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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – OUR FUTURE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY!

TWO PARISHES AND ONE MISSION

Readings this week: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4 ; Ps 94; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-9.

Gospel Reflection ~ Greg Sunter

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Historical Context – Servants and Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

*Two Parishes and ONE Mission ...
... from delegation to participation ...*

Saint Timothy's Catholic Parish Forest Hill

Our Future ...

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Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard
Parish Priest

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday *Australian Vigil* - 6.00pm

Sunday *Australian* - 9.00am

Please welcome Fr Brian Kelty

Sunday *Vietnamese* - 5.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Weds. & Thurs. @ 9.15am

Fri. @ 10.00am

1st Wednesday of the month
@ 10.00am Mass of Anointing

RECONCILIATION

In recess this week.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

In recess this week.

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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Prayer to Saint Timothy

O God, who adorned
Saint Timothy with
apostolic virtues, grant, through
his intercession that, living
justly and devoutly in this
present age,
we may merit to reach our
heavenly homeland.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

*Patron Saint of stomach and
intestinal disorders.*



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently especially Bishop Emeritus Hilton Forrest Deakin, for the casualties of war in Ukraine and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Teresa Arelette, Carlton Gleeson, Natasha Mikolic, Doris Beatty, Maurice Rodrigues, Kate Delphine McLoney, Cris Canete, Fr Tom Jones, Percy Alwis, Kathleen Donnithorne, Donald James Wood, Margaret Regester, Giuseppina Defina, Isaura Tenorio, Antoni and Wanda Rusc, Mary Kim Yian Yeo, Berth Andrews, Edwin Manguiat and Aiden O'Reilly.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: *Ordinary Time ~ Tuesday:* St Francis of Assisi; *Thursday:* St Bruno, priest; *Friday:* Our Lady of the Rosary; *Saturday:* Mass of Virgin Mary. **Masses this weekend:** Eucharistic Prayer as chosen by supply priest and Mystery of Faith Eucharistic Acclamation II.

2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST TIMOTHY'S FOREST HILL AND ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST BLACKBURN SOUTH

OUR PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM HAS FINISHED

Thank you on behalf of us all at St Timothy's for your involvement and response. Please collect your acknowledgement letters from the Narthex if you haven't already done so. The new pledge commitments take effect from Sunday 2 October. A summary of the results will be made available once Fr Gerard returns from annual leave.

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND "Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details. 22- 23 October 2022** at St John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: Created and loved: [honouring the beauty and dignity of every person](#). Central to the Church's teaching is the notion that each of us is created and loved by God, and that this love pervades every aspect of our humanity and every moment of our life's journey. Trusting in God, we are invited to grow into the fullness of life that our creator intends for us, and to recognise the beauty and dignity of every person, including ourselves.

2023 ENROLMENTS @ St Timothy's Primary School Vermont are still open. Book a tour and please make contact with the Principal, Ms Anne Maree Jones on 9878 4188 or email the School Office @ principal@sttims.catholic.edu.au ~

A Great Place to Be ...

VOCATION VIEW: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency. (Weekly First Collection Presbytery: \$343.20; Thanksgiving Stewardship Envelopes this week: \$40; Vietnamese Donation: \$312.60). Click here: [for Parish online CDFPay](#) [Parish Church A/c BSB: 083-347 Account: No: 652 643 669 & PP's support BSB: 083-347 Account No: 651 938 684]

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Readings next wk: 2 Kg 5:14-17 ; Ps 97:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17: 11-19.

