

PIUS VOICE

1st Oct, 2017, 26th Sunday



UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

Parish Priest

Fr. Mathewraj OMI

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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,

There are many factors that influence our perception of things and our response of the will. These factors must be taken into account when we consider our responsibility for what we do and how we act. But there is always a place deep within us, that responds favourably to do something good and just. This response opens us to God and makes us responsible to the truth, goodness and beauty. It makes us believe in the ultimate one who directs our life and our destiny.

Today's Readings emphasize that what we do is the real measure of our belief in God. Prophet Ezekiel in the first reading stresses individual responsibility for one's own actions. There is only one way to "life": by living a virtuous life here and now. This way is open to anyone who, by his own actions, does what is right. When the sinner renounces his evil ways, he deserves to live. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that words do not express the full human response to God, until they are put into practice in each person's life. What is required is the integral response of the whole person: his thoughts, words and actions in total human capability. To draw on a Biblical distinction, our search and openness to the experience of God needs to involve the heart even more than the mind. It is the heart that is the origin of our desires and actions. The heart turns doctrine into action. Matthew's here distinguishes clearly between those considered nominally good and those who actually do well. One son only says he will work and the other does the actual work. Jesus declares, in a way that must have shocked the legalistic mindset of his hearers, that prostitutes and tax collectors are entering the Kingdom of God before the chief priest and the elders. In other words the one who works for his salvation will achieve it. Paul in the second reading appeals to the Church at Philippi to live in unity, and the key to unity is humility, which regards others as more important than oneself. This inspires Christians to a practical interest in others' needs. Their model is Jesus who took the form of a slave and served and obeyed to the point of death.

Once an elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the pay-check, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you!" The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. Build wisely!

God Bless
Fr. Mathew

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Prayers will be held at St. David's Church Tea Tree Gully on **Sunday October 15th at 3 p.m.** We are blessed to have a **Relic of St. Faustina**. Also opportunity for **Reconciliation**. Concluding with **Benediction**. Our prayer intentions will be for **Peace**.

Oblates on retreat

Please remember in your prayers this week our Priests who are in Melbourne for their Annual Retreat. Normal weekday Masses will have a supply priest this week.

Congratulations to Umberto & Miranda Comellie who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.



Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Oblate Melbourne Cup Luncheon to raise money for the Missions—Fr George Thorley hall. Tues Nov 7th 12.30pm – 2 course meal \$25 per ticket, BYO drinks, sweep tickets on sale from 11.30 am. To Book contact Carmel on 0421 270 164

Musical Evening

The Modbury SVDP conference is hosting a musical evening by The South Australian Police Band at 7pm on Friday 20th October at St John 23rd Centre, Reservoir Road, Modbury. Cost \$8.

Ukes4charity

UKULELE Group putting on a concert for charity Friday 22nd September at 7pm, at St John 23rd Centre, featuring the magic duo, The Tricksters. Tickets \$7 which includes a light supper – no b.y.o. Tickets available from the Modbury parish Office on 8264 7590

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS DERNANCOURT BRANCH

On Saturday 18th NOVEMBER 2017 the Knights at Dernancourt will celebrate 30 years since the Branch was inaugurated with the assistance of the late PP Fr Paul Siebert OMI. We will hold a celebration Dinner in the Church Hall after the 6.30pm Mass and all Parishioners are welcome. The cost is \$30 per person with a 2 course meal; b.y.o drinks. To book a table contact either Rod Hern: 0400 196 779 or Peter Roberts: 8396 0554.

St.Pius X School, Windsor Gardens

Interviews for families seeking enrolment for the 2019 school year will be held during Term 4 this year. Please contact the school on 8266 9400 for information on enrolling, to register for the Principal's Tour to be held on 16th November, or to request a Prospectus.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alison Hellams, Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Frank, Fr Pat Moroney OMI, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie and Vic. **Recently Deceased:** Anton Kostevsek

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

Adoration

Adoration is held 10am-12pm and 6pm-9pm every Friday of term time. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for their needs and the needs of the world.

No Friday Exposition during school holidays.

Mass Intentions this week

Charlie Toland – 35th Anniversary of death

This Week's Saints

2nd The Holy Guardian Angels, 4th St Francis of Assisi, 6th St Bruno 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

Next Week's Readings 27th Sunday of Year A:

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Vinnies Food Bank

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, 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.

Diary Dates for October 2017

Sat 7th October—Our Lady of Rosary, the Rosary begins at 9.10am followed by Mass at 9.30am in the church.

Sat 14th October— Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions , Mass in the church at 9.30am and at 2pm Rosary will be recited in the Park at **Balmoral Reserve—Balmoral Road , Dernancourt**. Come, let us glorify God through our Blessed Mother.

Saint of the Week— St Francis of Assisi

St Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy, the son of a rich cloth merchant. In 1208 he heard the Gospel in which Christ sends his disciples forth, telling them to take “no haversack for the journey or spare tunic or footwear or a staff” (Mt 10:10). Immediately, St Francis went out to preach on the streets of Assisi as Christ instructed. His fervor attracted other young men who became the first Friars Minor. A young Clare of Assisi came to him too; she became the superior of the contemplative Poor Clares. At the end of his life, St Francis received the stigmata, a sign of intimate union with the Saviour. He died in Assisi in 1226.

Ministry Roster 7/8 October

6.30pm C Rod Hern, R1 Martyn Pearce, R2 Mary Grace Estrada, E1 Roman Szczepanik, E2 Jim Kelly, E3 Patricia Beaven, E4 Davil Lloyd, M James Lloyd.

9.30am C Margaret Duggan, R1 Roderick Essery, R2 Betty Vowles, E1 Jos Hensing, E2 Sue Griffith E3 Peggy McNeil, E4 Ian Goss, M Anne Alilio

5.30pm C Amy Bartjes, R1 Mark McCarthy, R2 Michelle van den Kieboom, E1 Michael Wright, E2 Stuart Feirclough, E3 Jijimol Poulouse, E4 Judith Mohan, M

Church Cleaners: Team F: Bona Family

Altar Linen: Bernadette

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9.

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went away and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards though better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?” ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’