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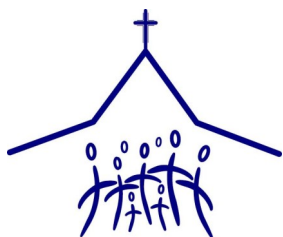
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 30th & 31st January 2021

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Monthly Food Collections

The monthly food collections will re-commence this year at all masses on the weekend of 6th & 7th of February 2021. The collections will be handled in a Covid safe way, and with the items being quarantined for a week before being provided to the needy. The most useful items are the staples such as: Pasta & pasta sources, rice, baked beans & other canned food & soups, canned fruit, spreads such as vegemite, peanut butter and jams and also breakfast cereals and long life milk as well as canned fish such as tuna and sardines.. At present our pantry is bare and we thank you in anticipation for your generosity.



COVID Safety at St Scholastica's

When you return to church for 2021 please be aware that St Scholastica's is a COVID-19 safe community. Please adhere to the following policies from the Archdiocese:

- ♦ Mask wearing, is **no longer mandatory** in church but if you cannot safely socially distance, please wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you enter the church and sanitise your hands at the back of the church.
- ♦ It is **preferred** you register with the QR code on your phone, but if you do not have the ability to do so, please sign in at the back of the church.
- ♦ When you come up to receive Holy Communion, please sanitise your hands from the sanitising station 'right before you receive'.
- ♦ Reception of Holy Communion is in your hand until further notice.
- ♦ Singing is by the Cantor and Choir (physical distancing of at least 2 metres between each person while singing). Cantor may have their mask down when singing, all other singer must have their mask up when singing.
- ♦ At the end of the mass, please use the wipes at the end of your pew to clean your position. Open the flap at the top of the wipes to remove a wipe and close the flap to keep the wipes from drying out.
- ♦ Use the wipes to clean where your hand rested, the kneeler and your seat itself. Take the wipe and put it in the bin as you exit the church and sanitise your hands when you leave.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR 2021

Monday 1 February

No Service

07.30pm Vinnies Meeting - GA

Tuesday 2 February

09.00am Mass followed Adoration and Rosary until 10am

Wednesday 3 February

10.00am Exposition

10.30am Rosary

11.00am Mass

01.00pm Legion of Mary - GA

Thursday 4 February

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

07.30pm Baptism Information Night - Parish Office

Friday 5 February

09.00am **No** Mass

11.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday 6 February

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary/Confession

05.30pm Mass

Sunday 7 February

09.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

05.30pm Mass

ROSTERS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	5th Sunday of the Month 30/31 January 2021	
		<u>Readers/Musician</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
Saturday	5.30 pm	Rachel Cordeiro ----- Pauline	Mary Ann Borg Juliette Belajeff
Sunday	9.00 am	Sylvia Chuah ----- Judy	Jill Bartley Rosa Coniglio
	11.00 am	Geetha Jayasuriya ----- Dennis	April Lewis Laurine Shane
	5.30 pm	Kristin Jabay ----- Henry	Marcia Nelson Louise Willison

ROSTERS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	1st Sunday of the Month 6/7 February 2021	
		<u>Readers/Musician</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
Saturday	5.30 pm	Stephanie Rozario ----- Pauline	Mary Ann Borg Christine Wates
Sunday	9.00 am	Mario Tauro ----- Judy	Rosa Coniglio Sangeetha Thomas
	11.00 am	Juancho Natividad ----- Henry	Anna Marie Ziino Marie Serophim
	5.30 pm	----- Sean	Marcia Nelson Arden Nelson

Remembering Our Community

Sick

Ian Holmes, Michael Yau, Rachel Bransby, Doris Gauci, Doris Sinclair, Harriet Pergande, Fred Hillas, Fran Panetta, Bichara Serophim, Natalie Balding, Rosemary Anderiesz, Maria Fonseca, Baby Mary Pauchnik, Margaret Sweeney, Susan Jenkins, Graeme Barr

Anniversaries

David Ho, Fr Brian Bainbridge, Blossom Corfield, Lesley Torpy, Jack McGuinness, Vern Barnett



We invite you with open arms
To come along to our church,
We hope that you can join with us
In worship and God's word
If you have needs, and want someone
To listen and to pray,
We're here for you with open hearts
And God's love to give away.

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Welcome - Guest Folder

Please note that in the Narthex you will find a Guest folder. We encourage our new comers to register their details, as we will formally welcome them on the 1st Sunday of each month and in the Chimes. We look forward to seeing many new names and to welcome everyone into our parish community at St Schols!

