

# PIUS VOICE

15h Oct, 2017, 28th 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,**

From the earliest of times man has desired to seek God and build personal relationship with him. Our God presents himself as a personal God and takes deep interest in the well being of each person. He personally desires that each one comes to him with love and experiences his presence, goodness, truth and beauty. He comes to us as a God who is concerned, caring and loving and takes interest in the growth of each person. He is the source of everything and lacks nothing. He is full of mercy, kindness and love, but at the same time merciful and just. The readings of today remind us that it is only in the experience of God that we as human persons find the full meaning and fulfilment of our life. In the Old Testament the prophets warn God's people time and time again not to substitute the worship and trust in the true God for fabricating idols, food, useless military alliances, or pleasures. All things find their meaning and measure in reference to God.

In the first reading prophet Isaiah speaks of the abundant providence of the Lord of hosts for all peoples. The prophet describes the transformation God's kingdom will bring. There will be peace and plenty. God will provide them a feast, take away the veil that keeps us from seeing, put an end to suffering and destroy death. In the second reading Paul experiences the strength and support of God who has enabled him to persevere in the midst of many varied and difficult circumstances. He explains that he depended on God to strengthen him in all circumstances of life. He is confident that the church of Philippi will enjoy God's glorious riches because of their relationship with Christ.

In the Gospel the parable of the wedding banquet allegorically describes how, even though the marginalized were invited into the grand feast, it takes more than showing up to participate in the banquet. This parable implies a certain purification and elevation of our desires to be able to recognize and to choose God's invitation among the many other clamouring interests of life.

God opens his invitation to whosoever is to be found. All are accepted, on condition that he wears a proper wedding garment that makes the person worthy of the kingdom. To become a participant of the kingdom of God is a privilege as well as

a responsibility. The responsibility is to accept the condition of undergoing a radical transformation. It is a transformation from self-centeredness to God-centeredness, from hatred to forgiveness, from egoism to altruism and from greediness to sharing. Let us pray for a deeper faith and love and a better spirit of service and sense of responsibility to our community.

God Bless  
Fr. Mathew

#### **Memorial Garden Mass**

On Saturday 11th November at 10am Mass will be celebrated in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting). As Mass will be celebrated in the Garden please bring a folding chair with you or a rug to sit on the grass. Following Mass please join us for morning tea in the hall. Please bring a plate for shared morning tea.

#### **November Offering**

The offering of Holy Mass for a particular intention has always been part of the Catholic way of life and worship. Many people ask for Masses for deceased relatives and friends during the month of Holy Souls. Please write your intention on an envelope, enclose a Mass offering and leave on the collection plate or the parish office.

#### **Parish Memorial Book update**

The memorial book in the church will be updated in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. If you have any additions over the last twelve months please write them down and leave them at the office before Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **Anointing of the sick**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10am – (please note **no** 9.15am Mass and Exposition on that morning) - followed by Morning Tea in the hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

#### **Weekday Ministry Rosters**

If you would like to read at weekday Masses please place your name on the clipboard and the day of the week you would like to read in the main foyer. Also if you have been trained as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, we encourage you to exercise your ministry by putting your name forward on the clipboard in the foyer.

#### **Trading Table**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we will have a trading table after the 9.30am Mass to raise money for the Christmas raffle gifts.

#### **Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday we celebrate Mission Sunday and we will have a leaving collection at all Masses for World Missions.



#### **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

Oblate Melbourne Cup Luncheon to raise money for the Missions—Fr George Thorley hall. Tues Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (please note Carmel's old no is no longer connected)**

#### **KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS DERNANCOURT BRANCH**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Thank you**

Thank you to the Falah Bona & Fatin Bona & Family for the donation of cleaning materials to help keep our church clean and tidy.

**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 Baughen, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie and Vic.

**Recently Deceased:** Antonietta Barca

**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.

**Mass Intentions this week**

18<sup>th</sup> Evn Eng Keat Rec Deceased, 20<sup>th</sup> Special Intention, 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Egidio Drallini, 5.30pm Battista Ross 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**This Week's Saints**

17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch, 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke, 19<sup>th</sup> St Paul of the Cross

**Next Week's Readings 28th Sunday of Year A:**

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

**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.**

**Ladies Evening**

An evening of conversation to get to know other ladies in the parish by name this Wednesday 18th Oct, 7pm in the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome!

I AM SAILING! I will be away from the Parish for three weeks in Brisbane and Sydney catching up with family. I am back on 8th November. Miss you!. Fr John OMI

**Congratulations**

To Umberto and Miranda Comelli on their 60th Wedding Anniversary celebrated recently.

**Saint of the Week—St Margaret Mary Alacoque**

As a child in Janots, in the Burgundy region of France, St Margaret Mary suffered her father's premature death, a paralyzing illness, and cruel treatment at the hands of her grasping relations. At the age of 22, she entered the Visitation Order, where the elder nuns considered her slow and awkward. Two years later Jesus appeared to her, asking her to become the "beloved disciple to the Sacred Heart". The efforts of St Margaret Mary's spiritual director, Father (later Saint) Claude La Colombiere, brought the devotion to the attention of the world. St Margaret Mary died in 1690 at the age of 43. "I need nothing but God," she said, "and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

**Ministry Roster 21/22 October**

**6.30pm** C Anna Szczepanik, R1 Hughette Rignanese, R2 Jean Canil, E1 David Lloyd, E2 Estelle Curtale, E3 Jim Kelly, E4 Roman Szczepanik, M James Lloyd.

**9.30am** C Margaret Duggan, R1 Bernadette Davies, R2 Thelma Weber, E1 Jos Hensing, E2 Joe Colangelo E3 Peggy McNeil, E4 Carmel Panetta, M Peter Roberts

**5.30pm** C Amy Bartjes, R1 Christine Clift, R2 Alex Kaminski, E1 Sunil Mohanaraj, E2 Michael Wright, E3 Stuart Feircloough, E4 Jijimol Poulouse, M

**Church Cleaners:** Team H: Crowe/Weber/Paras

**Altar Linen:** Lucy

## **First Reading** Is 25:6-10

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22.

### **(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

## **Second Reading** Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Eph 1:17-18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.**

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** Mt 22:1-14

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'