



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

From the Top

Fr John Powell

Fr John has moved to the John Woodward Residential Aged Care facility in the Cardinal Gilroy village complex at Merrylands. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, visitors are not encouraged to visit Aged Care facilities around the country at this time. This holds true for John Woodward Residential Aged Care. Anyone contemplating visiting Fr John would need to phone the facility first to check what protocols are in place – at the very least you would need a certificate showing you have received the flu vaccine.

Hands off Our Lady's Statue

Please do not touch Our Lady's statue, either with your hand or particularly with an antiseptic wipe! This practice will very quickly lead to irreparable damage. Restoration costs thousands of dollars. We look forward to your cooperation in preventing any further degradation of Our Lady's Statue.

Cleaning Church Pews

Thanks to everyone for maintaining their tenacity in cleaning of the church pews. We are grateful for your diligence in this regard. Please only use the wipes provided and please DO NOT use hand sanitiser as it removes the protective surface from the pews.

- Fr Denis Andrew O. Carm (Parish Priest)



CARMEL ADVERTISERS

If you are looking to contact one of our advertisers, we have posted an A3 sheet with all their details on the notice board near the kitchen in the Narthex.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

In the care of the Carmelites

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Denis Andrew OCarm
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SUNDAY MASSES: 6pm (vigil), 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
DAILY MASSES: Monday to Thursday and Saturday 9.00am
 Friday 9.15am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am

MONEY MATTERS:

Envelopes: \$ 1,504
 Loose: \$ 319
TOTAL: \$ 1,823

WEEKLY TARGET: \$4,000

NOTE: If you would like to make direct contributions, our banking details are: BSB: 067 950; Account Number: 00602; Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church; **Please mark your EFT 'DONATION'**



REVISED READERS ROSTER

As from the weekend of 24th & 25th October the current readers roster will be revised. If you **DO NOT** wish to be on the revised roster, please advise the church office by **Friday 16th October**. There are two or three readers who do not seem to be aware they are even on the roster. If you are uncertain, there are copies of the current roster on the notice board in the sacristy foyer.

Please remember those who are in ill health, especially: All afflicted by Covid-19, Alexandro Favall, Nancy Surace, Esperance Mankarios, Annabella & Cody Bailey, Baby Charlie Sultana, Neil Toft, Chaiwat Sheetarak, Charlie Micallef, Lyn Craddy, Baby Noha Larkin, Francois Tuyau, Sienna Calandruccio, Teresa Li, Lisa Boys, Greg Boys, Carol O'Loughlin and all who are sick.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

No Children's Liturgy

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 3rd & 4th October 2020

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	Anne-Marie Torrens	Sr Kate McCarthy rsm
Sunday 8.00am	Jeremy Angelo	Jeanne Mendis
Sunday 10.00am	YOUTH MINISTERS	
Sunday 6.00pm	Michelle Pereira	Carmel Ruddy

'Let Your Life Be Your Witness'



Jesus said to them: "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you." Looks are deceptive. We know this holds true in life and Jesus indicates it also holds true regarding God. In today's gospel Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One appears to defy his Father and the other appears to comply with his Father's wishes. But it is the defiant one who ends up closest to the Father when he has a change of heart.

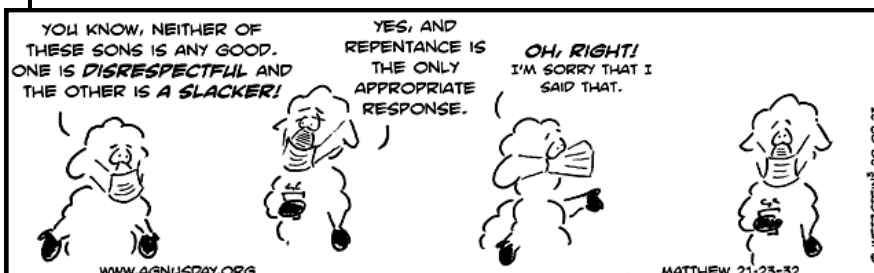
It grieved Jesus that the people who should have listened to what he was saying about God, the chief priests and elders, did not. They should have recognised the truth in what he was revealing about our God and acted upon it, but they did not. But to the amazement of Jesus he found the prostitutes, the tax collectors, along with those who had struggled and made a mess of their lives, were the ones who listened to him and found comfort in what he said. They had a change of heart and responded to his message.

But back to the two sons. It is easy enough for any of us to give lip service and notional acceptance of tolerance, compassion, mercy and selflessness as being values of Jesus. It is another thing altogether to bring them to life in our actions and relationships with everyone we encounter. To quote Julia Baird:

'Let your life be your witness.' This is the only place of faith I am really comfortable in now, with those who wish to be a quiet witness of love. The egregious sins and stag fights of an institutional church have sullied its public face and caused harm to countless numbers of people; we can too easily forget that the true church is based on love, and lived out in thousands of little parishes, where people care for each other.

- Julia Baird *Phosphorescence*, p.266.

- Fr Denis Andrew O Carm



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1—7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6—9

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33—43

In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Therese Soertsz, Victoriana Jacalan, Fadel Zaki (Lebanon), Jeyaseeli Pillai, Sothi Malar, Emmanuel Pillai, Elizabeth Francis, Henryka Feil, Margaret Hatton, Vincent Aquilina, Sr Kathleen Price RSJ, Kath Rixon

Anniversaries & Memorials: Catherine & Frank Sciberras, Edward Angelo, Ivy Peters, Jennifer Fernandopulle, Mama Babcia, Rufina & Rose Fernandes, Fernandes Family, Joe & Nicholas Tuyau, Charlie Sultana, Michael & Carmen Attard, Frank & Pauline Vella, Rani Sathi, Pushpa Kantha, Anthony Peter, Connie Bezzina & Jeanne Black, Pauline Grech, Renato Zammit, Francesca Zammit, Concetta & Joseph Sciberras, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Holy Souls in Purgatory & All Souls, All Saints

PLANNED GIVING & YOUR TAX RETURN

Recently we have had enquiries regarding tax deductions and planned giving. Unfortunately, we are not able to claim tax on planned giving. Years ago when we were required to assist financially in the maintenance of OLMC Primary School, we could make a claim but when the CEO became the sole provider of school maintenance, our avenue to claim tax on planned giving disappeared. However, we can claim tax on Project Compassion and the Catholic Foundation (previously known as DWF) because they are registered charities.

Feast Days this Week

Monday: Stg Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

Tuesday St Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)

Wednesday: St Jerome

Thursday: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Guardian Angels

Saturday: BVM, St Theodora Guérin

Sunday: 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Other Intentions

Special Intentions: Louis Tuyau (Birthday), Betty Beecroft