



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NIGHTCLIFF

UNDER THE CARE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 August 2020

First Reading Is 56: 1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

¹ Thus says the Lord: "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

²⁹ The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 15: 21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

²¹ Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that region came out, and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵ But the woman came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to "the other" finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture, or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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PAUL'S PARISH MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00pm SUNDAY MASSES: 8.30am and 6.00pm. Children's Mass 8.30 am last Sunday of month.

Monday 5.30pm. (Anointing Mass 1st Monday of each month) Tuesday – Friday: 6.45am Saturday: 8.00am.

SACRAMENTS: Reconciliation: Saturdays 7.15am – 7.45am Mondays 4.45pm – 5.15pm

Baptisms/ Marriage By appointment. Book well ahead

Adult Confirmation and First Communion this weekend.

On Saturday night **Wietske Bruinsma** will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Wietske was baptised as a child and for various reasons wasn't able to continue with the sacraments. In recent times she has felt the Lord calling her to complete this journey and continues to deepen her relationship with God. She started working at O'Loughlin College this year which was another providential occurrence in her journey of Faith.

Parish Picnic

It was such a wonderful afternoon and was packed with loads of activities and fun - including ice cream! The FaceBook page has great photos of the afternoon. So much thanks goes to dozens of people who made it happen. A special thanks to Tara for getting the ball rolling and putting so much energy into it.

Deck Chair Cinema

St Paul's P&F is hosting a Fund Raiser Movie for the school this Sunday night. The movie starts at 7:30pm but the fun begins at 6:30pm. The movie is called Abominable and takes audiences on an epic 3,000-mile journey from the streets of Shanghai to the breathtaking Himalayan snowscapes. When a mischievous group of friends encounter a young Yeti, they embark upon an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with his family at the highest point on Earth. <https://www.deckchaircinema.com>

Review of Parish Priest

The MSC's conduct a review of their Parish Priests every three years. I am soon to complete my third year here at St Paul's (I arrived in Jan 2018) and Fr Malcolm Fyfe MSC and Julie Weber-O'Brien will facilitate the review. There will be plenty of notice and opportunity for parishioners to give feedback, suggestions, comments etc. and details about this will be forthcoming soon. On a completely unrelated matter, have I told you all how fantastic you all are :-)

St Pauls Parish is committed to promoting the safeguarding of all children and vulnerable people. Consistent with gospel values and our Diocese Mission Statement, we follow the example of Jesus in respecting the dignity of each child, young person and vulnerable adult.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hanigan 0417 330 265 or Email: janet.hanigan@gmail.com



DATE: 2020	MASS TIME	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER 1	READER 2	Children's Lit Word	SPECIAL MINISTERS
16-Aug	Sat 6pm	Yvonne Ellison	Josie Millevoy	Leone Wittmack	Tess Lontoc		Julie W-O'Bryan
	Sun 8:30am	Sr Anna	Benita DiVincentiis	Garry Blackett	Edel Musco	Tara Intarapanya	Anne Davey
	Sun 6pm	Martha van den Veen	Martha van den Veen	Cristina Rosales	Ross O'Campo		Jaoa Monteiro.
Altar Linen: Justine Cowling				Church Cleaning: Peter Liddle & Lee Magnussen			
23-Aug	Sat 6pm	Kath Hilder	Helen Smith	First Communion	First Communion		Megan Evans & Sr Hilde
	Sun 8.30am	Sourab Sebastian	Fele Mann	Jacinta Kelly	Sr Hilde	Steve & Ange Versteegh	Garry Blackett
	Sunday 6pm	Agnes O'Campo	Ross O'Campo	Janice Money	Inge-lise Mayger		Catherine Phillips
Altar Linen: Anne Coulter				Church Cleaning: Jesus Youth Group			

Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 22: 15, 19-23 Rom 11: 33-36 Mt 16: 13-20

Last week's collections:

First Collection: Plate: \$969.20 for the support of our Priests

Second Collection: Plate & Planned Giving envelopes: \$1136.60 Direct Debit: \$1495.00; All for the mission and maintenance of our Parish here at St Pauls.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Rosario Opsima, Margaret Newland, Joseph Regan, June Richards, Sally-Ann Dillon, Frank Kert; Joan Baker, Alfredo Magtoto, Charles Thomas, Edward Thomas, Sr Lucy Kert.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:

Sacrament of First Eucharist :

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 11th August at 5.30pm**
The Sacrament will be held **Saturday 22nd August** at Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020:

Sacrament date: Saturday 12th September at 6pm Mass

Next meeting will be 18th August. At 6pm
All must attend this meeting

Our Borders are Open: COVID 19 rules still apply!

