St Ambrose Parish
Woodend
2012

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
30th September 2012

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
Responsovial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
Second Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

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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Note: children's liturgy having a break for the school holidays.

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.
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 Vincent Kelly, Shannon Hanah-Merrit, Margaret Holgate, Ino West and Sam & Jack Barker 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, especially Mary Murray & Mary Brick and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, 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.

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.

CHURCH ROSTERS

| Readers       | Sept 29th | Angela Grinton |
|              | Sept 30th | Sharon Simpson & Jim Wright |
|              | Oct 6th   | Frank Donavan |
|              | Oct 7th   | Eileen French |
| Special Ministers | Sept 29th | Any Special Ministers Present |
|                | Sept 30th | Any Special Ministers Present |
|                | Oct 6th   | Pat McHenry, Angela Grinton or Brenda Cavallaro |
|                | Oct 7th   | Rhonda Loret, Martin Prior & Kate Mason |
| Church Cleaning | Oct 1st   | Frances Bowen |
|                | Oct 8th   | Parish Office |
| Church Flowers | Oct 5th   | Liz Higgs & Leanne McGowan |
|                | Oct 12th  | Bernadette Petruccelli |

COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
{This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $458

Church (envelope) collection
{This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $408

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.

There must be gentleness towards the erring of others. 1871

The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

Some people do not respond to God’s call because they feel they are not worthy to do God’s work. And they are not—nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our Lord’s comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time. Our service and sacrifice to our parish and the greater church allows us to care for Jesus when He is hungry, thirsty, ill or in need.

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 54272827.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We can be very keen to work for God, and if we belong to a group that is working well together, how good that can be! Jesus asks us to be welcoming and open to others, even when their ways are different from ours. Each of us can do great things for the Kingdom of God, but it is important not to be exclusive in our attitude towards others.

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.
REQUEST
I am looking for a new rental property as my current home is being sold. My Ministry offers accommodation and hospitality free of charge to individuals and families who need a break from the demands of life. So I need another 3/4 bedroom house in Woodend. Sr Virginia Mahony 0418278709

POSITION VACANT
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced person for the position of:

- Payroll Clerk, Catholic Development Fund
- Venue Manager Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne
- Patoral Associate—Formation of faith (Children & young adults, Parish of Port Melbourne & Middle Park)
- Pastoral Associate—St Clement of Rome, Bulleen Parish
- Registrar, Catholic Theological College—East Melbourne.
- Computer Technician, Casual Position, Sacred Heart College, Kyneton


SISTER MARY AUSTIN
Sister Mary Austin, past principal of Our Lady’s School Woodend (1981-1989) passed away on the 18th September 2012. Mass will be offered at St Ambrose Catholic Church on Sunday 14th October at 10.00am in Sr Austin’s memory. All welcome.

ST MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Keep fit for food, North Korean flood relief appeal.
Saturday October 27th at 2.00pm.
Fun afternoon of fitness for all ages, short presentation and refreshments.
Cost: Adults $10, Children $5, Family $25 Senior $8
Bookings www.trybooking.com/BTMM
Enquiries: info@australia-dprk.org

PUPPIES
A parishioner has x terrier puppies to give away free to a good home.
Available are 2 male and 1 female puppies all 9 weeks old.
If you are looking for a puppy and are able to take good care of it please call 54271670 after business hours.

THE ST BRIGID’S PARISH, CAMINO – THE CROSS TO CROSS WALK.
Sunday, 14 October, from 8am
The walk will raise funds to support the work of the Malate Medical Centre in the Philippines. It commences at Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne and goes up to the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross, before returning via a different route (27km total). Costs: Donations will go toward the Malate Medical Centre in the Philippines. Where: Holy Cross School, New Gisborne, 158 Hamilton Rd, New Gisborne, (just across from the New Gisborne station) Contact: 5426 1544. More information available in the church foyer.

SPECIAL JUICE SUNDAY
We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th September. This year’s Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: The social and economic challenges facing families today’. The statement celebrates the vital role of family in our society and examines the pressures that threaten its stability. Work demands, living costs and forces of consumerism are some aspects of our society that impact on families. As Christians we are called to be supportive of all families, especially those in crisis and greatest need.
Further details visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or (02) 83063499.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CELEBRATION MASS—Monday 1 October, 5pm
All are invited to the opening celebration Mass of the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Assembly.
Over 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic’s from all around Australia are coming to celebrate the Two Ways of our faith in a cultural ceremony which will not come to Melbourne for another 20 years.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
5 – 7 December 2013 – SAVE THE DATE
In December 2013 the Archdiocese of Melbourne will host the first Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The festival is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and will be the largest national gathering of Catholic young people since WYD08. Up to 4000 young Catholics from year 9 to 25 years of age will gather for the celebration of faith which will include music, workshops, testimonies, liturgies and more.
More Info: www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au
First Reading  Nm 11:25-29
A reading from the book of Numbers
Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?
The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.
Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, ‘Look’, he said, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, ‘My Lord Moses, stop them!’ Moses answered him, ‘Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9
(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading  Jas 5:1-6
A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.
An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  See Jn 17:17
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.
John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.
‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I will tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.
‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck.
And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’
The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

The first part of today’s gospel deals with the disciples’ jealousy at someone else ‘cashing in’ on Jesus’ name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus’ name, the disciples are jealous that it’s someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because ‘they’re not one of us’, or ‘they’re not doing it our way’.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.
One day the disciples saw a man working miracles in Jesus’ name. Because he was not one of them, the disciples told him to stop. Use the words below to find out why Jesus did not want the disciples to stop the man.

No one who does a _____ of _____ in my _____ will say something ____ about me.
Whoever is not ______ us is ____ us.

Wordsearch
Try to find these words:

belong cup disciples for Jesus John miracles name rewarded stop teacher water

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G N I B L E O N D O Z F E D
M A W Q J W Z R R F O R V C P
W V P X E P Y E H X M H E W N
Y S P I S L X H J Y Y L Q V P
Q V Q Z U J O H N K W Y O I E
Y D T Q S O H V E P C Q M B X
H Z W B N A M E B L G D E O Z
J Y C U P Q V M Z B A C X G C
T D Z K Q O X V U P C V U I W
S E A T Z G D U Z R T I K X A
T F F P C D I S C I P L E S T
O F V Q R E W A R D E D P V E
P T E A C H E R P B W Q W A R

St Teresa of the child Jesus was born at Alencon, France in 1873. She entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux at a young age and was recognised for her humility, simplicity and confidence in God. She died of tuberculosis in 1897, at the age only 24. Her autobiography, ‘The Story of a Soul’, was published after her death–she also left many letters, poems, religious plays and prayers. Teresa was canonised in 1925 and in 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her the thirty-third Doctor of the Church; the youngest person and only third woman to receive this title.