Requirements when coming to Church

Please see a summary of requirements when entering the church:

- No pre-booking is required to attend mass - it will be a first come/first served basis
- It is recommended you arrive at least 10 minutes early to give everyone enough time to sign in and be appropriately socially distanced
- People must be sitting, 1 person per two square metre, to ensure people have enough room to maintain 1.5 metres distance between them. Please use the green dots as a guide as to where to sit
- Entry is only through the Narthex and you must sign in and hand sanitise before entering the church.
- Please only exit the church through the side doors where it is marked 'Exit Only'

If you have a cold, cough or any flu like symptoms of COVID-19, you must NOT attend mass. It is crucial that all these rules are followed for everyone's safety. Please be aware that if you arrive and the doors are locked the church has reached its capacity.

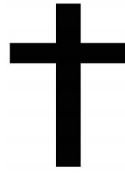
St Scholastica's acknowledges that we gather, pray and live together on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations.



NOTICEBOARD

Communion to the sick

Do you know anyone who is sick or housebound, who would like to receive a visit from Father Thinh? Perhaps the sick/homebound person is feeling isolated from the parish community and would like to receive communion on a regular basis. Please phone the parish office on 9808 1006.



Baptism at St Scholastica's

It is a requirement of the parish that a Baptism information night must be attended prior to having your child baptised. Contact the parish office on 9808 1006 to make a booking into one of the monthly sessions. Next session: Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.



Church Open for Private Prayer

The church is open for private prayer from *Tuesday to Friday 9am – 3pm*. All COVID safe guidelines must be adhered to and if you are in the church for longer than 15 minutes it is essential that you register using the QR code or writing your details in the book provided.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Helpers needed

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a contemplative approach to religious formation for children ages 3-12 years.

We are blessed to be located in the lower level of the hall, where children are invited into a specially prepared environment called an Atrium to work with natural materials appropriate for their age and stage of development. Based on Montessori principles of education, St Scholastica's began CGS in 2005, and now offers 3 Atria serving children across all levels: Level I (3-6), Level II (6-9) and Level III (9-12). We are looking to grow our team of volunteers for this special ministry. Whether you are a uni student, someone who is retired, or someone in between, we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for help over any of the following session times during the school term:

- Mondays - 9.15-11.30am
- Tuesdays - 3.45-6pm
- Wednesdays - 12.30-2.45pm
- Saturdays - 9.30am-12.15

No experience is necessary, but you do need a current working with children check. For more information please contact the Parish office during business hours. God bless.

Weekly Updates and Thanksgiving

Please be aware that we are still sending weekly updates via email with all the relevant information as we are aware that some people might not yet be comfortable to come back to attending mass.

Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped at the Parish Office. For direct deposits, the parish account details can be found below.

- Account Name: St Scholastica's Parish
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- Reference: **Please use as reference:**
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Set up a direct debit or monthly credit card giving by contacting the parish office.

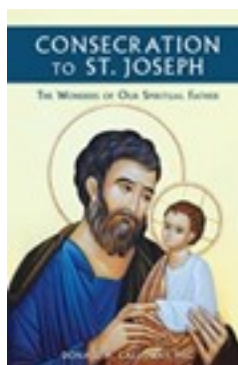
THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



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ages 3-12. They explore practical life (activities relating to daily life) teaching them love and care for themselves and the world around them.

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Pray for the Unborn



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B**

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy

*I will put my words into the
prophet's mouth, and he will tell
them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

R. If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us. Let us
come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend
low; let us kneel before the God
who made us for he is our God and
we the people who belong to his
pasture, the flock that is led by his
hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his
voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at
Meribah, as on that day at Massah
in the desert when your fathers put
me to the test; when they tried me,
though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to the Corinthians

*The unmarried woman dedicates
herself to the things of the Lord,
that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all
worry. An unmarried man can
devote himself to the Lord's affairs,
all he need worry about is pleasing
the Lord; but a married man has to
bother about the world's affairs and
devote himself to pleasing his wife:
he is torn two ways. In the same
way an unmarried woman, like a
young girl, can devote herself to
the Lord's affairs; all she need
worry about is being holy in body
and spirit. The married woman, on
the other hand, has to worry about
the world's affairs and devote
herself to pleasing her husband. I
say this only to help you, not to put
a halter round your necks, but
simply to make sure that everything
is as it should be, and that you give
your undivided attention to the
Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a
great light: a radiant dawn shines
on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*This is a new kind of teaching that
speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far
as Capernaum, and as soon as the
Sabbath came Jesus went to the
synagogue and began to teach.
And his teaching made a deep
impression on them because,
unlike the scribes, he taught them
with authority.

