

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kaurua People

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

1st October 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday
October, 4, 7 pm.

Senior's Mass

Wednesday
October 11th, 1 pm

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday
October 24th 7 pm

Knit & Natter

Thursday
October 26th
10am –12noon

Parish Brunch

Sunday October 29th

Readings

26th Sunday Year A

Ezek 18: 25-28

Ps 24: 4-9

Phil 2: 1-11

Matthew 21: 28-32

27th Sunday Year A

Is 5:1-7

Ps 79: 9,12-16,19-20

Phil 4: 6-9

Matthew 21: 33-43

The Better Among the Bad



We are all very familiar with these phrases. "Talk is cheap, it's actions that count." "You have to walk the walk, not just talk the talk." "Actions speak louder than words." Jesus, as we all know, had His greatest conflicts with the religious "know-it-alls" that He encountered. That was the main problem Jesus faced when He encountered the chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people. They thought they knew everything they had to know about the coming Messiah and just what sort of saviour he would be, or should be. Moreover, they had memorized all of the rules and regulations, they knew them in detail, but they didn't apply them to themselves. Oh, they applied them to everyone

else, laying heavy burdens on people, but they excused themselves.

The gospel context of the parable seems to be very important in understanding the underlying message. Jesus has now entered Jerusalem, the scene of all the Passion events he has predicted. When he reaches the Temple; the most religiously sensitive area for all of Judaism, Jesus becomes furious and drives out the merchants and money-changers (Matthew 21:12). It is not surprising, then, that the "chief priests and elders" should show great concern and great caution about Jesus' presence in the Temple. That is why Jesus addressed this parable to those who approached him while he taught in the Temple and asked for his credentials: "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" (Mt. 21: 23). The parable of the two sons seems to be Jesus' master strategy for defending his honour and presenting a counter-challenge to his adversaries. The purpose of this parable was to give a wake-up call to the chief priests and elders. The parable hints that their position as leaders of the Chosen People and their observance of Mosaic Law give them no guarantee that they will possess the Kingdom of God. Rather, because of their pride and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance, they will exclude themselves from that Kingdom, while the tax-collectors and sinners, whom they despise, repenting of their sins and obeying Him, will be welcomed by Him into the Kingdom.

If I am asked what the main theme of today's gospel is all about I would say it's about honest sincerity. Honesty is at the core of our truly religious expressions, particularly being honest with ourselves. In the Gospel account we just heard the younger brother tell his father: "Yes, I'll go and work" while the older brother said: "No, not me." Both used words contrary to their actions.

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The Gospel highlights living our faith with the parable of the two sons who are asked to work in the father's vineyard. The first says: "I will not go!", but afterwards thought better and went. The second son says: "Certainly Sir!" But he did not go. "Which one did the father's will?" asks Jesus. Jesus himself replies to the rhetorical question, "The first." And then says to the Pharisees "Tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you." While the temple priests and the Pharisees were condemned because they preferred to be seen as people who observed the letter of the law, those who stood justified were the sinners and prostitutes, who had sinned but were ready to repent. When John the Baptist preached repentance, the Pharisees did not feel the need to repent whereas the tax collectors and sinners came forward to listen and be baptised by him. In the final analysis our commitment to God is not measured by lip service and external ritual but by good deeds that prove our repentance. The first son whose word was 'No' but whose action became a 'Yes', is held out to us as the one who did the Father's will. He was late in doing the Father's will but not too late.

The title that Barclay gives to this story is "The Better of Two Bad Sons." Jesus presents two sons in this parable as he does in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Here, the first son is asked to go into the vineyard, but he says "No." He later changes his mind and goes. The second says "Yes, sir," but does not go. Jesus then asks his listeners which of the two did the father's will. They answer, "The first", and their correct answer strengthens Jesus' case against them. The message of the story is crystal clear. There are two very common classes of people in this world. First, there are those like the parable's first son, whose practice is far better than their profession. Second, there are the people like the second son, whose profession is much better than their practice. While the first class should be preferred to the second, neither is anything like perfect, because the really good person is the one in whom profession and practice meet and match. Where do we stand?

Further, this parable teaches us that promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words are never a substitute for fine deeds. In other words, the parable clearly teaches us that the Christian Way is followed in performance, not in promise alone. We are not supposed to say "yes" to God on Sundays and "no" to God on weekdays. God doesn't want polite but hypocritical words, for that isn't obedience at all. We need to lead responsible Christian lives, saying "yes" to God and should become men and women who profess our Faith in word and deed. Let us identify ourselves as followers of Christ, not by empty words or pious gestures but simply by our Christian actions.

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Assisted listening system now available

- Receivers and headphones available from the sacristy.
- Neckloops are also available for use with hearing aids equipped with the "T" option.
- Covers the whole church seating area.
- The receiver automatically turns on and off when taken from or returned to the storage case.
- There are 2 front buttons on the receiver, vol up/vol down.

If you would like to use one please approach the go to person for assistance.

Children's Prayer for the Season of Creation

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Bring healing and protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Amen.



Knit & Natter



Our Group will be having a break until after the school holidays and will return on Thursday October 26th. We would be grateful for any donations of wool. Please deliver to Parish Office . Carmel Kay 8356 4029

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Margaret Billing, Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey, Murt Keatley, Joan Irene Cherrington, Mary Joan Still, Ivan Tinus, Claire Smaller, Don Crichton, Geraldine McNamee.

Anniversaries

Nancy Gomes, Veda peters, Joe Gomes, Guilia Di Forbio.

