22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
2nd September 2012

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms:
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Marriages:
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation:
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.

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COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Sr Mary Austin, Vincent Kelly, Shannon Hanah-Merrit and Margaret Holgate and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, especially Myrtle Mason and Edward Fitzgerald and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers
- Sept 1st: Trish Cairns
- Sept 2nd: Julian Fraser & Allan Hebb
- Sept 8th: Joe & Jill Caruana
- Sept 9th: Ted Bartels

Special Ministers
- Sept 1st: Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton
- Sept 2nd: Rhonda Loret, Martin Prior & Kate Mason
- Sept 8th: Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton
- Sept 9th: Mary Welch, Mary Larnach Jones & Bruna Bombig

Church Cleaning
- Sept 3rd: Chris Van Order
- Sept 10th: Bernadette Petruccelli

Church Flowers
- Sept 7th: Anne Wright
- Sept 14th: Rhonda Loret

COLECTIONS
Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
{This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $278

Church (envelopes) collection
{This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $625

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Lean more on God and less on ourselves. 1890.
The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Laws and customs are necessary, but true religion is more than observance. Jesus teaches that our attitudes, and the actions that flow from them, reflect the intentions in our hearts. We are to accept and submit to the word of truth that has been planted in us by God. If we love God and try our best to love others, we will indeed be true children of God.

VOCATION VIEW
Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. ‘Do what the word tells you.’ Be doers of the word.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
What do you do to live God’s word? Do you share time and talent with your parish or those in need? Do you support the work of the Church with the fruits from your own work?

MONDAY AT THE MANOR
Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat.
Everyone welcome.
Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 5427 2827.

PRIVACY LEGISLATION
In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information, collected from individuals. The Parish of St. Ambrose is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation. A copy of the Parish’s Privacy Policy is available to any Parishioner by contacting Bernadette at the Parish Office.

MEDITATION
Please remember if you are cleaning or arranging flowers on Saturday morning that the Christian Meditation Group will be in the Church from 11am until 12 noon.
ST AMBROSE FAMILY DAY MASS
Sunday September 9th, 10am
A children’s Liturgy will be included during the Mass and a cup of tea afterwards. Children from the St Ambrose Choir have been invited to sing at this Mass. This will be a regular event every 2nd Sunday of the month. We thank the co-ordinators Denise Lawrence and Jane Gibson.

CONFIRMATION
Confirmation is this Sunday September 2nd at 11.30am. You will see photos of all the children preparing for confirmation in the church foyer. We ask you to pray for them and their families.

MOTHER & DAUGHTER CAMP 2012
It is time once more for the annual Mother and Daughter Camp from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October 2012 at the Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach. The camp is open to all daughters aged 10-16 and all mothers/grandmothers/step mums/aunties etc (of any age!). All are welcome, we always love to see new faces and we also love to catch up with previous participants! For more information or to download a form please go to www.donboscocamp.org or contact Emily on 5987-2692

FATHER’S DAY APPEAL
“I would be most grateful if you can contribute to the Father’s Day Appeal, for our retired priests. Some donors have been supporting the Appeal since its inception in 1990 by Archbishop Little. This shows how much the Catholic people of Melbourne value the huge contribution made by priests who are now retired, but have cared for them in former times. Your generous donations have ensured a normal living for our priests who have served actively in the Archdiocese, but who are now elderly and frail. In fact in the past twelve months the Priests Retirement Foundation has assisted me in caring for about one hundred sick or retired priests. Our support for our retired priests and sick priests who have shown us deep spiritual care, is a true sigh of gratitude.” Archbishop Hart. The priests who have retired this year include Kevin Mogg, Brian McMahon, Des Panton, George O’Connor and Peter Rankin.

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE
Please join us for the Annual Past Student Reunion at St Aloysius College on Sunday, September 9 from 1.30pm –5.00pm, 31 Curran Street North Melbourne.
www.aloysius.vic.edu.au
Ph (03) 93290411

MELBOURNE MEGA EVENT – “MEANT TO BE MORE” WITH LEAH DARROW
Sunday 9 September, 7pm
Music, talk and Q&A. America’s Next Top Model contestant Leah Darrow, shares her amazing journey of rediscovering her Catholic faith, and the immense freedom, hope and profound purpose, she found along the way. Accompanied by music from Fr Robert Galea from 7pm.
It’s open to men and women
It’s open to anyone throughout Victoria
It’s free
There’s no need to book
Presented by the Australian Catholic University in partnership with Archdiocesan Office for Youth, Life Marriage and Family Office, Theology@Pub, and Parousia Media.
Where: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus, Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
Contact: therese.nichols@acu.edu.au

FATHER’S DAY PRAYER
God our Father,
Bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
First Reading  Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.
Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1
(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22
A reading from the letter of St James
Be doers of the word.
It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.
Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Jas 1:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.
The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:
This people honours me only with lipservice, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’
He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean: it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indolence, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter
No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively become the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.
The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn’t ‘catch it’ from contact with strangers.
Gregory the Great was born in Rome in 540 AD. He used his own money to establish monasteries in Rome and Sicily, and eventually became a monk himself at the age of 35. In 590 AD, he became the first monk to be elected pope and the first pope to take the name Gregory. He was known as a great statesman and is accounted the fourth of the great Latin doctors of the church. His influence on church music gave rise to plainsong becoming known as Gregorian chant. Gregory the Great was the father of the medieval papacy, and he was instrumental in helping Western Europe rise from the ashes of the fallen Roman Empire. He referred to himself as “the servant of the servants of God”, a term which the popes have used ever since.