

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125*

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *Response*

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *Response*

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *Response*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. *Response*

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:1-6*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!



As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So

they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES

By a Nun of the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo NSW

Recently, I was giving a retreat conference (really, a passionate and personal sharing) to guests in our Retreat Cottages. We were sharing about the perilous journey each of us has to make to self-realization and the necessity for making this journey so that we will reach inner freedom.

One quotation I used came from Sr. Joan Chittister's Book, "Aspects of the Heart". It is the Chapter on "A self-realized heart". She writes: "It can take a lifetime of side roads to find the highways of the heart that take us home, whole and entire, satisfied and content."

I am asking myself this week: What are the side roads I have taken, and continue to take while I avoid the highways of the heart that take me home? I am in exile, just as the people in this text were in exile. God is calling me to find "home", here and now, in this life. I may feel weak, unable to muster courage for the return journey.

I will remember that God is my comforter as I return, is leading me to streams of fresh water, is making the ground level, and is often reaching out to take my hand.

I am responding to the truth that it is Divine Love which understands me. Religion, and particularly institutional religion doesn't always understand the human journey.

Our present Pope has chosen a pastoral and compassionate model of papacy, and thus is witnessing to the presence of a God of Love, who understands the human journey. I am encouraged by his words and actions, especially by his actions as he reaches out to the human family. St. Augustine once exhorted his followers to: "Enlarge your love to the size of the world, if you want to love Christ [who is the Son of a God of Love, and who understands the human journey]. May we take the example of Jesus, and the example of Pope Francis, reaching out to our brothers and sisters world-wide.

In response to this Gospel text, I will listen to Jesus asking me: "What do you want me to do for you?" What will be my answer? "Lord that I may see, hear, speak and act according to the truth of the Gospel."

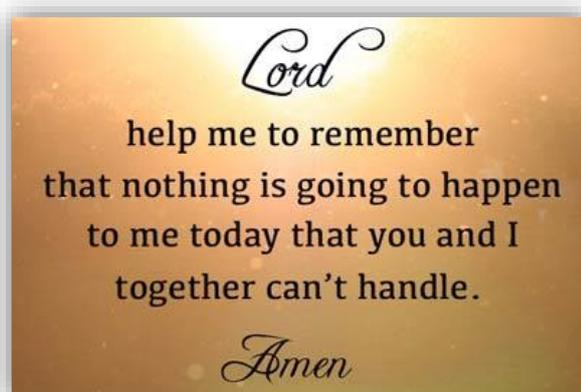
I will pray for clear vision to see the good in others, to listen to the voice of God in the Scriptures and in those around me, to speak and to act in Love towards others. May the Grace of God be with me.



We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time ***Clarke Shields, Denis Foley, Anne Mulrooney, Norm Staite, Rose Cassar, Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Lucy O'Dwyer, Margaret Stevenson.***



Prayers: Please remember to keep the following people and their families in your prayers .. Val Boothey, Valda Hogan, Maurie Smith, Chrissa Dickinson , John McIlvenna, Lillian Stewart, Flo O'Hara. Julian Insall, Sr Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressia, Terence Rahill, Janet Dent, Klara (1 year old suffering from Leukemia), Nicki Fabro, Peter Woods, Marj Bateson, Michael Pucella



Emerald Hill Seniors News

Save the date for the following 2 events

'Young at Heart' Christmas Luncheon Tuesday Dec 1st

Church Working Bee Saturday Dec 12th 10.30am to 11.30am

The Emerald Hill Seniors are holding a Trash & Treasure Stall... KITCHEN ITEMS

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December 9.30am to 2pm.

All donations gratefully accepted. Please phone Carol 9699 3910 or Geraldine 9699 6050

Proceeds to Capuchin Outreach Program.

The next Play-reading will be held on Monday November 9th, 1pm

St Francis Room opposite Café.

Monday Gentle Exercise Class Old School Hall 10.30am. BYO mat

Tuesday Yoga 9.30 Enquires Julie 0419 319 032

Thursday Gentle Exercise Class Old School Hall 9.15am BYO Mat



World Mission

We present two stories of the many projects that are supported by the funds raised by

Catholic Mission. If you are not able to donate you can use the envelopes distributed in

Church or donate directly on line through the link provided below. Any gift over \$2 is tax deductible.

A fresh start for Laleia – East Timor

The sun rises slowly above the mountains in Timor-Leste, casting a golden light over the valley as dozens of roosters announce the arrival of a new day. In the shallow river that sweeps its way through Laleia, a small community two hours east of the capital Dili, children splash each other playfully, laughing and cooling off. Their mothers rouse on them to hurry up, as school will be starting soon. The children wash before helping to bring the putrid water from the river back to the community to drink and cook with. Tragically, many of the children will become violently ill, or even die, as a result.

