty Natoli who will turn 89 on

Wednesday, 21st September.

Thank you Betty, for all that you do for us.



Our friends at the Exodus Community are grateful to our merry band of knitters who provided warm blankets for those in need recently. You can read the full letter of appreciation from the noticeboard in the Gathering Space. Well done Ladies! Keep up the great work and thank you for your generosity of time and talent.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17/18th September 2022

1st Read: Amos 8: 4-7 2nd Read: Timothy 2: 1-8 Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Peter Howes	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Liz O'Connell	Carmel Shiel Geraldine Williams

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24/25th September 2022

1st Read: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 2nd Read: Timothy 6: 11-16 Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Daniel Marini	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Joe Batiller

We pray for Better Health: Michael Doyle, Fr Brendan Dillon, Jill Hodson, Ella Dunn, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Izabella Fantin, John Nigro and Catherine Conti.

Anniversaries: Jasmine Milanes, Ann Tipton, Nathan Jones, Margaret Cunningham, Danny Frawley, Antonio Ziino and Rosemary Mercieca

Recently Deceased: Donald Mullin

Co.As.It. (Italian Assistance Association) Urgent - Volunteers Required

The Co.As.It. is an organisation funded by the Department of Human Services and the Commonwealth Government. They are currently looking for Italian speaking people who are willing to volunteer one to two hours per week to visit elderly people of Italian origin, who are socially isolated or lonely and in need of company. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Tania on 0430 556 283.

Cerchiamo Volontari - Urgente

Co.As.It. organizzazione al servizio della comunità Italiana D'Australia, cerca persone di lingua italiana che spendano da uno o due ore a settimana con persone anziane di origine italiana, che sono socialmente isolate e hanno bisogno di amicizia. Portare un po' di amicizia a una persona sola può significare tanto per loro e anche per te! Se sei interessato e ne vuoi sapere di più chiama Tania al 0430 556 283.



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes
through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Leo Darko Scully

Son of Richard and Helena
Little brother of Patrick and Arthur



Are you interested in BECOMING A CATHOLIC and learning about Jesus?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will soon begin its next series of meetings at St Gregory's. For more information, please phone Cathy and Noel on 9848 5447 or leave your details with the Parish Office or speak with Fr Charles. Please pass this notice on to anyone who might be interested.

*For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:*

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Amos 8: 4-7](#)

Some of the language in today's diatribe from Amos alludes to its ancient agricultural setting. The goods being sold are corn and wheat; there's reference to "the poor people of the country" and to a monthly lunar holiday. But what is shocking is how current the shady practices still are. Poor people continue to be unscrupulously swindled and pressed into economic bondage. And those who expose abuse of this kind remain swiftly vilified in return.

Amos was an unlikely critic of the socio-economic and religious system prevailing in the northern kingdom of Israel in the eighth century before Christ. He was doubly an outsider – a shepherd and arborist from the south and not an official prophet – but these apparent disadvantages gave him the freedom to speak out about the entrenched injustice of the status quo. His oracles appear to be among the first to be written down and compiled into a book, but he has much in common with other prophets who rail against injustice, such as Hosea, Micah and Isaiah.

Second Reading

[1 Timothy 2: 1-8](#)

This second excerpt from the first letter to Timothy introduces a series of lessons on the conduct of the community's worship. There is a strikingly universal emphasis. Prayers should be "offered for all"; God "wants everyone to be saved"; Christ Jesus is the one mediator between God and humankind, not just a select few. This suggests that the letter was written well after the controversies over the mission to the Gentiles were settled. In keeping with this time-frame, the letter implies that the Christian community has accommodated itself to life within the Roman Empire. It seems anxious not to be perceived as a threat to the social order of the day, though there is a hint of subversion in that prayers are to be offered for the authorities, not to the divine emperor. Before drawing too many conclusions from this general social accommodation, it is worth noting that very similar advice is given in the unmistakably Pauline letter to the Romans, where he counsels everyone to "be subject to the governing authorities". Obscured somewhat in the reading (though made clear in the NRSV), there is a brief declaration of faith: "For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator.. who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all." Some have suggested this may be a Christian counterpart to the Jewish *Shema*.

