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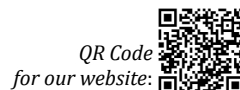
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The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

23rd June, 2024

Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**
Saturday: **8.00 am**
8.30 am—Reconciliation

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**
Sunday: **9.30 am**
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday

to

Friday

9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

In Sacred Scripture, the wind and storm are often seen as forces of evil and chaos which only God can control. But the storm can also stand for the trials and tribulations which the righteous person suffers, and from which only the power of God can save them.

In today's Gospel, as Jesus and his apostles were crossing the lake, a storm blows up. For a while, the apostles were managing. They were in control – even if only barely. It's a good feeling to be in control. We feel as if we are running the show. That things are within our power. That the outcome is in our own hands.

At times like this, it is easy to convince ourselves that we have faith, even great faith. But we could simply be on an ego trip. We are happiest when in we are in control of a familiar and predictable world. When we are setting the agenda. When we create our own goals. Sometimes it means controlling lives of others too. We don't really need God, except maybe to give us a pat on the back at the end of it all.

But that evening when the storm arose, and the boat seemed to be on the verge of sinking, the apostles suddenly discovered that things were out of their control. Things were beyond their power. The outcome was out of their hands.

To find ourselves in such a situation is both humbling and terrifying. But it precisely at times like this that we discover whether or not we have faith. Our first reaction is to think that God no longer cares about us, and has abandoned us.

When things got out of control for the apostles it seems that they too felt like this. They looked towards Jesus only to discover that he was asleep. But the ability to sleep peacefully in the midst of a storm is a sign of peaceful and complete trust in God. This deep faith of Jesus contrasts with the **little faith** of the apostles. Jesus indeed chides the apostles for their lack of trust, and then he calms the storm.

For the early Church, this miracle was a relevant one. The boat represented the Church, and the storm represented the persecutions unleashed on the Church by evil powers that wanted to destroy it. The early Church was filled with fear. To them it **must** have seemed as if Jesus was asleep. But then their faith rose to the challenge. It was enough for them to **awaken** Jesus with their prayers: to have faith and trust once more in his presence, for the storm of their fear to be stilled.

Even though Jesus was with the apostles in that boat, the storm still struck. Just because a storm does strikes does not mean that God has abandoned us. If we have faith we will not doubt that he is with us. We turn to him in prayer: we know his help.

Today's Gospel challenges us to trust in God's power, especially when storms assail us. Because no matter what storms threaten to overwhelm us, we know that for we who believe, it is rather the love of God which overwhelms us. And then, we give up the need to ever be in control.

With every peace, Fr Tony.

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30 June 2024 — The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	A M Catalfamo	R Farfalla	K Sherwood
10.30 am	S O'Dwyer	L Besterwitch	S Maurici	
5.30 pm	J Fernando		D Fernando	J Fernando

CHURCH LINEN

June — A Savino

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4 - Thursday 27th June at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Patrick Considine Anna Henneken

Anniversaries

Ivy & Laurie Myers Beverly & Graham Besterwitch
 Marnie Rossiter Stuart Clarke Vito Ielo
 Margaret Rossiter Clifton Clarke Nina Ieria
 Joseph Arnold

The Sick & Seriously Ill

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

Repair Works in Church • Repair work on the choir loft continues this coming week, with the work moving to inside the Church. It is planned that there be no interruptions to weekday Mass will be necessary. **Please enter by the side door for weekday mass.**

Fr Tony Feeney's Golden Jubilee Celebration In celebration of Fr Tony Feeney's Golden Jubilee, St Therese's Church, Essendon will hold a special Mass on Sunday 30 June at 10:30am with Fr Tony presiding. Following the Mass the parish will host morning tea in their PACE Function Room. Parishioners from St Monica's who remember Fr Tony from his time here are warmly invited to attend. St Therese's church is located at 48a Lincoln Rd (cnr of Lincoln Rd and Florence St) Essendon. Read about Fr Tony's 50 years as a priest here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/fr-tony-feeney-celebrating-50-years-of-ordination-and-being-with-the-people>

Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools - First Reconciliation •

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will commence next month. Further information can be found in the information pack available from the Parish Office or from one of the priests. Please contact Fr Tony for further information.

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Collection has been postponed for a few weeks—the new date will be arranged in the near future.



Mercy Palliative Care is running a training program for new volunteers at St Vincent de Paul Parish Centre (2 The Crossway Strathmore) commencing on Thursday 27th June and running weekly for 8 weeks from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Weekly topics are:

1. Palliative Care and the Volunteer Role
2. Communication Skills
3. Illness and Care
4. Death and Dying
5. Difficult Conversations (practical session)
6. Responding to Loss and Grief
7. Spirituality
8. Self Care

All parishioners are welcome to attend the program **without committing** to become a Mercy volunteer. Please email MPCVolunteerCoordinators@mercy.com.au to book your spot.



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Child Safety Update • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

Working with Children Checks—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

Child Safeguarding Training—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some inperson sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

Code of Conduct Declaration—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.



A communion that radiates

How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?

Participation, governance and authority

What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?

Co-responsibility in mission

How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?



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Reach out. Give life.

2024 Catholic Mission—Propagation of the Faith Appeal •

For this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal, the focus is on Mongolia, where those vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Meditation & Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition - 10x Thursday, 12 Sept - 14 Nov 2024, 11am-12pm (in-person event)

with Roland Ashby. This series offers a beautiful space to stop for an hour to explore the ancient way of contemplation and tap into a deep spring of love, joy, peace and compassion at the centre of being. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/meditation-mindfulness-in-the-christian-tradition-sem2/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne Cost \$100 for the series.

Stewardship Corner

Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?' Mark 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

Special Collections 2024	
Lent	Project Compassion
29 th March	Good Friday – Holy Places
5 th May	CatholicCare
2 nd June	SVdP Winter Appeal
16 th June	Propagation of the Faith
30 th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
18 th August	The Archbishop's Campaign
20 th October	World Mission Sunday
10 th November	Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry

Readings at Mass
The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B — 23rd June 2024

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther;
here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **R.**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **R.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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([weebly.com](#))

Children: [June 23 - Sunday 12 ORD -](#)

[PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024](#)

([yearbprayingwithchildren.org](#))