With almost no rain in Laleia between May and November, scenes like these are all too common in the small parish led by Portuguese Capuchin friar Father Filipe Rodrigues. During dry spells, sometimes lasting seven weeks at a time, the parish relies on whatever water can be stored in a 2,000-litre tank—the size you might find in an Australian family's backyard. "It is nothing. Nothing," says Father Filipe. Thankfully, **with the support of Catholic Mission, the parish of Laleia will soon have a 40,000-litre water tank for the local**

community. The ability to store larger amounts of water during generous wet seasons means that the townspeople will no longer harbour the gut-wrenching fear of running short on clean water.



With a kindergarten and health clinic set to share the water from the larger tank, Father Filipe believes the impact will be felt immediately by the parish and the broader community. “At the moment, that single small water tank is all we have between the kindergarten, health clinic, a sewing group and catechism classes that we run here,” he says. “A 40,000-litre tank will be enough to cover the whole mission.” Mariquita has worked for four years as a cook at the kindergarten, preparing meals for

51 children, five days per week. A native of the parish, Mariquita knows better than anyone the impact that clean and safe water will have on the children. “It was common in the past for children to get very sick,” she says. “The water from the river, even when it is boiled, is not drinkable. The new tank will make a huge impact on the children, because at least five days per week they will be guaranteed good meals and clean water.”

The health clinic adjacent to the kindergarten serves around 400 people per month. “Mostly, the patients that come here are local pregnant women and mothers of infants,” says Father Filipe. “We play a major role in going out to the community to educate people about nutrition, hygiene and health.”

The 38-year-old friar has seen great progress since first coming to Laleia. “When I arrived here from Portugal in 2003, diseases like diarrhoea and malaria were widespread, with huge implications,” he says. “But since then, our health education has helped enormously, especially the education of young mothers, which then has a flow on effect for their children.”

With four new taps and a 40,000-litre water tank to store enough clean water for drinking, cooking and hygiene, Father Filipe believes the encouraging trend will continue. However, as the cost of running the kindergarten and the health clinic consumes most of the parish’s funds, the success of the project relies on the support of Catholic Mission’s donors like you.

Father Filipe’s faith in the children’s future remains strong: “I would like for these children to become leaders, people of value and people of good health.”

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Or

Capuchin mission.. <https://www.capuchinfriars.org.au/index.php/support-our-work/our-capuchin-missions>

Church Building an Renovation Fund



During the months of May, June, July and September, 2016, our church will be undergoing renovations. Currently there is a total of \$90,237.53 towards the cost of these renovations being done. As most of you can imagine and see, there is quite a bit of work to be done to renew the beauty of our Church. If anyone wishes to donate towards this fund please speak with Fr. Julian 9690 5895 mob: 0412 686 311

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Donations

Sister Eugenia Pisconeri Trust	\$79,237.53
Andrew Sibley Estate	\$1,000
Helen Nolan Estate	\$10,000

OPEN HOUSE – STS PETER AND PAUL’S

“Open House” provides hospitality, food parcels, counselling, and meals for all in need. Nestled at the back of Sts Peter and Paul's Parish House/Capuchin Friary in South Melbourne, meals are provided throughout the week and the space is open for all to drop in for a coffee and a chat.

Volunteers assist in the running of “Open House”.

A team of volunteers is involved in our meal services, with the collecting and supply of food, packing food parcels to give away and is ready to chat with the guests who drop in at Open House between the hours of 11:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday to Friday.

The funding provided to Open House by Emerald Hill Mission and The Capuchin Friars Outreach allows for various activities targeted particularly at disadvantaged families and older single people, e.g. weekly barbeques, counselling for drug and alcohol problems, assistance with job seeking and the like.

Volunteers are currently needed ... especially for Tuesday 11.30am to 1.00pm and also for the Friday lunch 12.00pm to 1.30pm. For Information please call .. 9690 5895



Donations of non-perishables accepted

... canned protein foods, fish, meat, ham, vegetables, cereals, rice, sugar, UHT milk and cream, soup, pasta sauce ... etc.



Emerald Hill Mission Food Van

Six nights a week the Emerald Hill Mission food bus is out in the streets of the City of Port Phillip (..South Melbourne, Port Melbourne St Kilda) nourishing the hungriest and neediest in our community, providing all kinds of nourishment, from hot meals, drinks and snacks but also offering companionship.

Edmond Rice volunteers, Capuchin Friars young adults and a coalition of other volunteers take out the Food Bus helping to break through the barriers of loneliness and isolation that many living on the fringe of society suffer. We can provide a meal, blankets, snacks, hot beverages and most importantly, companionship.

The Emerald Hill Mission food bus operate where the need is greatest. We do so with the generous support of our many volunteers, sponsors, donors and suppliers.