



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th September 2021

Dear friends,

Greetings, I hope you and your families are enjoying the sunshine and the school holidays. I think most of us are aware of those small acts of kindness and generosity that are happening during this lockdown. The notice below from St Vincent de Paul gives us another opportunity for us to help others who are in need.

I know all of us are counting down the days when we can resume a more normal way of life, seeing family and friends and coming to Mass and the Sacraments.

What the requirements for this to happen have yet to be revealed.

We still continue to celebrate 8.30am Sunday Mass via facebook, and a few weeks ago we held a successful Zoom Youth Mass, which we will do again. We are celebrating Weddings and Funerals, the sick and the dying are visited by Fr John and myself and many of our parish groups continue to meet via zoom. And we are still contacting people by phone to check that they are ok. Also Fr John and I continue to say weekday Masses privately for your intentions.

During this week the Parish Pastoral Council will meet via zoom to look at the future directions of our Parish Community after lockdown and if you have any suggestions please email the Parish Office.

God Bless – Fr David

Toiletries Drive



We have been asked through **Vinnies** if we can help the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Sydney with toiletry packs for the communities of Wilcannia, Lightning Ridge and Brewarrina which are experiencing shortages due to Covid.



If you would like to help we will have a drive-thru drop off zone at Freshwater Church on Saturday morning 2nd October between 10am and 12 noon attended by Mary Ann Marles.

Bruce Whittet from Manly conference will be at the Manly church car park (entrance via Raglan St) with a drive-thru drop off zone on 2nd October between 10am and 11am.

We are looking for donations of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioners, toothbrushes, razors and deodorants for men and women.

If you would like to help and need them to be picked up, please phone Mick 0402890125.

Thank you all for your wonderful support to all the needy families.

God Bless Mick O'Farrell



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On Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos) -Sunday 8:30am Mass

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September *An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle*. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Geoff Martin; Tracey Cini; Charles Cini; John Caruana

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"

Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Brian Gregan, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Bozena (Boni) Covic; Gerry Ring; Paul Wylie; May Joseph

September/October

Mon 27/9 – St Vincent de Paul	Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50	Year B
Tue 28/9 – 26th week in Ord Time	Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56	
Wed 29/9 – Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Jn 1:47-51	
Thurs 30/9 – St Jerome	Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12	
Fri 1/10 – St Therese of the Child Jesus	Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16	
Sat 2/10 – The Holy Guardian Angels	Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10	
Sun 3/10 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16	

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

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2nd collection Parish Bank Account
Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account
Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

-- St. Alphonsus Liguori

DUE TO THE LOCKDOWN NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been **scheduled for the week ahead:**

- **Craft Group – Tues at 10am**
- **Lectio – Tues at 7:30pm**
- **Lectio - Wed at 10am**
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- **St Clare’s Prayer Group -Wed 7:30pm**
- **Rosary with Fr John – Thurs at 7pm**
Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512
If you would like to join one of these meetings, please contact the Parish Office for the meeting ID and Password



Rosary with Fr John will meet on 1st Friday of each month and on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



ST CLARE’S PARISH PRAYER GROUP ONLINE:

St Clare is the patron for an online prayer group, meeting Wednesday at 7:30pm. **If you have a prayer intention you would like us to pray for or if you would like to join the prayer** please email

faithwomen2020@gmail.com for the ID and password. We very much look forward to seeing you (on our screens) and praying with you.



Pope Francis Saints are witnesses whom we venerate and who in thousands of different ways bring us to Jesus Christ, the only Lord and Mediator between God and humanity. They remind us that holiness can blossom even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin.



Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 at 6.00am each Sunday



BIBLE STUDY
Commencing on
Tuesday 5th October
at 7pm

Fr John will be commencing a Bible Study via Zoom. You are most welcome to join.

Week 1 - Introduction to the Bible

This Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



Picnic Hampers for Christmas Day Lunch

With the uncertainty of Covid Restrictions at Christmas, we have decided this year we will again prepare Takeaway Christmas Hampers to those in our Community who may be spending Christmas alone. Last around 90 Hampers were collected.

Assistance Required: A few of our Co-ordinators are unable to assist this year and we are seeking help in different areas. If you would like to know what is involved please contact Michelle at the Parish Office 9977 5822 Mondays or Wednesdays.

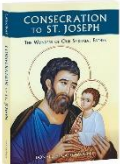
Are you called to serve as a witness to your faith?



If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry.

CCD is offering Zoom training in Term 4 to upskill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

Click on the link for more information or contact your Parish Catechist Coordinator via the Parish Office <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDIDhBQGTbA>



Consecration to St Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father – in the year of St Joseph its good to look at our spiritual father, St. Joseph.