Sick Parishioners

Amelia D'Aloia, Des Fahey, Terry Cashin, Frank Cousins, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks,

Parish Keys



If you no longer need a key to access the Church or to the Office due to a change in commitments as ministers, volunteers, or for group activities we ask that you please return your keys to the Parish office.

Police Checks Updating

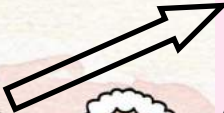
Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating

Henley Beach Parish

SAVE THE DATE!



"Our Connecting Stories" BRUNCH



Sunday, 29 October 2023

From 10:30 am

@ Parish Hall and breezeway

Sausage sizzle ♥ Barista Coffee ♥

Games for all ages ♥

Tastes from around the world to share!

Stay tuned for details in September ☺

To celebrate 'Our Connecting Stories' parish Brunch, we ask your help to provide an opportunity for our parish families to enjoy a taste of something delicious from one of the numerous world regions from where many of you come.

As its brunch, we think pick up share food would be the best particularly given the kitchen will be busy and heating difficult.

The world regions 'Taste of Asia' (eg, India, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore) 'Taste of Middle East, Nth Africa, Arabia (eg Afghanistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Turkey) 'Taste of Europe' (France, Germany, Hungary, Greece, Italy, Russia, Spain) 'Taste of North America' (Canada, Mexico, USA) 'Taste of Central America and the Caribbean' (Costa Rica, Jamaica, Guatemala, Honduras) 'Taste of South America' (Argentina, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia) Taste of Saharan Africa (Sth Africa, Zambia, Kenya, Zimbabwe) Taste of Australia and Oceania (New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomons, Fiji, Australia) For example 'Taste of Australia' (could be lamingtons, mini pavlova, meat pies! Fairy bread, Anzac Biscuits)

We ask you to think about what you might be able to do. Gather your friends and family and ask what yummy treat they can bring along. In the coming few weeks, we will be calling for those of you who would like to contribute, to let us know.

Our morning mass will celebrate our diverse parish family. From there we will break out into the hall and further. There will be some craft activities for the children. We have booked a coffee van for those seeking a barista coffee along with tea, water and some soft drinks, to complement our Sausage sizzle. Our youngest parish members from Playgroup, Little Stars and the Primary School are preparing something special to make our day festive.

Of course, we will need some volunteers on the morning, but mostly we hope you will all mark your calendar, attend mass and join in our big brunch. Sunday October 29th from 10.30am.

Catholic Charities September Appeal 2023

The annual Catholic Charities Appeal for 2023 is being held in September.

Parishioners are welcome to take leaflets home to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply paid slip in the Appeal leaflet or online at: <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.

Please note a Special Collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up on December 25 (Christmas Day).

Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to

adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

Term 4 will see us reintroduce Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish. An opportunity for them to gather, connect

and build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children however younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to come on Tuesday 19th September to the parish meeting room at 7:30pm just for half an hour. More information:

Barb Conlon

Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

VINNIES BUNKER RESTOCKING



The Henley Beach Vinnies Conference extends a special “thank you” to Cheryl Wedding and the Social Justice group for organising the restocking of our “bunker”.

When launching our 2023 Winter Appeal, I challenged my fellow parishioners to question themselves with:

“Ask not what I can GIVE . . . but what I can DO as an expression of kindness and love towards those who come to me seeking assistance”.

Your overwhelming response and generosity will allow us to assist the most vulnerable living in our local community who are on low incomes, facing severe financial difficulties and in some instances, homelessness.

“Christianity is not about ideas but about deeds inspired by love”.

Blessed Frederic Ozanam (Founder – St Vincent de Paul Society)

John Stoiber – President

Scam Alert – Phishing Messages and Emails

It has come to our attention that our parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails impersonating staff and or priests asking for help in the form of money or gift cards.

Please Do not reply or click on any links and block the email or phone number. These emails and messages are designed to look legitimate from trusted sources, but they are actually attempts to steal personal information or infect your device with malware.

To stay safe, it is important to remain vigilant and follow best practices for online security.

- Check the sender’s email address or phone number
- Be cautious of urgent or threatening language in those messages as well as the request of sensitive information
- Avoid clicking links or downloading attachments from unknown or suspicious sources
- Verify the authenticity of any email or message that seems suspicious by contacting the sender directly.

Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation



We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God’s children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued. A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday

October 7/8 weekend has been designated as Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday in the Archdiocese. All are invited at to thank God for their ministries and offer them your prayerful support. In particular, you are asked to renew your commitment to the financial support of all our priests and deacons through your contribution to the First Collection.



The Southern Cross

The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one

Helping Us Grow in Our Christian Lives



There will be an Advent program for 2023 led by Cheryle Douglas, one of our parishioners.

The program will be at our church, Our lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road. Henley Beach.

Wednesdays: (22/11/2023, 29/11/2023, 6/12/2023, 13/12/2023, 20/12/2023)

Time: 7- 8.30 pm.

Followed by light supper.

Enquiries Cheryle Douglas, Ph 0423480440.

Cost by donation. Please register at back of church

The Living Waters Charismatic Prayer Group

Invites you to join them Thursday nights 7pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Enter via hall door, for evenings of singing hymns of praise and worship, two Scripture readings and commentary by Fr Michael Fallon, reflection time, shared refection, prayer, intercessory prayer, and prayer ministry.

Tea/Coffee and fellowship. All welcome. If you need prayer message your prayer requests, the phone number is 0435 899 572.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Wednesday 4th October at 7 pm in the meeting room

Mass for Seniors

There will be a holy mass celebrated for seniors with anointing of the sick on Wednesday 11th October at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:

welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au