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### Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary;
Friday	9.15 AM	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary;
	9.30 AM	Mass,
Reconciliation:	5.30 PM	Mass;
	30 minutes prior to all masses.	

### Last Fortnight's Collection

Thanks Giving Offering	\$941.10
Presbytery Offering	\$957.65

Thank you for your commitment and support

### Next Week's Reading

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**First Reading Job 38: 1, 8 – 11**

**Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 17**

**Gospel Mark 4: 35 – 41**

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### BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in June	
Church Cleaning —	<b>22 June—Herman; 13 July—Clement,</b>

### Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Hannah Chua	Peter Leptai
	Reader	Terry James	Belinda Liew	Yvonne Kumar
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Sarah P	Volunteer	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Joe Connoly	Hannah Chua	Peter Liptai
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Jane Cassar	Roman Siriwardene

### Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Pereira family members, Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James.

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us.



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### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

16 JUNE 2024

#### First Reading Ez 17: 22 - 24

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will, be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!**

#### Gospel Mk 4: 26 - 34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 91: 2 – 3. 13-16. R. v. 2**

**(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you .**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar . **(R.)**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading 2 Cor 5: 6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going



#### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and moneylenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)! Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.



# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm

- Gather Us In No 12; Page 14

## PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Unless a Grain of Wheat No 35; Page 97

## COMMUNION SONG

- Centre of My Life Text attached

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

## FINAL SONG

- Glory and Praise to Our God No 16; Page 19

## CENTRE OF MY LIFE

**Chorus:** O Lord, you are the centre of my life:

I will always praise you, I will always serve you,

I will always keep you in my sight.

1. Keep me safe, O God I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord, "You are my God.

My happiness lies in you alone;

My happiness lies in you alone."

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

Who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

## GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm

- We Are Many Parts No 86; Page 87

## PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Eat This Bread No 125; Page 124

## COMMUNION SONG

- The Cry of The Poor No 83; Page 84

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

## FINAL SONG

- Sing To The Mountain No 92; Page 93

## PIETY STALL



Anyone who would like to enrich

God's teaching

is welcome to do so by purchasing the Holy Bible available in our stall

## STREAMS OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

8TH-22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Fr Sebastian Arockia and the parish of St Mary's Dandenong would like to invite you for a **14-day Streams of Mercy Pilgrimage**, departing on the 8th of September 2024. This pilgrimage features Prague, Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Zagreb, Medjugorje, for an all-inclusive price of \$7990 (30 pilgrims). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares & Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels & All Breakfasts & Dinners & Catholic Priest & English speaking professional guides.

**For enquiries & bookings,**

Call 03 8839 6615

or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

## Sing Your Praise to God!

Please pick up a copy of the newsletter and 'As One Voice' hymn book at the entrance and join us in the singing during mass.

We practice 45 minutes before mass either on Saturday or Sunday. All are welcome!

**Please contact :**

**Cheryl 0422 724 572 or Thien 0434 998 317**

## GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am

- Here I Am, Lord No 90; Page 90

## PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- To Be Your Bread No 65; Page 66

## COMMUNION SONG

- You Are Mine No 2; Page 204

## FINAL SONG

- Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty Text attached

## BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1. Father in heaven, how we love you;

We lift your name in all the earth.

May your kingdom be established in your praises,

as your people declare your mighty works.

**Chorus:**

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Who was, and is and is to come; Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who reigns forever more.

2. Father of mercy, be exalted; May Jesus' name be lifted high,

For the sacrifice of love has won my pardon, and His resurrection power gives me life.

# PARISH NOTICES

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

## St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new QR Code for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections.**

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



## VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR MEN

# VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN

**Saturday 6 July, 10am-4pm**  
**Carmelite Monastery, Kew**

The Vocations Office invites all men discerning a vocation to a day retreat. The day will include talks on the Priesthood and discernment as well as time for prayerful reflection.

RSVP by Wed 3 July at: [vocationsecam.org.au](mailto:vocationsecam.org.au)



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