

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

19th/20th SEPTEMBER

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the

country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts.

You will hear about Chen's story how his landmine accident has affected not only his life, but that of his family; and how the Arrupe Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, is providing many children and families affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

Bishop's Statement of Commitment to Child Protection, 15 September 2020

The abuse of any vulnerable person, especially child sexual abuse, is evil, disgraceful, unacceptable and a crime. Its harmful effects, especially on primary victims, can be traumatic and lasting and are often deeply debilitating. These scars can prevent those who have been hurt from growing to be the people God dreamed they could be. Whole communities are also damaged for people, loved and valued, are not able to return love or function as freely as they would otherwise have.

Abuse of children and of other vulnerable people has been committed by some members of the Catholic Church. Further, some other members of the Catholic community have not reported these serious offences. These people have betrayed those in their care, God and the Church by perpetrating abuse and by protecting and enabling such perpetrators.

The abuse was wrong and should not have happened.

On my own account and on behalf of the diocese, I apologise for these failures and assaults to those who have been abused, to all those who love and support them and to all the good, faithful members of the Church.

I commit the diocese of Wagga Wagga to being a safe place for vulnerable people and children by continuing to improve our processes, training and expectations in accordance with State and National safeguarding standards and legislation.

Bishop Mark Edwards, OMI, Bishop of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 19th/20th September, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times:

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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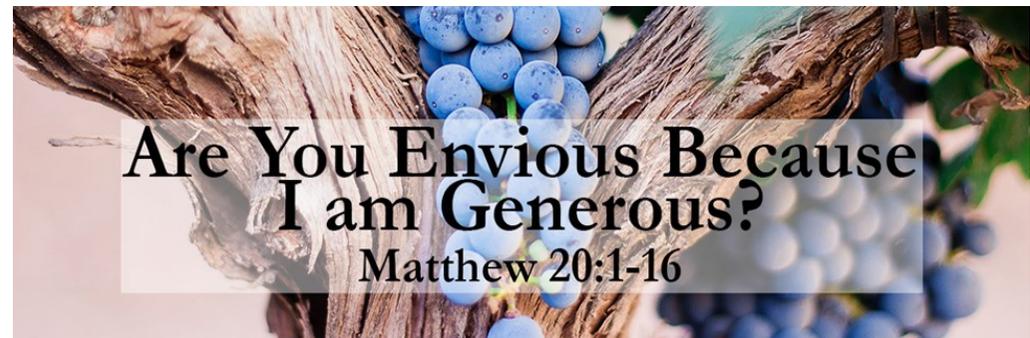
Safeguarding Officer: Anne Brown Phone 6926 2937 Email annie1.temple@gmail.com

WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Linsey Woods, Mollie Hosie.

SICK: Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Christopher Lee, Garry Brigham, Brianna Papworth.



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Acts 16: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage". So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one

has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first". So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Heart for Hire

RCIA Catholics often report that they feel somehow inferior to cradle Catholics. Having come to the church as adults, they don't share the parochial-school history and enculturated Catholic memories that veteran members of the church have. In the same way, younger people feel left out of the pre-Vatican II storehouse of comparisons that the post-conciliar crowd is always using as a reference point. Latecomers in any arena can feel that their presence and commitment is less authentic. They don't have the battle scars to compete for acceptance.

Jesus doesn't hire by the years or the scars, happily, but by the heart. Having heard Mass in Latin doesn't make one more genuinely Catholic and wearing a plaid uniform for eight years is not a certificate of authentic faith. Punching the clock doesn't make us disciples, but rather answering the call. The vineyard needs labourers. The only labourers who count are the ones whose hearts are for hire, and not just their time.

How long have you been a member of the church?

How much of that time have you been authentically invested in a life of faith?

Enter a period of discernment about your call to follow Jesus. Go on a weekend retreat. Seek spiritual direction. Form a support group of friends who share your faith. Listen intently for the direction you're being invited to go. (gpbs.com.au)

St Vincent de Paul meeting 6 pm Tuesday 22nd Sept. in the White House.

A Big thank you to Trish Goonan for making the masks .

Last week 1st Collection \$501.15 2nd Collection \$361.20