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The phrase "fishers of men" was spoken by Jesus when He was calling two of His disciples, Simon Peter and Andrew, to follow Him. "As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Mark 1:16-18; see also Matthew 4:19).

The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, the habitat and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. After we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men?

God asks us to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). Just as we need equipment to be fishermen, we need equipment to be fishers of men. Putting on the armor of God is one way to be ready at all times with everything we need (Ephesians 6:10-18). Especially important are the shield of faith with which we ward off the opposition from demonic forces who don't want to see men saved by the gospel of Christ (v. 16) and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (v. 17). Without these two pieces of spiritual equipment, we will find fishing for men's souls impossible. (www.gotquestions.org)

COVID-19 contact tracing

Parishioners are now able to register attendance at mass by either:
 a) Entering their details manually on mass attendance sheets – available on tables upon entry to the church, or,
 b) via the Services Victoria QR code – available on the church window adjacent to the church main entry door or the noticeboard in the foyer of the church.
 To check-in via the QR code:
 1. Download the Services Victoria app via the App Store or Google Play,
 2. Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to check-in,
 3. Submit your details (a green success tick will display)

Joke of the week

A priest, a minister and a rabbi are discussing when life begins. The priest says, "It begins at conception". The minister says, "Life begins at 24 weeks gestation". The rabbi says, "You are both wrong, Life begins when the kids move out of the house and the dog dies."

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Wladyslaw Stopa, Rosa Latanzio, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda

Recently deceased: Antonio Francione, Mark Devine, Vincenzo Giansiracusa, Frank Cichello, Peppino Amoroso, Doris Sorrentino

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Santo Fileccia, Angelina Markis, Nabih & Frangia Challita, Ellen Flood, Antoinette Cassar, Willie Robinson, Theresa Edwards, Joanne Farrugia, Julie Pace, Paul Pace, Giovanna Pace, Pace Family, Angela Agius, Frank Agius, Agius Family, Maria Lamonaca, Alejo Galdo, Maria Carta, Francesco Denti, Raymond Ruiu, Maria Lasia, Michele Malarbi, Jarrod Debono, Charlie Debono, Debono Family

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Confessions

Confessions are now available by appointment at the Parish on Saturday nights—before the Vigil Mass (5.30 pm). Please contact the Parish Centre on 93592369

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am
 Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm
Weekend:
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Prayers for intercessions

Parishioners wishing to have prayers for loved ones at Sunday masses should leave an envelope with the details of your intentions (recently deceased, sick, or, anniversaries). The envelopes should be placed in the letterbox outside the presbytery by Thursday afternoon.

2021 Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes are now ready to be picked up in the church foyer. Envelopes are arranged in street order. Please feel free to pick up a neighbours' box of envelopes if you notice that they haven't been picked up.

Volunteers needed

- Bus (Van) Drivers: to pick up elderly parishioners for the Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm and the Sunday mass (Italian) 10.30 am. Once every 3 weeks.
- Altar & Sanctuary: Flower arrangement & general cleaning (training will be provided). Once per month.
- Church cleaning: Vacuuming, mopping the entrance & cleaning the entrance doors. Once per month
- Gardening: Tidying & weeding.
- Lectors: Reading and Special ministers. Once per month. (training will be provided)

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>