- Please maintain physical distancing—keep 1.5M apart
- Use Hand sanitizer on entering and exiting the Church.
- Spray and wipe your seat following Mass
- Take your Bulletin home with you.
- Only sit with people from your household or "Bubble"

St Pauls School Fundraiser:

Abominable at the Deckchair Cinema
When: Sunday August 16 2020
Where: Deckchair Cinema Jervois Rd, Darwin NT
Tickets Cost: Child \$8, Adult \$16, Concession \$12, Family Pass \$35
Tix available online at <https://www.deckchaircinema.com>
Dinner and cake stall available.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Enrolments are now being taken for Transition 2021. If your child turns 5 prior to 30 June 2020 he or she is eligible to commence Transition in January 2021.



Please call into the office or call 08 8985 1911 for an enrolment form.
Some vacancies also available in Yrs 1—6. Please enquire at the school

Just for Fun:

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought... He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. (Wait for it...) She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

My poet friend says to me: "What rhymes with orange?" I said: "No it doesn't!"
What do you call a dog that does magic tricks? A labracadabrador

St Vincent de Paul Society



St Paul's Conference is seeking a conference treasurer. The Treasurer keeps a record of all the spending and fundraising of the Conference and any donations that are received. For more information, please contact Damian on 0428 846 746
Connect with us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VinniesNT/>

Grab a bargain at a Vinnies shop. You can pick up some great brands at a bargain price. Piety goods are also available for purchase. In addition to sales from our Vinnies shops, the Society raises money from its members, through Parish poor boxes, government funding and donations from the public. If you would like to donate good quality furniture to Vinnies, either drop the item off to our Warehouse, 107 Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove or call the Warehouse team on 8948 0887, Mon to Fri, 7.30am to 3.00pm. Please allow 3-5 days for collection. We can only take items in good condition. Furniture items can also be purchased from the Warehouse.

On behalf of the men, women and children who turn to the St Vincent de Paul Society for assistance every day, we extend our most sincere thanks for your support
The St Paul's Conference meets every Tue at 5.30pm in the meeting room behind the presbytery. People interested in finding out about the Society are always welcome. Meetings are conducted with health and hygiene protocols in place. If you have any cold or flu like symptoms please wait for them to clear before coming along to the meeting. You will meet some wonderful people and you will have a great sense of achievement when you have made a real difference to someone's life.
Want to volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul Society? Find out more at: https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Become_a_volunteer/NT/ or email volunteering@svdpnt.org.au or call 8948 8100

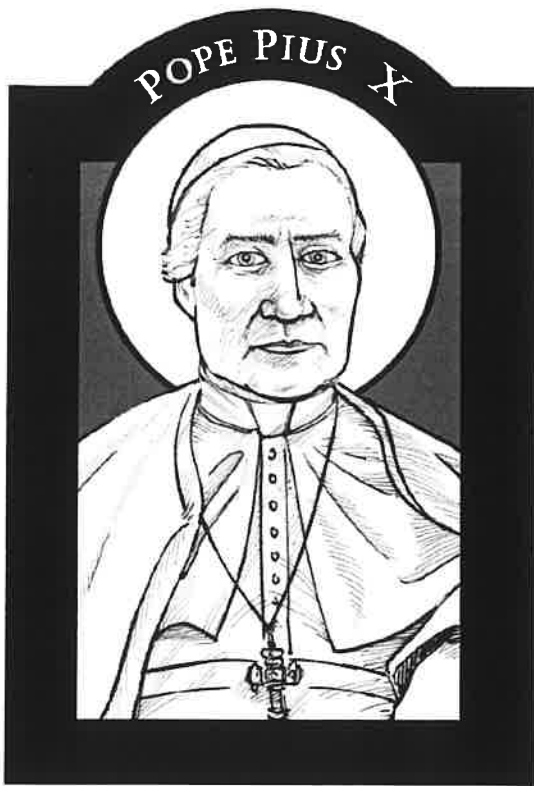
From the Daily Readings -
The Charism of Jules Chevalier:

The love of the heart of Jesus gives the martyr the strength to endure. Each one owes to him everything that has been received.

