

PIUS VOICE

16th July, 2017, 15th Sunday



UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

Parish Priest

Fr. Mathewraj OMI

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Fr. John O'Doherty OMI

Parish Manager

David Cunningham

Mass Times

Tuesday , Wednesday &

Friday 9.15 am

Thursday 9.30 am

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

Daily Morning Prayer

Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40 am

Thurs 8.55 am

Rosary: Tues, Wed,

Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God reveals to us and communicates with us continuously through persons, works and situations. The word of God comes gently and is never intended to remain suspended like clouds in mid-air, but to soak the earth and to be drawn back toward God after completing its purpose. The Word of God is eternal Word without beginning or end. Today the Word of God is compared to seed that sprouts and brings forth new life. All of our life, entire creation is groaning in anticipation of being all we can become. God's spirit is infused within human beings where it brings forth divine fruits. The farmer is aware that he has to prepare the ground, weed it and water it to produce good fruit. We are invited to sow the seed of the Gospel with our lives. In the Gospel of today we have the parable of the sower. The farmer goes out to sow the seed and it is placed in varying types of soil. A person who hears the word of God and understands it reaps a rich and fruitful harvest. In the first reading Prophet Isaiah speaks of the power of the word of God. It is like the rain that comes to the earth to make it fertile and fruitful by germinating the seed for the sower and bread for the ones who eat, so also the word of God is meant to bear plentiful fruit in men's heart. It brings life and joy where there was only death and sorrow. In the second reading Paul refers to the fact that all humans and all creation suffer because of sin and he assures us that the present sufferings are nothing compared to future glory. Material creation though subject to corruption, will eventually share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours. How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn." Let's give it a go.

God Bless
Fr. Mathew

LADIES EVENING

All the ladies of the parish are welcome to an evening of conversation over a cuppa this Wednesday 19th July 7pm in the Church hall. Hope to see more new ladies come along so we can get to know each other by name.

Leaving Collection

There will be a leaving collection next weekend for the Apostleship of the sea. Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans.

REPORT ON PARISH FINANCIAL SITUATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance committee is becoming rather anxious. After the last two very satisfactory years, in which the parish was able to cover all its expenses, our income this year is falling behind what we need to pay our way.

The income figures from January to May for the last three years show:

Planned Giving: (2015) \$40,722, (2016) \$43,596, **(2017) \$36,777** against our budget of \$41,666; Second Collection: (2015) \$13,398, (2016) \$12,133, **(2017) \$11,472** against our budget of \$12,500; Total of Both: (2015) \$54,120, (2016) \$55,729, **(2017) \$48,249** against our budget of \$54,166

As you know, we depend almost entirely on your generosity to keep our parish running and maintain our church buildings in good order. Of course we do not ask anybody to give more than they can afford. But it is a matter of conscience to give a meaningful amount, since we all benefit from coming to a nice church, one which is always there for us in our times of need. At present we have 190 families who have promised to give an average of \$10 per week. We urge all new parishioners to join in the Planned Giving campaign. If you wish, anybody can pay by regular bank transfer or credit card; contact the parish office for a form.

Volunteer Briefing Sessions at St Pius X

Please note that with respect to child safe-initiatives, and in accordance with Archdiocesan Policy, all Volunteers are required to demonstrate certification of attendance at Child Safe Environments Training. The training will be held on Tuesday 25th July at 6.30pm here at St. Pius X. If you did not complete this training two years ago and have recently attended the ministry meetings – this meeting is for you. Please RSVP to childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au this will help us ensure you are provided with an information pack and a certificate of attendance.

Draw the border Petition

Please sign the petition at the back of the church for the Government to finalize as soon as possible a fair and permanent maritime boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste.

RCIA

RCIA is for those wishing to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic.) We are getting ready to start a new group for anyone who is interested in joining our journey to explore our Catholic faith. If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact Kay on 8261 8501 or parish office on 82612428. You will be most welcome.

Pre-Synod Information Gathering

Sunday 30th July 7pm Modbury Parish. The purpose of this meeting is to gather young people from each of the deaneries' of Adelaide to give them a voice to their hopes, joys and concerns about the Catholic Church in Adelaide. An invitation to 16 – 29 year olds to attend are welcome. See Fr Mathew for more details.

Fr John's 50th Anniversary - Next Sunday, the Mass will be at 10am followed by a shared lunch and the clipboard is in the main foyer to indicate the food you will bring.

(Gospel continued)

but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Fr Con Campbell OMI (terminal cancer), Fr Pat Moroney OMI (recent heart problems), Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Marj Ryan—Honorary OMI, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Tony Petrie, Virginia.

Parish Prayer Network:

Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following: Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

Mass Intentions this week

23rd 10am Fr John's Anniversary of Ordination

This Week's Saints

20th St Apollinaris, 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi, 22nd St Mary Magdalene

Next Week's Readings 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Feast day of the Week St Mary Magdalene

On his journeys, Jesus is accompanied by the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, among them Mary, Called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out (Lk 8:2). Following Jesus brings Mary to Golgotha, where she witnesses his death and burial. Three days later, she meets Jesus outside the empty tomb. She hastens to tell the disciples: "I have seen the Lord!" Tradition names Mary Magdalene "the apostle to the Apostles": "Just as a woman had announced the words of death to the first man, so a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life" (St Thomas Aquinas).

Church Cleaners—a short gathering and morning tea for cleaners of our church on 5/8/17 9.30am in the hall.

Vinnies Food Bank

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, Jam, Milo, Vegemite. Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool.

Ministry Roster 22/23rd July

6.30pm C Rod Hern, R1 Martyn Pearce, R2 Hughette Rignanese, E1 Roman Szczepanik, E2 David Lloyd, E3 Anna Szczepanik, E4 Jim Kelly, M James Lloyd

10am C Jos Hensing, R1 Margaret Duggan, R2 Betty Vowles, EM—visiting Priests, M Indonesian Group.

5.30pm C Terry Roberts, R1 Mark McCarthy, R2 Amy Bartjes, E1 Philip Matthews, E2 Stuart Feircough, E3 Esma Gagliardi, E4 Jijimol Poulouse M Michael & Tim Carter.

Church Cleaners: Team C Anderson / Matthews / Goss

Altar Linen: 23rd July—Marie

First Reading Is 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14.

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word,