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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

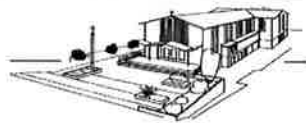
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Social Justice Sunday

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Jenny Moy, Cathy O'Brien, Ivan Curotta, Celestino & Maria Bisosc, Inez & Angelo D'Souza, Nora Morahan & Morahan Family, Leonard, Esther & Philip Velu, Alfredo Perrone, Brad O'Hare, Jacinta Fong, Iris Summons, Kenneth Booth, Sam Luks and Louise Micallef



Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

The rosary is prayed immediately after the 9.10 mass on Wednesdays at Malabar.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.

Social Justice Sunday

The theme this year, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, encourages faith communities, governments and each one of us to make **mental health a priority.**

It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities.

Remember our Retired Priests this Father's Day 5th & 6th September

The Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal will be held on Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests so please consider a gift towards this appeal. Thank you.

Your donation will be **100% tax deductible.**

URGENT REQUEST FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVDP are in great need of fabric masks for its workers.

If you have a sewing machine and are able to help make some masks, you can get a copy of the instructions by phoning the parish office on **Ph: 9311-2062** and we will email it to you.

All are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while at church.

It is also suggested that we do not attend more than one church.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Please invite your fellow parishioners to celebrate Mass with us.

100 people at each Mass at Matraville and Malabar

Please: Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend.

Please sign in and use the sanitiser every time on your way in.

Please keep the **physical distance** of 1.5 metres at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Let us pray for all families of seafarers who struggle with many months of separation from their loved ones.

Weekday Masses

There is morning Mass at Matraville at 7am on Tues & Fri and 9.10am on Thursday

There is morning Mass at Malabar 9.10am on Wed, Fri and Sat this week.

There is no Sat morning Mass at Matraville until further notice.

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

In last week's Gospel, Peter expressed his God-given insight concerning Jesus' identity as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'. He received a blessing in response and appointment as the 'rock foundation' of the future Church.

But when, in today's Gospel, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that he is destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Peter, who had so conspicuously got it right, equally conspicuously stumbles at the truth Jesus now goes on to reveal: the more closely, as '(beloved) Son' he is related to God, the more closely he is aligned to the divine will that he enter into the pain and suffering of the world.

Peter's protest is subtle. The suggestion, 'Lord, this sort of thing is not for you!' recalls Satan's earlier attempt (4:8-9) to lure Jesus away from his God-given path by proposing an easy route to rulership of the world. Hence the sharpness of Jesus' rebuke: 'Get behind me, Satan!'

Peter's understandable human desire to preserve the Master from suffering aligns him with the demonic in a way that would thwart Jesus' God-given mission to save the world.

Jesus goes on to speak more generally to all the disciples, describing the conditions for any who want to follow him. It is human to want to avoid suffering and preserve those we love from it. But evil cannot be defeated without cost. Joining Jesus in his mission will mean taking up one's own cross and, in various ways, losing life, in order to find it.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2020

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines
for you / like a dry, weary land without
water. R.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see
your strength and your glory. / For your love
is better than life, / my lips will speak your
praise. R.

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your
name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall
be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall
praise you with joy. R.



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow
of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to
you; / your right hand holds me fast. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy
of thinking beings, by offering your living
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.
Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of
the world around you, but let your behaviour
change, modelled by your new mind. This is
the only way to discover the will of God and
know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

**Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of
our heart, / that we might see how great
is the hope / to which we are called. /
Alleluia!**