



The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner
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4TH Sunday Lent Yr A. March 22, 2020

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**Parish Mass Times
SUNDAY**

Vigil (Sat) 5:30 pm
 9:00 am English
 11:00 am Italian

**KNANAYA
COMMUNITY**

Sundays 4:30pm

WEEKDAY ROSARY
 20 mins prior to Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Tuesday, Thursday, &
 Friday 9.30 am
 Wednesday 10.30am

CONFESSION

Sat, evening 5 pm or by appointment

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

1ST THURS OF THE
MONTH @ 7 PM
 1ST FRI OF THE
MONTH @ 8.30 AM

**BAPTISMS &
WEDDINGS**

By appointment

**Parish Ministries
St Matthew's Prayer
Group Tues
10.30 am**

**Perpetual Novena
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Every Wednesday
@ 7pm**

**Mass followed by
Stations of the
Cross @ 7.00 pm
Every Friday
during Lent
Our Lady's Statue
Resumes Mar 22
McDonough family**

Anecdote:

Amazing Grace is the story of the healing of one person's personal as well as cultural blindness. John Newton was born in 1740 in England. He grew up in the Anglican Church. As a little boy he went to Church and learned Bible lessons.

His mother died when he was only eleven, and so he travelled with his father who was the captain and owner of a cargo ship. The "cargo" was two to three hundred black slaves packed, lying next to each other, in the ship's hold. In a storm, little John Newton was washed overboard and was picked up on the open seas by a slave trader who trained John in his trade as he grew up.

Before his conversion, Newton's life had become so debauched, irreverent, and immoral that even his fellow sailors were shocked by his conduct and coarse speech. On one return voyage to England, Newton was caught in such a fierce storm that all aboard despaired of life.

The Scriptures John had once learned at his mother's knee returned to his mind, and he began to hope that Jesus could deliver him, dreadful sinner though he was.

For the first time in years, **John sought the Lord in prayer, and as he later wrote, "the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."** It was on **March 21**, a date he remembered yearly for the rest of his life, Newton began to realize the enormity of the evil in his life and his complicity with the evil of slavery in his slave-trading.

He left the ship, joined the seminary, was ordained and became a zealous pastor. Thanking God for the grace of conversion, he composed a song which is now one of Americas' favourite hymns:

"Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see." Jesus always comes to heal people who are spiritually blind if they ask for help. Newton, like his culture, had a huge personal blind-spot — tolerance for slave-trading. And Jesus healed John Newton's spiritual blindness.

Humour: My face in the mirror Isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone. My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn. I think I might never Put my glasses back on.

Recently Deceased: Antonio Tomolo, Elizabeth Negline,
Anniversaries: Eufrosina Galdo, Angelina Markis, Camillo Lamonaca, Nabih & Frangia Challita Biondo & Filomena Di Felice, Percy, Audrey, Garry Tinker

Please pray for the Sick : Maura, Robert, Joe, Adam, Rosa, Diana, Gina, Nola, Tony, Emma, Teresa, Steve, Michael, Paul, Giuseppe, Emmanuel, Mary, Michelle, Lucia, Leanne, Raemond, Muriel, Peter, Raphaela, Natalina, Daniella, Christian, John, Anthony, Jessie, Con, Teresa, Rita, Gabriella Gino, Jason & Giovanni

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

In the Footsteps of Jesus
 IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE with
 optional Egypt Tour.

October 16-27 2020

Chaplain Rev Fr Florentino
 (Boy) Galdo with Biblical
 Catholic guide \$5640 per person
 twin share.

\$1699 Egypt. Extra.

For further information contact

Philippine Tours:

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flights.com.au**

MASS BULLETINS

**As you are aware all
Mass and church
celebrations have
been suspended
during the Corona
Virus outbreak.
Therefore during this
time the Parish
Bulletin will not be
printed.**

**Please continue your
prayers privately and
have a spiritual
Communion.**

**Thank You and may
God Bless Us All**

**POPE FRANCIS ~
TWITTER**

Pray together entrusting
ourselves to the
intercession of
St. Joseph, who knew
precariousness and
bitterness. Though he
worried about the
future, he knew how to
walk through the
darkness of certain
moments, always letting
himself be guided by God's
will without reservation.

**THANKSGIVING
OFFERING**

March 8, 2020
 Thanksgiving: \$689.65
 Presbytery: \$522.85

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION (Pope Francis encourages us to pray this prayer daily)

PROTECT, O HOLY GUARDIAN, THIS OUR NATION.

ENLIGHTEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMON GOOD, SO THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW—LIKE YOU DO—HOW TO CARE FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

GRANT INTELLIGENCE OF KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE SEEKING ADEQUATE MEANS FOR THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

SUSTAIN THOSE WHO ARE SPENDING THEMSELVES FOR THOSE IN NEED, EVEN AT THE COST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY: VOLUNTEERS, NURSES, DOCTORS WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES IN CURING THE SICK.

BLESS, O ST. JOSEPH, THE CURCH: BEGINNING WITH HER MINISTERS, MAKE HER THE SIGN AND INSTRUMENT OF YOUR LIGHT AND YOUR GOODNESS.

ACCOMPANY, O ST. JOSEPH, OUR FAMILIES: WITH YOUR PRAYEFUL SILENCE, CREATE HARMONY BETWEEN PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, IN A SPECIAL WAY WITH YOUNGEST.

PRESERVE THE ELDERLY FROM LONELINESS: GRANT THAT NO-ONE MIGHT BE LEFT DESPERATION FROM ABONDMENT AND DISCOURAGEMENT.

COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST FRAIL, **ENCOURAGE** THOSE WHO FALTER, **INTERCEDE** FOR THE POOR.

WITH THE VIRGIN MOTHER, **BEG** THE LORD TO LIBERATE THE WORLD FROM EVERY FROM OF PANDEMIC. AMEN.

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.