

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel, (Matt 11:25-30) we 'overhear' a joyful exclamation that Jesus makes directly to the Father. He rejoices that the Father has communicated to 'mere children' (his disciples) a sense of knowing the Father that Jesus himself has as divine Son. It is something directly revealed by God to those most capable of receiving it: 'mere children'. The point about little children is that they have nothing 'useful' to contribute. What they give is what they are really good at: affection and love. When Jesus speaks of 'knowing' God, he is using the word in the Semitic sense where it is a communion of love, entailing deep intimacy. This is the kind of knowledge of God of which Jesus is speaking. He blesses the Father because he has communicated such knowledge to the disciples and, today, to us.

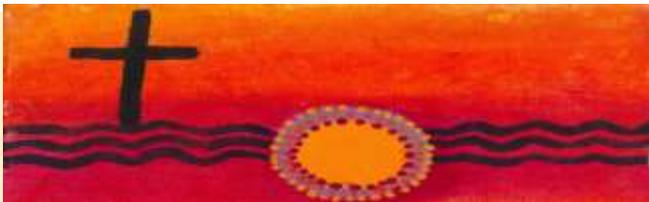
In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus issues an invitation: 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Jesus is the One who bears and lifts humanity's burdens. The view of humanity depicted in the Matthew's Gospel is that of being weighed down and burdened by a multitude of afflictions. Jesus comes to lift that burden, which includes but is by no means exhausted by the burden of sin. His gift is 'ease' and 'lightness', to those who have allowed Jesus to draw them into his intimacy and knowledge of God.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is "Together in the Spirit". We feel enriched by the fact that, as Australians, we are "Together in the Spirit" today. Communities around Australia, both First Nations and non-Indigenous, have endured bushfires, droughts and now a pandemic, it is only natural that our spirit also becomes weary.

There are many burdens that exist in our communities. We need to consider the woeful lack of progress on closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in key areas. It is important that we continue to place our trust in God, to know the lightness and ease Jesus brings as he lifts our burdens and gives us the spiritual gifts of empathy, friendship and love for one another. Standing together in solidarity is a blessed and hopeful way to healing for us all.

Every Blessing, *Greg*



Together in the Spirit 2020 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Father our Creator

You created all things, seen and unseen, listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.

As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons, back to those days where my people walked.

The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the earth, and their images become real to me.

I see my grandfathers standing tall and strong, warriors of long ago. I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit moves within me.

They told me of the emus fighting; picking the scent of our hunters. The images fade away as I feel the hurt of my people.

I can hear the cries of my grandmothers as they cry for their children. Grandfather, you can see me as I stand here and feel this hurt.

Father Creator, is this the purpose of my being here? Or is it your plan to reshape my people to be once again the proud race it once was?

Let me walk with you and my grandfathers towards the dawning of a proud and new nation.

I thank you for my Sacred Being. Amen.

—Jubilee Prayer and Statement of Commitment

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

For the time being, we will continue to use the collection box at the back of the pews in the central aisle for both collections. You may place your contribution in the boxes. The first collection supports the priests, the second collection helps maintain and run our church and parish.



During this time of uncertainty, we are most grateful to those who are able to continue their weekly financial support. If you would like to continue to support the parish financially, but are not in the planned giving program, then consider completing a pledge card today.

New Pledge cards, Direct Debit forms and Direct Bank Deposit details are available in the foyer. Members of the committee will be available in the foyer after Masses this weekend to assist you and answer any questions.

INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP



Great news!! The Infant Jesus Playgroup will be recommencing on 23 July 2020 in the Parish Hall.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your little ones to develop their social skills, emotional confidence, physical activity, imagination and creativity at their own pace. It is also a time for parents to not only play and interact with their child, but to develop their own friendship and social network.

Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Thursdays from 9.30-11am. All children must be accompanied by their parent/carer. Sessions begin with free play, followed by Morning Tea, outdoor play and concluding with story time and songs. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available for parents. Please bring your own child's Morning Tea. If able, we always love a gold coin donation to help with the costs of water, electricity, tea and coffee.

For further details, feel free to contact Tanya Davis on 0414 540 722. See you there!!

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

11 July: St Benedict, abbot

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Seamus O'Brien, Louis Cantem Bob Mann and Giuseppina Trusso;

Deceased: Doug Bolton, Sr. Bertha Brown, members of Pham family, Bernadette Nicoletto, Achille Albanese, Gracy Ramunni and deceased members of F.O.S.S.;

Anniversaries: Beres Jone, Tony Jones, Joe, Michele & Michelina Scacchia, Ralph Colangelo, Poppy and Ralph Wates;

The Sick of the Parish: Sharon Rosielle, Margaret Bradley, Cliff Mitchell and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love"*



NEW BOOK BY FR. TADGH— "THE MESSAGE OF MATTHEW"

Another little book from Fr. Tadgh is now available near the piety stall for a donation of \$8.00.

Also available, *The Message of Mark* and *The Gospel of John*.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

If you have donated through the project compassion boxes or envelopes, you may collect your receipts from the sacristy after Mass.



If we want our Masses to continue...

then please put your hand up to clean the pews after Sunday Masses. Under the Covid-19 regulations, we are required to regularly clean the areas being used.



After Mass, offer your help to wipe down seats and pew backs. Gloves and cleaning materials are provided. Thank you.



To everyone who helped during Phase 3 of the Covid-19 roadmap, attending at the church door and cleaning, and to those who continue to volunteer

to clean after weekend Masses. Without you, our community would not have been able to come together to celebrate the Eucharist once more. Your willingness to take on some of the responsibility has been greatly appreciated by us all— *Billie and all the JJ staff*.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

New dates for First Eucharist Celebration:

- Saturday, September 5th at 3:00pm **OR**
- Saturday, September 12th at 3:00pm **OR**
- Saturday, September 19th at 3:00pm.



Please see the recent email sent to all the First Eucharist families regarding these changes and please reply by email with your FIRST and SECOND preference of the three Saturdays.

HELP NEEDED

Catholic Outreach is looking for a retiree to assist a family getting their children to school in Morley. Need to have a current Working With Children Card. If you could help, please contact Marietta Russo on 9422 7920.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS ARE BACK



Children's activity sheets are available from the bulletin stand this weekend. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to supply the shared colouring pencils. Please remember to bring your own colouring pencils. We apologise for the inconvenience.

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In accordance with WA government COVID-19 directives, parish bulletins or any other printed materials may not be re-used.

UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers [in Australia], the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted.

Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008

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