WEEKEND PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

SATURDAY

6:00 PM
9:00 AM
5:00 PM

1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Peggy D'Cruz
Andrew Johny
Dieu Nguyen & Dung Nguyen

8 AND 9 OCTOBER

Hubert Lobo
Trevis Yee
Thu Ngo & Thuan Tran

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY
SUNDAY

6:00 PM
9:00 AM
5:00 PM

1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Mary Italiano
Daphne Hickman
Hung Dinh

8 AND 9 OCTOBER

Susan Chen
Anico Yee
Hoang Nguyen

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY
SUNDAY

6:00 PM
9:00 AM
5.00PM

1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Michelle Chen
Yee Family
Toan Tran

8 AND 9 OCTOBER

Michelle Chen
Yee Family
Toan Tran

CHURCH FLOWERS

1st October
Parishioners
8th October
Parishioners

COUNTERS

This week Team 4:
Kelvin Chen & Michael Yui
Next Week Team 5:
Mary Choy & Eileen Tam

CHURCH CLEANING

8th October:
Toan Tran, Dao Dinh,
Hieu Nguyen & Dieu Nguyen

ON THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On the Journey this week: Deacon James Arblaster's gospel reflection on service; when we serve our neighbour, we are doing our duty, kneeling shoulder-to-shoulder with God-made-man, Jesus. Mother Hilda on truly getting to know another person, Plus, Fr Mike Delaney says we should have a footy club supporter's passion for spreading the Gospel message, Trish McCarthy is inspired by rainbows, Deacon Josh Clayton on being dedicated to our vocation in life, and more great music!

'WALKING WITH WISDOM SERIES' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

'MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION', via Zoom, Saturday 15 Oct 2022, 10am-2pm (AEST). When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart, for these few hours of prayer in the practice of mindfulness and meditation, to journey with others and within oneself. Led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA: Does your family have meals together? [Family mealtimes are an important opportunity](#) to develop strong parent and child relationships and a sense of family connectedness and belonging. Research focusing on the importance of family meals affirms the positive outcomes learned from time spent around the family dinner table.

LEGION OF MARY MELBOURNE SENATUS: [Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary](#). The Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary draws to a close, here and around the world - 101 years from the first Legion meeting in Dublin led by Frank Duff on 7th September 1921. We once again give thanks to God, and to Mary, our Blessed Mother and Queen, for all the graces of that first century of the Legion; and we especially give thanks for the joy and blessings of our centenary celebrations.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

ACNC MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER: [Conversations and consultations, have your say and more](#). Since joining the ACNC as Acting Commissioner last month I have spent my first few weeks meeting with a large number of stakeholders across the sector individually, as well as with our Adviser and Sector forums.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Series of short sessions: online via Zoom Engaging Your Faith -12 sessions running in October 2022. Choose what interests you for just \$25 per session. Booking, payment and further information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable persons in our Church. Saint Timothy's Parish Forest Hill holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

Parish Groups & Contacts

... is Our Responsibility

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Counting Rosters

Corrie Quimbo
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Mary Italiano
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Vietnamese Community

Andy Tran: 0422 382 109
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Parish Bankers

Barry Silvester &
Michael Kawalewski

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Gerard - Parish Priest

Parish Safeguarding Committee

Theresa Nguyen, Mary Italiano
& Fr Gerard

Whitehorse Deanery

Fr Gerard
9877 2292

Finance Committee

Bernard Negline
Parish Accountant

Church Sacristan

Margaret King & Hoang Nguyen
9412 8499

Church Housekeeping

Margaret King
9412 8499

Church Cleaning

Des O'Connor 9412 8499

Parish Garden Maintenance

Des O'Connor, Leo Watson,
Anico Yee &

Vietnamese Community

Holy Communion

to the housebound

Fr Gerard

Parish Choirs

Mary Italiano & Theresa Nguyen

School Advisory Council

Ms. AnneMaree Jones
9878 4188

Our local St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330
(Freecall: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:

John McCoy

Vinnies Centre Ringwood
Ph. 9870 9124, Unit 1B/76-82
Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

For Furniture & Whitegoods pickup
— Eastern Emergency Relief will

pickup for St Vincent de Paul
weekdays 9am-1pm Ph. 9874 8433

Vinnies Centre Ringwood
Ph. 9870 9124, Unit 1B/76-82
Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Response to the Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



With even the smallest amount of faith we can achieve a lot. Write in the tree some good things that you can do this week which show how much you believe in Jesus.



Jesus says our faith can grow, like a mustard seed that grows into a tree. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps your faith in Jesus to grow.



MUSTARD SEED

How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?

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