



We are a community learning to be disciples of Jesus

Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish 2nd October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times This Week		
Saturday 6pm		Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday 9am		Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday 9:30am		St James the Less (LWHC)
Sunday 10:45am		The Good Shepherd
Mon 03/10	11.00am	Rosary Garden
Tue 04/10	9.00am	St James the Less St Francis of Assisi
Wed 05/10	12 noon	Our Lady of Mercy
Thu 06/10	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy
Fri 07/10	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy
Fri 07/10	6.00pm	St James the Less Our Lady of the Rosary
Sat 08/10	9.30am	The Good Shepherd
Sat 08/10	11.00am	Rosary Garden
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings for half an hour.		
Reconciliation is available during and after Exposition, and by appointment.		



Discernment helps us recognize God in unexpected events

Pope Francis continued his reflection on the theme of discernment by recalling the example of St Ignatius of Loyola, and the decisive episode of the saint's life when he was home convalescing after his leg was injured in battle. To chase away boredom, St. Ignatius asked for something to read and unfortunately, only the lives of saints was to be found in the house.

In the course of reading, St. Ignatius discovered another world that captivated him and seemed to compete with that of knights, and he became fascinated by the figures of Sts Francis and Dominic, with a desire to imitate them. In his autobiography, St Ignatius notes that when thinking about the things of the world, he felt much pleasure, but afterward, he felt dry and sad. But when he thought of going to Jerusalem barefoot and practicing other austerities, he found pleasure not only while thinking of them, but also when he had ceased. For St Ignatius, his first experience of God was by listening to his own heart which showed him a reversal – that things that were attractive at first sight left him disillusioned, whereas in others, less dazzling, he found lasting peace.

Another aspect of discernment is the "apparent randomness in the events of life," Pope Francis said. During St. Ignatius' convalescence, there were no books of knights, only lives of saints – a mishap that held a possible turning point - and it is only after some time that Ignatius realized this, at which point he devoted his full attention to it. "God works through unforeseen events, and also in mishaps," stressed the Pope, pointing at the passage from the Gospel of Matthew of the man plowing his field and coming across a buried treasure. The man subsequently recognizes it as the windfall of his life and acts accordingly, selling everything and buying the field.

Concluding, Pope noted that discernment is the "aid in recognizing the signals with which the Lord makes Himself known in unexpected, even unpleasant situations, and a life-changing encounter can arise from them forever."

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Question of the Week

Jesus said, 'So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' (Luke 17: 10)

Adults: When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others?

Young People: Does your fear of failure ever stop you from taking risks for your faith?

Children: When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

Baptisms This Weekend

This weekend we welcome Phoebe Elsa Heinrich and Angus Grantley Heinrich into the Faith through the sacrament of Baptism. We ask God to bless Phoebe and Angus, and their parents Alice and Kym, Amelia and Todd and on this special occasion. The baptisms will be on Sunday in the 9am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy church, Mount Barker.



We also welcome Leo Rick Jones into the Faith through Baptism. We ask God to bless Leo, his parents Rick and Lucy and godparents Rachel Clark and Kate Bockman on this special occasion. Leo's baptism will be on Sunday at 2pm at Our Lady of Mercy church, Mount Barker.

Proclaiming the Word

The second of our two workshops on Proclaiming the Word will be presented this Wednesday October 5th by Jenny O'Brien from the Office of Worship.

This will be a great opportunity of renewal for all those who are already involved in the Ministry of Reading at Mass and for those who are willing to share in this ministry in the future. Perhaps there is someone that you could ask to come with you. The session will begin at 7pm in **The Good Shepherd Hall**.

Strathalbyn Reminders

1. Next week ie 9th Oct will be our next trading table for the Fathering Project. Your help is very much appreciated.
2. Just a reminder... please continue to bring AN item of grocery for the Vinnie's Basket. Many thanks for the items that have been put into the basket. They have been very much welcomed by our Vinnie clients.

Young Women's Retreat Day

Saturday 8th October 10am-4pm, St Martin's Catholic Church, Greenacres. Join the MGL Sisters for a day of prayer, talks and fellowship as we deepen in relationship with Jesus and the call He is placing on the lives of young women (aged 15-35). The day will include input on discernment, prayer and times for reflection. More info and register: www.trybooking.com/CBRNJ

Feast of St Daniel Comboni of Sudan

The Feast of St Daniel Comboni Mass will be held on Sunday October 9. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will join the African Catholic Community for the Mass at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All welcome.

Children's Activities

Children's Liturgy and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are having a short break for the school holidays.

Parish Finance Council Report

Asbestos Inspections

Asbestos inspections have been performed at Mount Barker and Strathalbyn Mass centres. Most of our asbestos has the lowest rating: P4 - very low health risk. Three items at Mount Barker are rated P3 - low health risk. These items are: the corrugated fence along Kia Ora St, the parish library toilet wall, and the walls in Father Richard's office ensuite. Asbestos Management Plans will be reviewed in our October Finance Council meeting.

Parish WHS Audit

A Flammable Liquids Audit has been completed. No actions have been identified as a result of this audit.

OLOM Light Globes

A Working Bee event was booked to replace light globes in Our Lady of Mercy church. This will be held in accordance with WHS regulations.

Vacuum Cleaner in Our Lady of Mercy church

Fr Richard has serviced the white vacuum cleaner. It works well provided it is emptied regularly and the head is cleared.

Parish Masterplan: Priestly Accommodation

We are preparing to accommodate our next priest in the community, so that the Parish House can be developed into a true Parish Centre that supports parish activities and our connections with each other. We already host many groups and activities in the Parish House, such as the Legion of Mary, Christian Meditation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Children's Liturgy and sometimes seminars and small groups. We would like to support and continue these groups and encourage others in our parish community to meet for prayer and hospitality. To achieve this aim, as a parish we will need to invest in our churches and meeting spaces – replacing very old carpets and curtains, painting, patching and repairing. For this we rely on contributions from parishioners; in the time, service, care and compassion that we bring to every relationship and formation opportunity, and also through the financial support we provide for the maintenance and growth of our parish and the accommodation of our priest. Please feel welcome to contact Father Richard or Michelle Muller at the parish office if you would like to set up a direct debit into our Planned Giving program, or to request a set of Planned Giving envelopes. We thank all who contribute to the running of our parish.

Parish Masterplan: Parish House

A reference group will be set up to declutter and reorganise the Parish House so that it is tidy and functional. Please contact Michelle Muller in the Parish Office if you would like to join the group.

Children's Play Area

It was suggested that a children's play area be set up outside the Parish House. This will be discussed as part of our Masterplanning process.

Church Tower Leaks

After our meeting, we received advice that water is entering Our Lady of Mercy via leaking walls inside the church tower. This is a separate problem to the roof leaks which have been repaired. We are seeking further advice regarding the issue.

Sunday Readings

FIRST READING HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 94:1-2, 6-9

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 bow 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 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave
you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of
timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.
So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord,
or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the
hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power
of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from
me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been
trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of
the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 PETER 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord
replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could
say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea,"
and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would
say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have
your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say,
"Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while
I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"?
Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told?
So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do,
say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our
duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Next Week: October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C,
It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm: 97:1-4, Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Gospel: Luke 17:11-19.

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