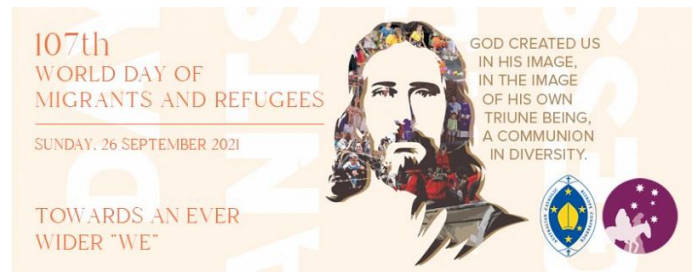
In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

Now available at the Piety Store – please call the Parish Office if you could like to purchase a copy



Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredb.org.au.



This Sunday we celebrate World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis invites us to “journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’”. As we reflect on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis encourages us to build on a shared understanding of our common humanity, “on the truth of ‘we’ that the pandemic has placed before us” which “stands in sharp contrast with the emphasis on the individual that has until now pervaded our times”.

This year, for World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us remember the vast numbers of people who are at any one time traversing our world as migrants and refugees and open our hearts towards an ever wider ‘we’ in our disposition to all people.

PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

This week we are happy to introduce a resource **Praying with Children** which is designed for families with young children to use at home.

Each Sunday’s liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.

This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign ‘One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. Applications close October 30th. - www.cagliero.org.au

“Love Without Limits” Webinar. Join Cardinal Tagle, Nicky Gumbel and friends for an honest conversation around how we can live out this calling in the modern world. Date: 30 September 7:00pm or 1 October 7:00am

Register at: www.tfaforms.com/4927075



Angels Week -Sept 27 - Oct 3

Please join us as we celebrate the feast of St Michael and the Archangels on Sept 29 and the feast of our Guardian Angels on Oct 2.

With our parish churches closed for celebrations in person, we would like to safely celebrate these feast days outside the church building. With this in mind, we would really love your help in creating an Angel tree.

Everyone is invited to create an Angel. Please feel free to use any materials that you have available, from craft supplies, to recycled materials, to leaves, twigs and feathers.

Then from Monday 27th Sept (whilst out on your daily walk) bring your Angel to be placed on or under the tree at the side door of our church. You are also invited to leave a prayer request on one of the hearts available by the tree. At the end of the week, all prayer requests and Angels will be placed inside the church and your prayers offered at Mass. Our Angels will then be sent out with some of our bulletin deliveries as reminders that we are never alone, our Guardian Angels are always with us.

Some examples you might like to use as inspiration...



Pope Francis – Guardian angels, our daily gate to the Father

On the Memorial of the Guardian Angels, Pope Francis dedicated the Mass to the 25 years of religious life of a nun present at the celebration. Taking his inspiration from the Readings, he praised the role of the protectors God places by our side: the angels, whom he calls our companions, guardians, and guides along the path of our life, and gateways that open the way to God.

“Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared.” Pope Francis chose these words, taken from the first Reading, as the basis for his reflection in the homily at the Mass for the feast of the Guardian Angels. They are the “special helpers” that “the Lord promises to His people and to us who travel along the path of life.”

Our angels are a compass to guide our journey

Life is a journey, along which we must be helped by “companions,” by “protectors,” by “compasses” that guard us against dangers, and from the snares we might encounter along the way. Pope Francis points out three specific risks:

There is the danger of not going on the journey. And how many people settle down, and don't set out on the journey, and their whole life is stalled, without moving, without doing anything... It is a danger. Like that man in the Gospel who was afraid to invest the talent. He buried it, and [said] “I am at peace, I am calm. I can't make a mistake. So I won't take a risk.” And so many people don't know how to make the journey, or are afraid of taking risks, and they are stalled. But we know that the rule is that those who are stalled in life end up corrupted. Like water: when the water is stopped up in a place, the mosquitos come, they lay their eggs, and everything is corrupted. Everything. The angels help us, they push us to continue on the journey.

The dangers of going astray, or losing our way in a maze

But there are two other dangers we face in our lives, the Pope continued. There is the “danger of going astray,” which can be corrected easily only at the beginning; and the danger of leaving the road to lose ourselves in a maze, going “from one part to another,” like a “labyrinth” that traps us, so that we can never escape. The angel, Pope Francis repeated, is there “to help us not to mistake the road, and to continue to journey along it” – but our prayer, our request for help, is needed:

And the Lord says, “Have respect for their presence.” The angel is authoritative; he has authority to guide us. Listen to him. “Hearken to his voice, and do not rebel against him.” Listen to the inspirations, which are always from the Holy Spirit – but the angel inspires them. But I want to ask you a question: Do you speak with your angel? Do you know the name of your angel? Do you listen to your angel? Do you allow yourself to be led by hand along the path, or do you need to be pushed to move?

