

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?'' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

WHAT KIND OF MESSIAH?

Jesus explicitly raises the issue of his identity. While Peter's answer ("You are the Christ") is correct, Jesus neither confirms nor applauds him. Instead, enjoining silence on the matter, he speaks of his coming passion and death in Jerusalem. The knowledge that he is Messiah is not to be separated from the kind of Messiah he is to be: not one who will be served and honoured, like the rulers of this world, but one who will "serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45).

From this point on, the disciples will struggle—unsuccessfully as it turns out—to hold two truths together: that Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Messiah *and* that he will fulfil his messianic role by entering into the pain and suffering of the world, even unto death—something quite unforeseen in conventional Jewish messianic expectation.

Peter's remonstrance voices the perceived incompatibility between the two truths. Why should God allow the Messiah, indeed God's own Son, to suffer in this way?

But to attempt to deflect Jesus from this path would be to play Satan's game, frustrating God's gift of life to the world through the cross. Disciples of Jesus must go the same way, take up *their* cross and follow after him.

The fact that Peter who has just got something so splendidly right stumbles so badly at the prospect of suffering is, surely, an encouragement—a recognition in the Gospel that we all do badly at suffering. Each new cross that comes our way places us anew before the dilemma of this scene.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

16 SEPTEMBER 2018

FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

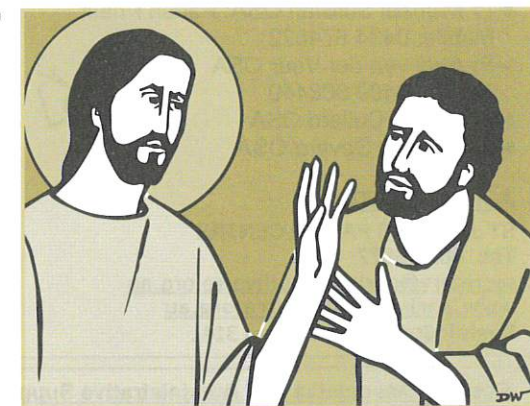
R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 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!



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CHILDRENS' LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 First & third Sundays of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 (or by request)

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

First Tuesday of the month 10am at
 St Joseph's Church
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
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Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 16th September 2018

DAY	ST. JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 16 th September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) 10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy	9.00am Mass
Monday 17 th September St Nicholas of Tolentine		
Tuesday 18 th September	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 19 th September St Alonso de Orozco	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 20 th September Korean Martyrs	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 21 st September St Matthew	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	NO MASS
Saturday 22 nd September Bl Josephine of the Purification	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

CHILDRENS' LITURGY This Sunday 16th September during the 10.30 am Mass in St. Joseph's Church. All children very welcome!

MEETING OF ALFRED HOSPITAL SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A meeting of all special Eucharistic ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick at the Alfred Hospital will be held in the Parish Centre next Sunday 23rd September after the 10.30 am mass.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **Praise & Worship:** Sun 16th September 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.
- ▶ **Christian Meditation:** Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ **Comedy Night:** Sat 20 Oct 7pm



PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE

"If you say you believe in God but have no good works to show for it, are you any different to Satan? Satan too believes in God."

RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Join us for our YAM retreat, 'Imperfect & Loved: A day of prayer, reflection and fellowship' on Saturday 13 October. More information can be found at www.facebook.com/YAMSYF, with registrations closing on Sunday 23 September.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO MASS** at 12.45pm at St Thomas Aquinas church on **Friday 21st September.** Mass as usual on other days.

WELCOME

We welcome baby Mac Matthews who is to be presented to the community during the 10.30am mass this weekend.

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday 20th October 2018
 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall
 30 Fitzgerald St, South Yarra
 Come along and be entertained by comedians Dave O'Neill, Monica Dullard and Brad Oaks.
 Tickets \$45 available from:
trybooking.com/421526 or
 from the Parish Office or
info@sjos.org.au

AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS AUSTRALIA

Working with Indigenous and Refugee Communities.
 Formation course in Sydney 4th-15th February 2019
 See brochure for details.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased
 ✦ Audrey Devisser
 Anniversaries

- ✦ Bernadette O'Donnell
- ✦ Sr Paschal Rushford
- ✦ Lucia (An-Hye) Kim
- ✦ Patricia Monaghan
- ✦ Silvia Tagle Venegas
- ✦ Pasquale Carlini
- ✦ Anthony Jones
- ✦ John Monaghan
- ✦ Nora King
- ✦ Gwen Apps
- ✦ Des O'Connell
- ✦ Neil O'Leary
- ✦ Jose-Luis Cid
- ✦ Isabel Cid
- ✦ Vicky Parker

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chael Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mito Gloudemans, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Wallis, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layla, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Socrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor, Djohan Gunarta Kumliawan, Mary Gaynor, Joan Heyhoe, Madeleine Anderson, Ronald Blun, Wally Devisser.



SAVE THE DATE

St Thomas Aquinas:
 Saturday 6th October
 St Joseph's: Saturday
 27th October 2018

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 9/09/18

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- 2nd Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) \$433.00
- 2nd Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$339.50

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