Through her faithful response Mary made God's grace bear fruit minute by minute from the first moment of her existence until her blessed death.



Statement of Commitment
41 FRANCIS STREET RAPID CREEK
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ST PAULS PARISH
This business has submitted a
COVID-19 Safety Plan
and has committed to adhere to:
✓ **physical distancing measures**
✓ **health and hygiene principles**



Guiseppe Sarto was born into a poor family in 1835. From this humble beginning he was eventually elected pope in 1903. He took as his motto, "To restore all things in Christ". Pius X was remembered for many things including advocating the frequent reception of holy communion and the admission to it of children from the age of about seven; reform of church music and encouraging the use of Gregorian chant; the reform of Canon Law; the reorganization of the Roman curia; and the separation of church and state in France. He also promoted Bible reading for all Catholics and encouraged the use of clear and simple homilies. He found some aspects of the Vatican's wealth and ceremony distasteful. Before his death in 1914, Pius X wrote in his will, "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor."

Crossword

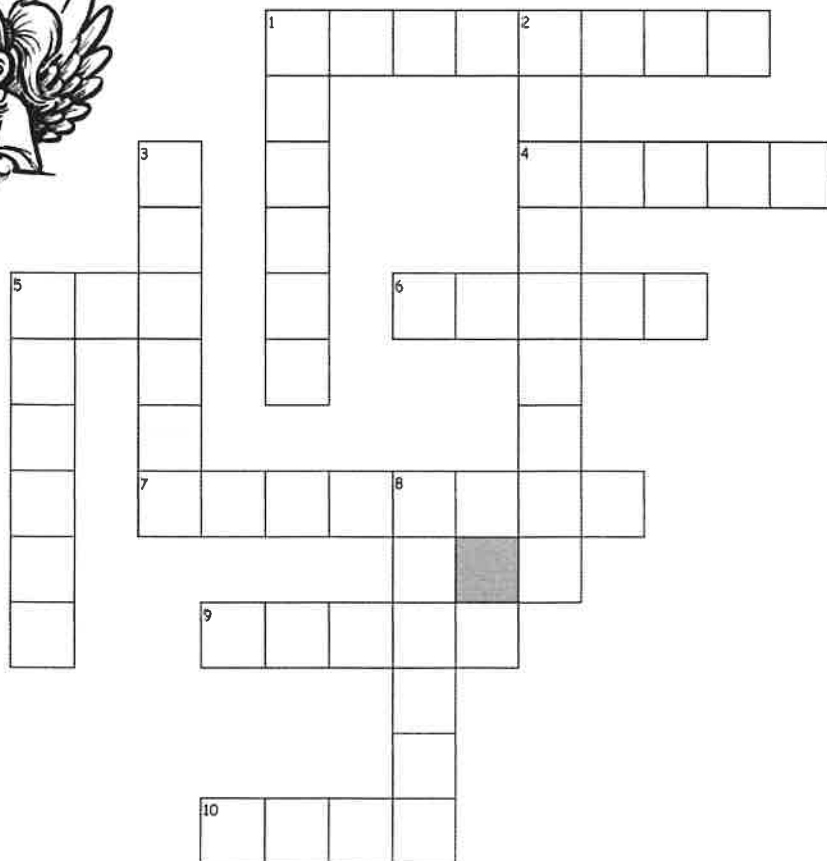


Across

- 1: very young people
- 4: Jesus described the people of Israel as like a flock of lost _____
- 5: a four-legged animal that barks
- 6: belief
- 7: father is to son as mother is to what?
- 9: the opposite of man
- 10: what we eat

Down

- 1: Jesus spoke to a woman who came from this place
- 2: Jesus' followers
- 3: pleaded
- 5: the woman told Jesus her daughter was full of these
- 8: cured



The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



_____, you have
 _____.
 _____ your _____
 be _____.

granted wish
 faith Woman
 Let great