Angels show us the way to reach the Father

But the presence and the role of the angels in our life is even more important, because, Pope Francis said, they not only help us to journey well, but also show us our destination. In the day's Gospel, taken from St Matthew, the Lord says “Do not despise one of these little ones,” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.” In the “mystery of the guardianship of the angels,” the Pope said, “there is also the idea of “the contemplation of God the Father,” which we can only understand if we are given that grace from the Lord. Pope Francis draws the conclusion:

Our angel is not only with us; he also sees God the Father. He is in relationship with Him. He is the daily bridge, from the moment we arise to the moment we go to bed. He accompanies us and is a link between us and God the Father. The angel is the daily gateway to transcendence, to the encounter with the Father: that is, the angel helps me to go forward because he looks upon the Father, and he knows the way. Let us not forget these companions along the journey.

Vatican News - 02 October 2019 by Gabriella Ceraso

OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS

Feast Day 28th
September

Pope Francis has special devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots.

While studying in Germany in the 1980s, he discovered this devotion at the Church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg. In the church, there is a painting from about 1700 that depicts Mary in heaven surrounded by angels. She stands on the crescent moon crushing the head of the serpent, Satan. She holds a long ribbon and is untying a large knot, one of several on the ribbon.



Perhaps the inspiration for this depiction of the Blessed Mother arises from the writing of St. Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons (martyred in 203) in his treatise “Adversus Haereses” (Against Heresies): “Mary, the Virgin, is found to be obedient, saying: ‘Behold, O Lord, your handmaid. Be it done to me according to your word.’ Eve, however, was disobedient; and when yet a virgin, she did not obey. ... Having become disobedient, (Eve) was made the cause of death for herself and for the whole human race; so also Mary, betrothed to a man but nevertheless still a virgin, being obedient, was made the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race. ... Thus, the knot of Eve’s disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. What the virgin Eve had bound in unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosed through faith.”

This devotion had a profound impact on the devotional life of Pope Francis. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, he introduced and encouraged the devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. The devotion was so intensely popular throughout Argentina and Brazil that the British Guardian called it “a religious craze.”

This beautiful prayer, similar to the “Memorare,” moves us to invoke the compassion of our Blessed Mother. In her maternal care for each of us, she wants us to remain close to her Son, Jesus. Never would she want the burdens of life to cause us to lose hope or despair.

The Prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots is as follows:

“Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands, there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with your Son and my liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot.

(Mention your petition here.)

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge.”

Yes, sometimes our lives may seem one big knot due to circumstances beyond our control, as when we face the medical problem, financial disaster and difficulties in relationships. Yet, we look to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, who stood faithfully at the foot of the cross with her Son, trusting that every Good Friday will pass to the glory of Easter.

Moreover, poor children of Adam and Eve, we must look to the humble obedience of our Blessed Mother. So often the “knots” of life are of our own making. How often we “knot-up” our own life by disobeying the commandments and the teachings of the church, and then even blame God and others (as did Adam and Eve) for what we chose to do. Nevertheless, with humble and contrite hearts, we can depend upon the prayers and intercession of our Blessed Mother to show us the way and to help us unknot our lives so as to live in the freedom of God’s children.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS
FOR THE 107th WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2021**
[26 September 2021]

TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER “WE”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: “Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of ‘them’ and ‘those’, but only ‘us’” (No. 35).

For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider “We”*, in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

The history of this “we”

That horizon is already present in God’s creative plan: “God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply’” (*Gen 1:27-28*). God created us male and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a “we” destined to become ever more numerous in the succession of generations. God created us in his image, in the image of his own triune being, a communion in diversity.

When, in disobedience we turned away from God, he in his mercy wished to offer us a path of reconciliation, not as individuals but as a people, a “we”, meant to embrace the entire human family, without exception: “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them” (*Rev 21:3*).

Salvation history thus has a “we” in its beginning and a “we” at its end, and at its centre the mystery of Christ, who died and rose so “that they may all be one” (*Jn 17:21*). The present time, however, shows that this “we” willed by God is broken and fragmented, wounded and disfigured. This becomes all the more evident in moments of great crisis, as is the case with the current pandemic. Our “we”, both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 11) and radical individualism (cf. *ibid.*, 105). And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.

The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer *others*, but only a single “we”, encompassing all of humanity. Thus I would like to use this World Day to address a twofold appeal, first to the Catholic faithful and then all the men and women of our world, to advance together towards an ever wider “we”.

A Church that is more and more “catholic”

For the members of the Catholic Church, this appeal entails a commitment to becoming ever more faithful to our being “catholic”, as Saint Paul reminded the community in Ephesus: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (*Eph 4:4-5*).

