

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

'Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

'Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In the verses from Matthew's Gospel that come immediately before the passage we hear today, Jesus has reproached the cities that rejected him. But then out of this lamentation there erupts his hymn of praise and thanks to his Father for the 'little ones: those who have no status but can recognize in Jesus the One who is 'gracious and merciful/ slow to anger and of great kindness,' who lifts up the fallen and those who are burdened, as the responsorial Psalm 145 prays. This recognition is God's revelation, a gift of God's grace, for such people have no other way of coming to this response.

As Jesus has just told the disciples, a sign of the messianic times would be the preaching to and welcoming of the good news by the poor and disadvantaged. These words are not only for Jesus' immediate audience or for Matthew's community of powerless 'little ones' struggling with the religious authorities fifty years after Jesus' death and resurrection. They are also a present and future challenge to those whose theological and religious pretensions or spiritual elitism ignore or down-grade the wisdom and experience of those who have come to know God through simple but often hard-won and faithful commitment.

Matthew then gives us one of our very few glimpses into the prayer of Jesus. Jesus addresses God as 'Father', not to idolize a name or gender or metaphor, but to **focus on a relationship**—the reign of his Abba over his life and the lives of all those who become children of this same God by accepting Jesus as the Word and Wisdom of God.

It is Jesus who will offer rest : unlike the rigorous and overly pious law enforcers of his day who were closed to God's revelation and arrogantly persisted in their unbelief. They made it difficult for the unlearned because of the crushing weight they laid on them by complicating God's Law with their endless rules. And they made no effort to lighten the load of these obligations and often neglected the true purpose of the Law—that of mercy and justice.

Jesus invited all who were burdened by this complicated law to come to him and accept his 'yoke' which was light.

In Palestine ox-yokes were carefully made and adjusted so that they would fit well. When yoked together, ploughing animals shared the load and were more effectively kept in step with one another.

'My yoke,' says Jesus, will be well fitted to each disciple.

By taking on the light yoke of obedience to Jesus' word, his followers will not chafe under the law but will find peace and rest from all that oppresses them because the weight of our heavy burdens will be distributed between each one of us and Jesus and it will keep us in step with the One who is the Way, as we plough through life.



Parish Bulletin

14th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

8/9 July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

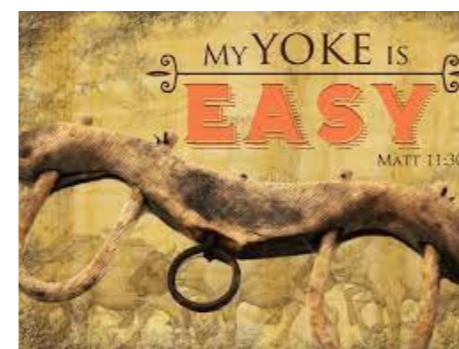
See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends
of the earth'.

The word of the Lord.

*I am gentle and humble
of heart, says the Lord*



By taking on the light yoke of Jesus we will find peace and rest from all that oppresses us because the weight of our heavy burdens will be distributed between us and Jesus and keep us in step with the One who is the Way as we plough through life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; / your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-14

Response : I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless you name for ever./I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. /How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures.. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deed. The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans

8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you.

In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives.

If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

To Love
Who needs my help to carry their burdens.

To Serve
Lord Jesus, give me rest from my daily struggles and problems.

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—15/16 July 2023 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Ann Mary Kollarackal Jake Kollarackal
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays
Count team	Leo Priem Julie Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	1 / 2 JULY
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$458.00
Open Plate	\$330.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$788.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund :
\$487.00

Apostleship of the Sea Appeal raised
\$626.80

Thank you for your generosity

Although mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.

Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Anniversary of death:

Danuta Becker & Carmela Froschio

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick of elderly parishioners who are house-bound in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

WELCOME

To God's family through Baptism
Harrison Condina



Pope Francis @pontifex

Pope Francis' prayer intention for July is that we will place the Eucharist at the centre of our lives. That flows from placing Jesus at the centre of our lives.

