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August 14 – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



This is a difficult text because it challenges our notions of what Jesus was like. The imagery that Jesus uses has a long history in the Old Testament, where we frequently read of people passing through the fire of testing and judgment. John had prophesied about the one who would come bringing a baptism of fire and judgment, but it had never occurred to him that the one who was to come may be the first to undergo that baptism! This rare glimpse into the mind of Jesus reveals an agonising mixture of impatience and reluctance. Convinced that God's redemptive plan requires him to bring upon earth the fiery baptism of judgment—not by inflicting it upon others but by undergoing it himself—he feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished.

The reference to households being divided may well be directed at Luke's community itself. Faith in Jesus could well be the cause of division in families. While predominantly Gentile, Luke's community did have Jewish Christians. Some Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, and in the late first century, Jews expelled Christians from their synagogues. To persist in Christian belief would have caused great division.. (*the summit*)

XX Domenica del tempo ordinario (ANNO C)

Noi ci sentiamo legati a chi ci è caro e abbiamo grandi doveri nei confronti di chi ci è vicino, e ciò è importante. Ma nessuno è più vicino a noi di Dio, nessuno è più prezioso. In modo scioccante, spettacolare, Gesù ci dice che tutte le nostre relazioni, per quanto strette ed intime, devono essere purificate. Esse devono essere misurate in rapporto a Dio e ai suoi obiettivi.

È un'affermazione davvero severa. In noi tanto forte è l'attaccamento alla sicurezza data dall'amore "umano", che possiamo facilmente rifiutare di dare tutto al Signore perché lo purifichi. Siamo davvero tentati di dire: "Signore, tu puoi prenderti tutto... tranne questo e quello". Vi sono alcune cose, alcuni affetti che vogliamo vivere a nostro modo, non secondo il modo di Dio.

Una volta lasciato al Signore il governo delle nostre relazioni e dei nostri amori, allora riceviamo il fondamento della vera pace. La pace che dà il Signore non è quella che dà il mondo; è fatta di perdono, di giustizia, di amore e di amicizia. La pace non è soltanto assenza di conflitti, così come non è un compromesso immorale. La vera pace consiste nello stare con altri davanti a Dio, purificati e liberati dalla verità e dalla misericordia del giudizio divino. (*lachiesa.it*)

Joke of the week

A group of pensioners were sitting around in a nursing home comparing their respective ailments.

'My hands are so shaky I can hardly lift this cup,' said one.
 'My cataracts are so bad I can't see to pour my coffee,' another said.
 'I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck,' said the third.
 'My blood pressure pills make me dizzy,' complained the fourth.
 'I guess that the price we pay for getting old,' remarked the fifth.

'Yes, but it's not all bad,' said the sixth comfortingly. 'We should be thankful that we can all still drive.'

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.

Upcoming funerals: Mario Siciliano, Thursday, August 18 @ 11.00 am.

Recently deceased: Mario Siciliano, Stefano Strano, Eugenio Cimino, George Borg, Lucia Gentile, Valerio Markesich, Maria Galdo Mercado vda Llalita Estoque.

Anniversaries: Paola Cutello, Gabriele Torchia, Anna and Antonio Palmisano, Alfia and Rosario Forzisi, Serafina De Stefano, Vito, Margherita, Santo, Giovanni Cilia, Giovanni and Rosa Scollo, Richard and Denis Robinson

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Aug 20/21)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. George

Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera

Sunday 10.30 am : C. Surace

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 7.00 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.

Assumption Day (August 15)

On Monday, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



(Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Monday morning)

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.

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