Parish News

Mandatory In-Service: All Readers and Adult Altar Servers of Weekly Day Mass are invited to attend the mandatory in-service session with Fr John on the topic of *"New Freshness of the Spirituality of our Ministry."*

- Date: Tuesday 18 September
- Time: 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
- Venue: Holy Family Church

Plenary Council 2020: Lorraine Wynne, Project Officer, will be available to provide our Parish with support and information about the Plenary Council and to facilitate Listening and Dialogue Encounters.

You—all members of PPC and PFC and parishioners—are invited to come to this preparation session to tell boldly your stories, and listen humbly to each other.

- Date: Thursday 20th September
- Time: 5.30 pm to 7 pm.
- Venue: Holy Family Church

2018 RCIA PROGRAM is on every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Meeting Room.
We welcome everybody who feel interested in learning more about Jesus's ways.

Weekly Diary : 17th - 22nd September 2018

Monday 17th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 18th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharist Adoration. 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Bayview Aged Center.
Wednesday 19th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 20th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, followed by Rosary.
Friday 21st	**: 09.30 am. Feast of St Matthew, apostle, evangelist, followed by Rosary**
Saturday 22nd	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 22nd	**: 5.30 pm. : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**
Sunday 23rd	**: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of October will be on the 07th at 5.30 pm. : 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Mass Duty Roster : September 22nd/23rd 2018

Mass Co-ordinator	*Lectors*	*Extraordinary Ministers of Communion*	*Servers*
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Pierrette Serra Rachelle Broughton	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Rachelle Broughton Pierrette Serra, Rino Serra, June Molloy	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Danielle Carter Michael Nicholson	Antona Brown, Jackie Cameron, Bernadette Swindley Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Rose Lopez Kathy Fuller	Rose Lopez, Kathy Fuller, Pam Nelson Michael Laidler, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Jamili

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (17/9/18)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
$903.75	$1655.30	$122.95	$52.85

There is no greater way to express our thanks than to actually give something to God.
This gift is a tangible expression of our faith in him, and our thanksgiving for what he does for us.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

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ALWAYS FOLLOWING JESUS!

To the question of Jesus: *"but who do you say that I am?"* Peter responded decisively: *"You are the Christ."* Peter truly did answer well.

However, when the Lord began to explain what would happen: the Son of Man would have to suffer, and be rejected by the elders and by the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again, Peter did not like the path that Jesus set forth. So he *"took him, and began to rebuke him."* He was so pleased with having responded, *"You are the Christ,"* that he felt he had the strength to rebuke Jesus. But Jesus remonstrated him vehemently: *"Get behind me Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men."*

Today, too, many times we hear within ourselves that same question: *"Who am I for you? Who is Jesus Christ for each of us, for me?"* Surely, we will respond as Peter did, as we learned in the catechism: you are the Son of the living God; you are the Redeemer; you are the Lord!

But what we have learned and studied in the Catechism does not suffice. Therefore, in order to respond to that question which we all hear in our hearts, and to know Jesus truly, we need to travel the path that Peter travelled. Indeed, after this humiliation, Peter continued on with Jesus through a path of grace and of sin. He saw the miracles that Jesus worked, he saw his power. And yet at a certain point, he denied Jesus, he betrayed Jesus. That is when he learned the difficult wisdom of tears, of weeping. And yet, in the uncertainty of that Easter morning, Peter went to the tomb and encountered the living Lord, alone, face to face. Then in the course of the forty days following the Lord's Resurrection, he heard many explanations from Jesus on the kingdom of God. Yet he still lacked so much in terms of knowing who Jesus is.

Thus, that morning, on the shore of Tiberias, Peter was questioned once again. Three times. And he felt ashamed, as he remembered the evening of Holy Thursday: the three times he had denied Jesus. He remembered that weeping. On the shore of Tiberias Peter did not weep bitterly as on Holy Thursday, but he did weep. And surely, he wept as he spoke those moving words: *"You know everything Lord, you know that I love you."*

Therefore, we only understand the question posed to Peter within the context of a long journey, after having travelled a long path, a path of grace and of sin, a path of a disciple. In fact, following Jesus enables us to know Jesus. To follow Jesus through our virtues and also through our sins. Always following Jesus and never turning back!

In order to know Jesus, what is needed is not a study of notions but rather a life as a disciple. For in journeying with Jesus we learn who he is … As disciples, we come to know Jesus. We come to know him in the daily encounter with the Lord, each day. It is precisely through these encounters that we draw close to him and come to know him more deeply. For it is in these everyday encounters that we acquire what St Paul calls the mind of Christ, the hermeneutic to judge all things.

Therefore we come to know Jesus as disciples on the path of life, following behind him. As this following behind Jesus is precisely a work of the Holy Spirit, who is a great worker, let the Holy Spirit to carry out this great work of explaining the mystery of Jesus, and of giving us the mind of Christ, and let us ask the Father to grant us a deeper knowledge of Christ.

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:5-9 ***To those who struck me I gave my back.***

The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. "The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. "Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 116:1-9 ***R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ***R.***

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" ***R.***

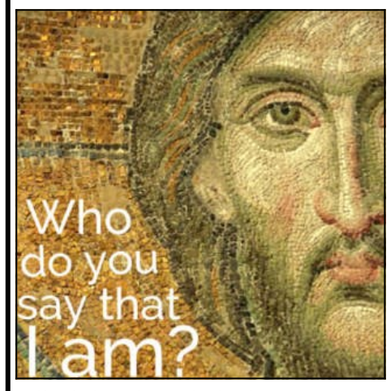
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. ***R.***

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. ***R.***

SECOND READING James 2:14-18 ***Faith, if it has no works, is dead.***

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If brothers or sisters are without clothing and lack daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Galatians 6:14 Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35 ***You are the Messiah. The Son of Man must undergo great suffering.***

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 35:8 How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Arthur J. Cook, Halyn Eyre Curtis, Clyde William McKenna

ANNIVERSARIES: Dolly Donaldson, Mary Aileen Stephens, William Francis Stephens, Enid Marriott, Audrey Florence Dwyer, Chris McAloon, May & Anthony Stephens, Barbara Bou Samra, Philomena Sleba, Fred & Faye Betros

SICK LIST: Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Cheryl Carter, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. *(St Augustine)*

ANTI-ABORTION PETITION

For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born—late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it *"in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed"*. This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby.

We want to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead.

The Archdiocese wants to hear from you about this topic. We need your help. Please consider signing the petition in the back of the church today. If you wish to receive the most up-to-date information about this topic, please include your email address when you sign the form.

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