In their synagogue just then there
was a man possessed by an
unclean spirit, and it shouted,
'What do you want with us, Jesus
of Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you are:
the Holy One of God.' But Jesus
said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of
him!' And the unclean spirit threw
the man into convulsions and with
a loud cry went out of him. The
people were so astonished that
they started asking each other what
it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that
is new' they said 'and with authority
behind it: he gives orders even to
unclean spirits and they obey him.'
And his reputation rapidly spread
everywhere, through all the
surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to
shame, for I call on you.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B - 7th February 2021**

First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-
19. 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Scripture Commentary for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Today's Gospel (Mark 1:21-28) describes the first public act of Jesus in Mark's Gospel: his teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, in the course of which he dramatically frees a man possessed by an evil spirit.

Mark's Gospel frequently presents Jesus as a teacher – though, curiously, does not tell us much about the actual content of his instruction. The evangelist simply wants to present Jesus as one who teaches with great authority. We note how, at both the beginning and the end of this episode, the people in the synagogue are struck by the authority with which Jesus teaches – in contrast to that of the other religious authorities (the scribes). Indeed, what is really surprising is that they seem just as impressed by the authority with which he teaches as by the authority with which he drives out demons, an example of which has just taken place before their eyes.

In fact, the episode suggests that there is a very close link in Mark's view between the liberation involved in genuine teaching and the liberation involved in expelling demons – a thought that might produce a wry smile in those who labour in the classroom today. For Jesus, to be ignorant or wrong about God is just as much a captivity as the various other captivities that the ancient worldview attributed to demonic possession – many of which we would now attribute to pathological psychological conditions. Although St Mark doesn't inform us about the content of Jesus' teaching on this particular occasion, we can be pretty certain that it had to do with the true nature of the God whom Jesus addressed with intimate knowledge as 'Father' and whose saving designs for the world were summed up in the phrase 'the Kingdom (or 'Rule') of God'. His message and the authority with which he proclaimed it were new with the 'newness' of creation. What he said communicated a sense of a fresh start at life, beginning with renewed relationship with God, freely offered in unconditional love.

The dramatic liberation of the demon-possessed man before the eyes of all in the synagogue was not, then, unconnected with Jesus' teaching. It simply enacted, albeit more physically, a liberation that was going on within all present as they listened to Jesus and drank in his words. 'Captivities' of prejudice, fears, scruples, guilts, ignorance about God, were dragged out of them. Far beyond overt cases of possession, the demonic can refer to any condition that controls human lives, inhibiting freedom and choice, stunting personal growth, alienating persons from God and their own true humanity, rendering relationships with others poisonous or destructive. Addictions of all kinds come to mind, their destructiveness symbolised in the 'convulsions' inflicted on the man in this scene by the demon as it left him. Rather than being mere spectators of what is being described, the Gospel invites those who hear it to identify with Jesus' audience in the synagogue and to consider all the ways in which their own lives need to be set free through the power and teaching of Jesus.

In the First Reading (Deuteronomy 18:15-20) Moses assures the Israelites that his own departure from the scene would not mean that they would lack a means of receiving messages and instruction from God. God would raise up a prophet like himself, to whose words they should attentively listen. The later Jewish tradition understood this promise in a messianic sense and looked for a 'Moses-like' prophet who would come at the end of the age. Jesus' appearance and teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum represents one instance of his fulfilling this role, though on a vastly higher scale than Moses.

The Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:32-35) offers one of those texts from St Paul that earns the Apostle a bad name if the context is not taken carefully into account. At this point in the letter Paul is attempting to steer a pastoral course between two tendencies that prevailed in the early Church because of its keen anticipation of the imminent return of its Lord. On the one hand, he has to moderate the excessive eagerness of some of the Corinthians to forbid marriage. On the other hand, he wants to uphold the view that, because of that hope, it was appropriate, for those who had the gift (and only for them!), to remain celibate and devote all their attention to waiting upon the Lord. What Paul perhaps did not sufficiently allow for – though it can perhaps be genuinely drawn from his words – is that pleasing one's partner and attending on the Lord are not necessarily alternatives but perfectly compatible aspirations within a marriage that is sacramental not only in name but in fact.

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