

Dear Parishioners,

Who would be a prophet? Jeremiah understandably tried to avoid his calling. The episode in today's First Reading, Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, occurred when the Babylonians were besieging Jerusalem around the year 588 BCE. Jeremiah opposed the pro-Egypt policy of powerful advisers of King Zedekiah. Adopting this unpopular stance led to his being thrown into the well and left to die there.

The fate of Jeremiah provides a prophetic precedent and context for Jesus' words in the Gospel (Luke 12:49-53). The 'peace' that Jesus brings is not a facile thing. It only becomes effective in the context of true conversion of heart. Jesus' message does not leave the depths of human beings untouched. It brings to the surface deep-seated prejudice, narrowness, and selfishness where such negative qualities can be confronted and healed. But many resist this challenge and healing. So, what should be a message of peace and reconciliation ends up as a violent confrontation. People turn against prophets because they speak uncomfortable truths and require conversion.

This pattern is the background to today's Gospel. The increasing hostility to his message that Jesus encounters will come to a climax as he approaches Jerusalem. This painful destiny Jesus describes as a 'baptism' with which he is stressed until it be 'accomplished'. Jesus is speaking of 'baptism' according to a biblical usage where being immersed in water and so out of control is a standard image for being overwhelmed by troubles and hostility (e.g. Pss 42:7; 69:1-2; 88:7, 16-17). 'Baptism', then, refers to the suffering and death that await him in Jerusalem. Jesus did not come to bring an easy peace but a costly grace. Our discipleship requires ongoing conversion and self-emptying love and fidelity.

Pope Francis today shows us the fate of prophets even today. He is a witness of Gospel simplicity of life and concern for the poor in a Church that shares with others the joy of the Gospel. He has been attacked by the self-proclaimed 'traditional faithful' as he seeks to reassert the priority of the teachings and attitudes of Jesus for the life and mission of the Church. Change inevitably provokes frightened and bitter opposition. This mistakes static traditions for the dynamic Catholic Tradition which is the handing on of the faith to new generations in ever new cultures.

Fr Tadgh is back with us this week, while I am taking a fortnight's annual leave from Wednesday 21 August.

Blessings, —*Greg*

Our Church's Anniversary



Come and Let Us Celebrate Together Parish Feast Day—Thursday 29th August

Each year we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of our Church on August 29th. We will have a Mass at 7pm followed by a shared meal in the parish centre. We would love you bring a plate (or pot) of your favourite dish and share with us. Our parish will provide cake, cold drinks, tea & coffee. For catering and set-up purposes, RSVP on the list in the foyer if you are coming. All are welcome!

105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 19th - 25th August



It is not just about migrants but also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes. How is God encouraging and inviting us? Who are we becoming? What kind of society are we preparing

for those who come after us?

'Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons. They share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all, for being more.' (Pope Francis - Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World, 2014)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—FIRST EUCHARIST

- Parents and Child Workshop—Monday 26 August, 7:00pm at the Parish Centre
- First Eucharist Retreat and Final Practice—Friday 6 September, 9:00am at the Parish Centre
- First Eucharist Masses—Saturday 7 September at 6:00pm and Sunday 8 September at 9:30am and 11:30am



ALPHA MARK 3 UPDATE!

Alpha has been going wonderfully on its third week. New friendship being made and laughter and delicious meals enjoyed by all who come together.

We are still looking for a volunteer to help with Wednesday morning to wash some dishes. If you have an hour or so to spare, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Billie on 9276 8500 or Angela on morleyalpha@gmail.com

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently deceased: Doug Bolton, Caterina Macri, Filomena Rossi and Ignatia Lobo;

Deceased: Christie Rodrigues, Susan De Silva, Gerald Yeo and Tan Duy Nguyen;

Anniversaries: Mariangela Rossi Sputore; Maurice and Juliana Valdar, Sebastino Del Casale, Antonino Galipo, Christina Bracknell, Rosanna Aloise, Hung Nguyen-Le and Natale Gianotti,

The Sick of the Parish: Margaret Tindale, oselyn D'Silva, Jack Reardon, Joy Atienza, Claudia Bayle, Venice Dencs, Zoe Hipolito, Lesley Peters, Priscilla Grainger, Lucas Bendotti and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*Lord, remember us,
for the love you bear your people.*



Care Bags - Because Children In Care Matter

In 2018, 1095 children were taken into protective care - that's three children a day. Often they arrive without anything but the clothes they are wearing. Care Bags is an initiative to provide these children with a backpack of essential item which they can call their very own. This gives the children some sense of place and control of their situation. This initiative was started and is run by a 100% volunteer effort and relies purely on donations from generous supporters. A policy of the Care Bags initiative is that all items, including backpacks, are brand new. This tells the children that this gift is especially bought for them and is not a hand-me-down.

If you have children's clothing (size 1-16) , soft toys, backpacks small comfort items (hair bands, colouring books, card games etc) at home which are brand new, but not needed, you could drop them off at the parish office to be included in a pack for a child. If you would like to make up your own complete pack to donate to a child, there is a complete list of items on the poster on the "News" board in the foyer - or check out their Facebook page - "Care Bags - because children in care matter."

"It takes a whole village to raise a child"

NEXT WEEKEND — 24/25 August—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Hari Geigenmuller	Eamon Delaney	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Marc; Ethan; Peter Tran and Teresa	Madeleine and Frank	Crissantto; Victoria and Denver	Tim; Dan and Royce
Proclaimers	Chris T and Thelma	Sally and Tang	Mark and Charles	Fely and Rita
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team B—Chris A; William; John T; Chris T and Tracy	Team A—Mike; Frank; John; Anna; Lesley and Bernadette	Team B—Patrick; Annette; Maureen; Joan; Teresa and Errol	Team A—Ivor; Rita; Marie; Maureen; Luisa or Glenn and Thuy
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Barb and Veronica	Josephine and Joshila	Joanne and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday, 24 August @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am
Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am , Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd Sundays)
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm

Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

Our Parish Team

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PILGRIM STATUE: The Pilgrim Statue will be in the home of Sandra Haney; 2 Richards Place, Noranda. Ph: 0412 589 461

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

20 Aug: St Bernard
21 Aug: St Pius X
22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 Aug: St Bartholomew, Apostle

UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

When preaching takes place within the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist. *Evangelii*

LET'S KICK START THE RENOVATION OF IJ PARISH HALL

FUNDARISING WITH
A FUN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY BINGO



Saturday 14 September 2019

1-4pm

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BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY – DON'T MISS OUT (on sale 17 August)

AND HELP OUR PARISH HALL GET ITS MAKEOVER!



Tickets on sale
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this weekend

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Tables of 8

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