With the Eucharist, the Spirit of Christ gathers us together and forms us as Christ's church.

Parish Announcements

VINNIES 'SUPER SUNDAY'

What a 'souper' day! On last Saturday morning and Sunday morning we raised \$342, all of which will help those in great need who are cared for by our St Vincent de Paul combined Hectorville-Tranmere conference. All Vinnies members appreciate the generosity of those who made soup, those who bought it, and those who made extra donations, making it a positive Parish community experience. Thank you!

MORNING TEA ON SUNDAY

Please join us after 9:30am Sunday Mass for cuppa, cake and community.

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Catholic Officer for Youth and Young Adults, is organising a local World Youth Day

Saturday August 5: World Youth Day Adelaide celebration from 1:30pm-9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park

Sunday August 6: World Youth Day celebrated at Masses, local parishes and communities across the Archdiocese of Adelaide

Details for WYD Adelaide 2023 can be found on www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day or by contacting Julian Nguyen, Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (email: julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au; phone: 0472 577 112).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. For information of time and booking, please visit: <https://www.wwme.org.au>

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAY MINISTRY

The scholarships is to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised Activity. More information and applications forms are available on the website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship.

Closing date: August 4 2023

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS/ EVENTS

Sunday 23rd July

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & Elderly

Sunday 6th August

Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

Tuesday 8th August

St Mary of the Cross (Solemnity)

Morning Mass to be hosted by students from St Joseph's School

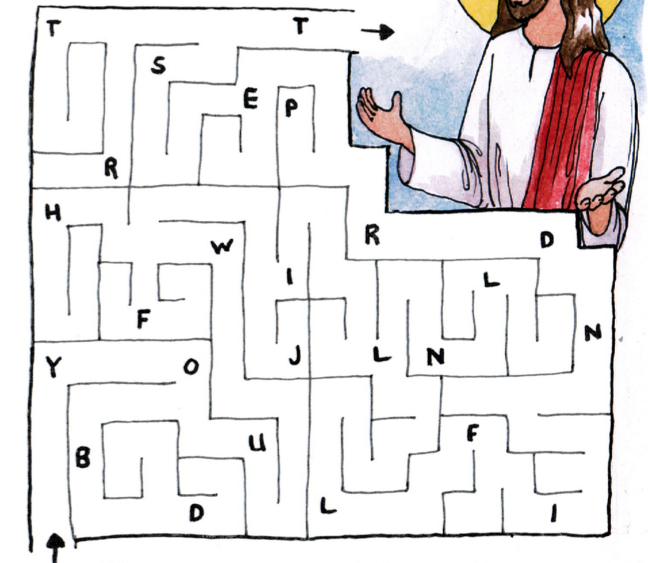
Sunday 13th August

First Eucharist/Confirmation for students from St Joseph's School & Rostrevor College : 11am

The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9th, 2023

"Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened..."



What does Jesus say will happen if you go to Him when you're tired and worn out? First find your way through the maze and then use the words from that path to fill in the blanks.

"I Will Give You Rest"

Today Jesus tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." God understands that we get tired and worn out. He wants us to come to Him when we need to rest. He refreshes our souls and gives us the energy and strength to carry on.



Do you ever feel like quitting when a job gets hard? Maybe you get tired of school or helping your Mom or Dad. When you feel like giving up it's time to start

praying! Your work might seem easier when you pray, but even if it still seems hard you will be happier knowing that you are doing it for God.

Jesus tells us to take His yoke on our shoulders. A yoke is a sort of bar that is used to help carry heavy things. Jesus is saying that we should do His work. For some people that means preaching like He did, or healing the sick, or being a priest, but for most people it means just doing everything we have to do out of love for God.



Answer to word-find: He is compassionate.
Answer to maze on front: You will find rest.

www.thekidsbulletin.com