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January 22 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



We need to appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and as Church members, to be His disciple. The call is both a privilege and responsibility. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church and of each individual Christian. Our response to the call begins with our reception of Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacraments of Initiation. That response is meant to be strengthened through the years by the Eucharist and Reconciliation and to be made manifest in Matrimony or Holy Orders. We are healed and

consoled in the Anointing which also prepares us for death. As we respond to Christ's call, we gain spiritual strength through our personal and family prayers, our Sacramental life and our faithful study of the Bible and the Church's teachings. *(frtonyshomilies)*

II Domenica del Tempo Ordinario (ANNO A)

Con la Lettera apostolica in forma di Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", Papa Francesco ha stabilito che "la III Domenica del Tempo ordinario sia dedicata alla celebrazione, riflessione e divulgazione della Parola di Dio". L'evangelista Matteo, riprendendo un'immagine del libro di Isaia, ci dice quello che è Gesù per noi: la luce. Nella nostra vita, vediamo spesso tenebre, resistenze, difficoltà, compiti non risolti che si accumulano davanti a noi come un'enorme montagna, problemi con i figli, o gli amici, con la solitudine, il lavoro non gradito...

È tra tutte queste esperienze penose che ci raggiunge la buona parola: non vedete solo le tenebre, guardate anche la luce con cui Dio rischiarla la vostra vita. Egli ha mandato Gesù per condividere con voi le vostre pene. Voi potete contare su di lui che è al vostro fianco, luce nell'oscurità.

Non siamo noi che diamo alla nostra vita il suo senso ultimo. È lui. Non è né il nostro lavoro, né il nostro sapere, né il nostro successo. È lui, e la luce che ci distribuisce. Perché il valore della nostra vita non si basa su quello che facciamo, né sulla considerazione o l'influenza che acquistiamo. Essa prende tutto il suo valore perché Dio ci guarda, si volta verso di noi, senza condizioni, e qualsiasi sia il nostro merito. La sua luce penetra nelle nostre tenebre più profonde, anche là dove ci sentiamo radicalmente rimessi in causa, essa penetra nel nostro errore. Possiamo fidarci proprio quando sentiamo i limiti della nostra vita, quando questa ci pesa e il suo senso sembra sfuggirci. Il popolo immenso nelle tenebre ha visto una luce luminosa; una luce è apparsa a coloro che erano nel buio regno della morte!

(LaChiesa)



"It is with great sadness that I have learned that Cardinal George Pell, the seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, has died overnight from heart complications following hip surgery in Rome, Italy. Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship.

Cardinal Pell led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.

At this immediate moment, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life."
 (Archbishop Peter A Comensoli)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, John Privitera, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Gin, Josie

Recently deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Pietro Paolo Falcone, Peter Corcoran, Immacolata Cesare

Anniversaries: Caterina Costa, Giovanni and Teofila Stefani, Michele Di Guglielmo, Ellen Flood, Willie Robinson, Theresa Edwards, Fr. Phillip De-Zilva, Rochelle Silva, Erminia Van Gayzel, Blossom and Aaron Weerasinghe, Niza Noor, Maria and Camillo Lamonaca, Maria Lanci, Jacinto and Maria Torcaso

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 (Jan 28/29)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake

Sunday 10.30 am: G. Gamberale

Bus driver: R. Odoardi

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena masses will recommence on February 8, 2023

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.

St. Vincent de Paul, Fawkner,

Activity report: September-December 2022

Adults assisted: 121 / Children assisted: 62 / Families assisted: 121

Total value of assistance: \$11,170

With grateful appreciation from Vinnies members on behalf of those assisted for your response.

Joke of the week

On his one hundredth birthday, an old man was visited by a reporter from his local newspaper.

"How have you managed to live so long?"

"Well, young man, when we got married, my wife and I agreed that if we had arguments the loser would go for a long walk to get over being angry. I was twenty-one at the time—I suppose I have benefitted from seventy-nine years of fresh air".

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

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