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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
 October 17, 2021 Year B**

**Take the way of the Gospel : re-imagining our local church as mission communities**

*(excerpts from a pastoral letter from Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli (Pentecost 2021))*

I write to you today – God's family of the Archdiocese of Melbourne – to invite you into a new conversation about our common mission for the years ahead. To begin this conversation, I called two meetings – one with all the clergy of the Archdiocese and the other with lay representatives from each of our 209 parishes. These initial meetings had one purpose in mind: to open up the question as to how our local Church in Melbourne might best be organised into the future, such that:

- The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
- Local faith communities are arranged to allow for them to flourish;
- Our faith communities be effectively resourced – spiritually, ministerially and materially.

For decades, the clergy and faithful of Melbourne have been exploring ways to bring about a re-framing of the local Church to become more vital for God's people.

It is a renewal of this vision for today that I want to explore with you over the coming months and years, so that we might walk together towards a more energised purpose for our local Church in the light of Pentecost. This will be a journey that will take time and effort, and we will need to take it together.

Why should we be doing this? The Way of the Gospel – the path of missionary discipleship – has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. Now is our time; here is our place. As Pope Francis has been reminding us, we must be open to change if renewal is to be possible, and sometimes new structures are required for apostolic spirit to gain momentum.

Our parishes will remain at the heart of the gathering of God's people locally, but we need to adapt the way we resource our local communities, including the placement of clergy, catechists and other lay leaders, to form Missions that comprise a family of faith communities. More information will be made available soon, so the steps of discernment and consultation are readily available for everyone.

*(to see the letter in full see: [http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Take-the-Way-of-the-Gospel\\_print-friendly.pdf](http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Take-the-Way-of-the-Gospel_print-friendly.pdf))*

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Angelina Butera, Antonina Paulus, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Derek Harris

**Upcoming funeral:** Tuesday, 19th October: Vincenzo D'Astramonte (10.30 am)

**Recently deceased:** Angelina Butera, Mario Tumolero, Concetta Sciola, Pasqualina Torchia, Domenico Demaria, Aurora and Christine Tuazon, Carmelia Tolliday, Donato D'Alfonso, Vincenzo D'Aspromonte, Crescencio Paragas, Sr., Primo Lacson, Raymonde Wroblewski, Giuseppe Monaco

**We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Lamonaca, Camillo Lamonaca, Concetta Portelli, Alberto Galdo, Leandro Galdo, Antonio Esmaquel, Maria Bonadio (nee Butera), Romeo Regalado, Jr., Giuseppe Napoli

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

**Rosters for weekend masses**

**Lectors:**

Saturday 5.30 pm : J. Butera

Sunday 10.30 am : C. Di Giulio

**Mass times**

**Weekday:**

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

**Weekend:**

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 10.30 (English/Italian mass)

**Saints for the day**

*Sunday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

*Monday, October 18: Saint Luke the Evangelist*

*Tuesday, October 19: Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests and Martyrs; and their Companions, Martyrs—USA*

*Wednesday, October 20: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest—USA*

*Friday, October 22: Saint John Paul II, Pope*

*Saturday, October 23: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

*Sunday, October 24: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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