Indeed the Church’s catholicity, her universality, must be embraced and expressed in every age, according to the will and grace of the Lord who promised to be with us always, until the end of the age (cf. *Mt 28:20*). The Holy Spirit enables us to embrace everyone, to build communion in diversity, to unify differences without imposing a depersonalized uniformity. In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are by right members of both their local ecclesial community and the one Church, dwellers in one home and part of one family.

The Catholic faithful are called to work together, each in the midst of his or her own community, to make the Church become ever more inclusive as she carries out the mission entrusted to the Apostles by Jesus Christ: “As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment” (*Mt 10:7-8*).

In our day, the Church is called to go out into the streets of every existential periphery in order to heal wounds and to seek out the straying, without prejudice or fear, without proselytising, but ready to widen her tent to embrace everyone. Among those dwelling in those existential peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached. “The current influx of migrants can be seen as a new “frontier” for mission, a privileged opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message at home, and to bear concrete witness to the Christian faith in a spirit of charity and profound esteem for other religious communities. The encounter with migrants and refugees of other denominations and religions represents a fertile ground for the growth of open and enriching ecumenical and interreligious

dialogue” (*Address to the National Directors of Pastoral Care for Migrants*, 22 September 2017).

An ever more inclusive world

I also make this appeal to journey together towards an ever wider “we” to all men and women, for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Our societies will have a “colourful” future, enriched by diversity and by cultural exchanges. Consequently, we must even now learn to live together in harmony and peace. I am always touched by the scene in the *Acts of the Apostles* when, on the day of the Church’s “baptism” at Pentecost, immediately after the descent of the Holy Spirit, the people of Jerusalem hear the proclamation of salvation: “We... Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power” (2:9-11).

This is the ideal of the new Jerusalem (cf. *Is* 60; *Rev* 21:3), where all peoples are united in peace and harmony, celebrating the goodness of God and the wonders of creation. To achieve this ideal, however, we must make every effort to break down the walls that separate us and, in acknowledging our profound interconnection, build bridges that foster a culture of encounter. Today’s migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person’s gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider “we” can come about.

I invite all men and women in our world to make good use of the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us to preserve and make his creation even more beautiful. “A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, ‘Do business with these until I come back’” (*Lk* 19:12-13). The Lord will also demand of us an account of our work! In order to ensure the proper

care of our common home, we must become a “we” that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations. Ours must be a personal and collective commitment that cares for all our brothers and sisters who continue to suffer, even as we work towards a more sustainable, balanced and inclusive development. A commitment that makes no distinction between natives and foreigners, between residents and guests, since it is a matter of a treasure we hold in common, from whose care and benefits no one should be excluded.

The dream begins

The prophet Joel predicted that the messianic future would be a time of dreams and visions inspired by the Spirit: “I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions” (*Joel* 2:28). We are called to dream together, fearlessly, as a single human family, as companions on the same journey, as sons and daughters of the same earth that is our common home, sisters and brothers all (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 8).

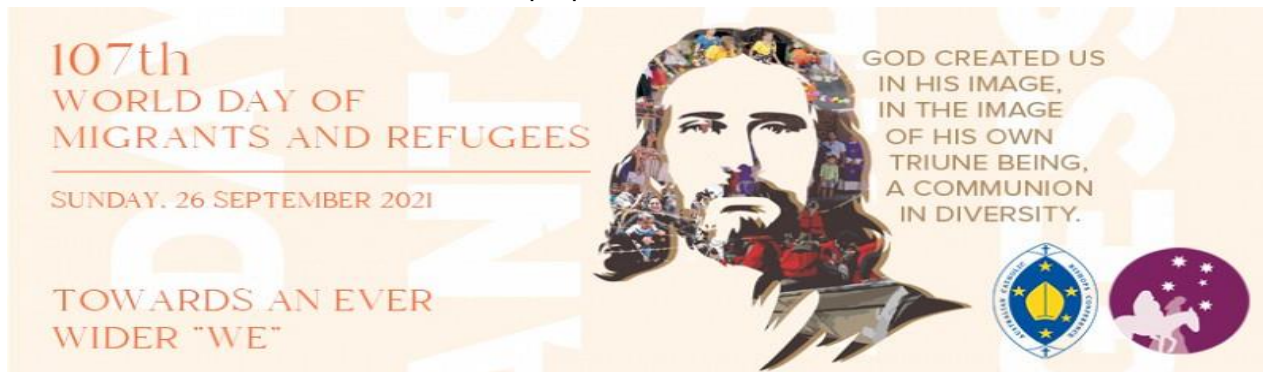
Prayer

Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded
is gathered into our “we”,
which thus becomes ever wider.
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the “we” of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and sisters.
Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021
Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Franciscus

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Numbers 11:25-29 (JB)*

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 (JB)*

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. R.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. R.

Second Reading *James 5:1-6 (JB)*

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 word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *cf John 17:17 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (JB)*

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 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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