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August 7 – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



The longer version of today's gospel opens with a sublime promise: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.' There is such intimacy in these words, not only in the relationship of Jesus to his 'little flock' but in the promise of the kingdom given by the Father. This intimate relationship and promise do not take away our responsibility, however. On the contrary! Our response to this promise—whether we put our faith in it or whether we doubt it—will determine our response to the demands that Jesus makes of us: detachment from

possessions, readiness for the Lord when he comes, and integrity of life. To us has been given a great deal, and a great deal will be demanded in return. We must be attentive to the requirements of the Master. *(The Summit)*

XIX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO C)

In questo brano del Vangelo Cristo ci dice di non avere paura, di non lasciarci prendere dall'angoscia: il nostro stato d'animo di sempre deve essere una tranquilla fiducia in Dio, poiché "al Padre vostro è piaciuto di darvi il suo regno". Dobbiamo aprire un conto in questo regno, perché solo lì si trova la vera ricchezza. La motivazione e il fine dell'uomo provengono sempre da dove egli pensa che si trovino i veri valori: "Perché dove è il vostro tesoro, lì sarà anche il vostro cuore". Questa priorità implica che noi siamo distaccati dal denaro e dai beni materiali, e che li utilizziamo per il bene altrui, essendo responsabili davanti a Dio della loro gestione.

Dobbiamo anche tenerci in uno stato di veglia costante, aspettando la venuta di Cristo: "Siate pronti, con la cintura ai fianchi e le lucerne accese". Come i servi non sanno quando il loro padrone rientrerà dal ricevimento di nozze, come un uomo non può sapere quando entreranno i ladri nella sua casa, così noi non conosciamo l'ora della nostra morte, quando cioè Cristo tornerà per noi. *(lachiesa.it)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake

Recently deceased: Stefano Strano, Eugenio Cimino, George Borg, Lucia Gentile, Valerio Markesich, Marina Galdo Mercado vda Llanita Estoque

Anniversaries: Gelsomina Lumbaca, Umberto DiGiorgio, Maria Attard, Sandy Rode, Luciana and Elio Raffaelli, Maria Catalano, Francesco Paladino, Paola Cutello, Jose Medalle, Vincenzo Bascetta, Enza Tabacco, Judith Karistiano, Stella David, Youssef and Nagibie Lebnan, Silvio Papile

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose name appear on the church pews and the Resurrection Chapel

Rosters for weekend masses (Aug 13/14)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: L. Psaila

Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

Bus driver: P. Capasso

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We all have a vocation. The word *vocation* comes from the Latin *vocare*, which in English means *to call*. God calls each one of us to holiness. Being called to holiness means being called to love God and others.

Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, but with their own personality, and characteristics, their gifts, talents, weaknesses and circumstances. Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about become more fully the ones He created us to be. How am I called to love others, making God's love present in the world?

Festival Mass

2022 NORTHERN CENTRAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING

WHEN: Sunday 11th September, 12:30pm
 WHERE: St Matthew's Catholic Church
 95 William St, Fawkner North
 RSVP: by Thursday 1st September
 to rohans@svdp-vic.org.au

Please note RSVP is essential for catering and planning purposes. Proof of vaccination will be required.

This inspiring event—which celebrates our year in service—will include:

- Mass
- Commissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents.
- Commissioning and recommissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Members, Associate Members and Volunteers.
- Presentation of long service badges and acknowledgment of Emeritus Vincentians.
- Social gathering with light lunch provided.

"(Festivals) encourage and maintain unity of both spirit and action among members and volunteers." The Rule

Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends and parishioners to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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

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