

PIUS VOICE

30th July, 2017, 17th Sunday



UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

Parish Priest

Fr. Mathewraj OMI

Assistant Priest

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,

Once I encountered my old school mate and his wife. After 12 years of married life they had a daughter. He stated that she is the most precious one in his life. That is very true. After many years of waiting, prayers and tears they had a child. For a childless couple to get a child is very important, very precious. For some other people most precious things may be dissimilar. For some that may be their husband or wife, the job of one's choice, the home of their dreams or something like that. Today Jesus speaks to us about a treasure more precious than all these. Jesus says about the Kingdom of God. In the New Testament there are almost hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom of God. The more he speaks about it the more it becomes a mystery. In Today's Gospel passage he compares it to the treasure hidden somewhere in the field and a precious jewel found by a merchant who sells everything he has to buy it. The labourer working in the field hits at the treasure unexpectedly, but the merchant travels extensively in search of the finest pearl. The labourer did not go in search of the treasure, but it got on his way.

In the first Christmas night the shepherds who were resting in the field with their sheep after the day long walk with the sheep, receives from the angels the Good News the whole world waited for years, like the man who went to work in the field finds the treasure. An invaluable treasure was waiting for the Samaritan woman who went to Jacob's well to fetch water. Mathew who was sitting in the tax office and Peter, who was in his boat also had the similar experiences. For the priceless treasure of attaining God, getting the vision of God, what sacrifice I am doing? Life becomes meaningful when we find this treasure and make it our own. How many years Simeon and Anna lived on earth, but for them life became meaningful when they found the Messiah.

We may get the invaluable God experience unexpectedly through the incidents of life we think are accidental or we may find Him through our ardent search and prayer. In whatever way we find Him we must be ready to lose everything for that. Whoever loses gains.

Thanks and asking for your prayers

I wish to thank all of you for having rendered a terrific support in making Fr John's celebration a memorable one. And a special thanks to Liturgy committee, Food committee, and to all the choir members.

Coming Tuesday 1st of August, I am celebrating my 10th year of priestly ordination. I give thanks to God for all His bountiful blessings and graces that I have received through my family, priests, faithful and friends. On this day, Deacon Casmir Omi, will be consecrated as a priest in India. We wish all the best to Casmir and remember us in your prayers.

I wish to let you know that Fr John McGinty Omi, underwent a Prostatectomy (Removal of the prostate) on 26/07/2017 at Cabrini hospital in Melbourne. The surgical procedure went well. He is getting better and keep him in your prayers.

God Bless....Fr. Mathew

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU
Indonesians have a beautiful expression "Terima kasih seribu" which means a thousand times thank you, and even that is not sufficient to say what I want to say to everyone for the wonderful day you arranged for my 50th last Sunday. Forgive me if I don't mention names, but you all know what you did, and you know how happy I was. God bless you all, I pray for you. God is indeed good that He has allowed me to be among you. As the Bishop said, 'I have come the full circle' back to where I first began, back to where I hope to be allowed to end my days, for however long that may be. You are great people. This Sunday I am celebrating Mass in the Oblate parish in Mulgrave with a group of my friends and many others who have touched my life, from the seminary days till now. Monday I join with other jubilarian's in Melbourne at the Corpus Christi Priests Association, 25, 50 and 60 years. One feels so small and humble at the greatness thrust upon me in my Priesthood. All I can do is say Thank You over and over again.
Fr John OMI

The leaving collection for Fr. John's Jubilee raised \$1137 and was presented to him last weekend.

National Vocations Week

Throughout Australia National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated over the first two weekends in August from Aug 5/6 until Aug 12/13. On the first weekend at Sunday Masses we highlight the unique call or vocation of every Baptised Christian to holiness in life and to a mission of witnessing God's love in our world. On the second weekend we specify the prime Baptismal call and speak of the call to marriage and family life, the single life, the call to lay ecclesial ministry in the Church, the consecrated life of sisters and brothers, the diaconate and the priesthood.

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.

60 year celebration

To celebrate 60 years of the Oblates in Adelaide and our parish a special concelebrated Mass will be held on Sunday 3rd September at 9.30am followed by sausage sizzle.

Last week's collection for the Apostleship of the Sea raised \$661.10 thank you for your generosity. Next Weekend a leaving collection will be taken up for East African Famine Appeal.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, (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, Roger Price.

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

1st Aug Special Intention

This Week's Saints

31st – St Ignatius of Loyola, 1st St Alphonsus Liguori, 2nd – St Peter Faber, 3rd – St Dominic, 4th St John Vianney

Next Week's Readings Transfiguration of the Lord Time Year A:

Dn 7:9-10. 13-14 , 2 Pt 1:16-19 , Mt 17:1-9 .

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.

Thankyou

Brigitte and Joe Colangelo would like to thank parishioners for their attendance, prayers and support they received on the occasion of Brigitte's mothers death.

Ministry Roster 5/6 August

6.30pm C Sr Pat Keane, R1 Patricia Beaven, R2 Hughette Rignanese, E1 Bill Edmonds, E2 Estelle Cur-tale E3 Patricia Rice, E4 Marie Smith, M James Lloyd.

9.30am C Jos Hensing, R1 Sue Griffith, R2 John McManus, E1 Charlie Baldacchino, E2 Tommy Morrison, E3 Doris Taylor, E4 Marie Steraj, M Peter Roberts.

5.30pm C Sanjay Mohanaraj, R1 Terry Roberts, R2 Kathy Healey, E1 Philip Matthews, E2 Amy Bartjes, E3 Esma Gagliardi, E4 Judith Mohan. M Michael & Tim Carter.

Church Cleaners: Team E Pearce, Kaminski, Baldacchino V & C

Altar Linen: Dot

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13: 44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'