



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th August 2023

HUMBLE FAITH HAS NO BOUNDS

Pope Francis reflected on the Sunday's Gospel of the healing of the daughter of the Canaanite woman who provoked the Lord to admire her faith.

Each one of us, has our own story, a story that is often difficult, filled with pain, misfortunes, and sins. "What do I do with my story," Pope asked. "Do I hide it?" No, the Pope said. Instead, "We must bring it to the Lord," with the prayer, "Lord, if You will it, You can heal me."

This is what the woman teaches us, the Pope said, inviting everyone to consider their own life-story and to make the Canaanite woman's prayer their own. "Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart, and say to Him, 'Lord, if You will it, You can heal me'."

We will be able to do this, the Pope continued, "if we always have the face of Jesus before us." Pope Francis insisted that Jesus loves us "as we are, without make-up," with a love and compassion "that bears our sins, our mistakes, and our failures."

The Holy Father once again invited everyone to carry a copy of the Gospels with them, in their pockets or purses, or even on their phone – because it is there, in the Gospels, "that you will find Jesus as He is, as He presents Himself... You will find Jesus who loves us, who loves us a lot, who tremendously wants our well-being."

"Lord, if You will it, You can heal me."



Source: [Vatican News](#)

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Every day (except

Wednesday) 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls:

Available for hire –

Contact Parish Office

THE TRIP IS TOO SHORT...

An elderly woman got on a bus and sat down. At the next stop, a strong, grumpy young woman climbed up and sat down sharply beside the old woman, hitting her with her numerous bags.

When she saw that the elderly woman remained silent, the young woman asked her why she had not complained when she hit her with her bags.

The elderly woman replied with a smile:

“There is no need to be rude or discuss something so insignificant, as my trip next to you is so short because I am going to get off at the next stop.”

This answer deserves to be written in gold letters:

“There is no need to discuss something so insignificant, because our journey together is too short.”

Whatever the problem someone has brought us, remember that our journey together is too short.

No one knows the length of that trip.

Nobody knows when it will arrive at its stop. Our trip together is too short.

Let us be respectful, kind and forgive, we will be filled with gratitude and joy, after all our trip together is very short.



Source: Brilliant.Quotes

READINGS

SUNDAY

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

MONDAY

Saint Pius X
Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43-44
Matthew 19:16-22

TUESDAY

Our Lady, Mother and Queen
Judges 6:11-24
Psalm 85:9,11-14
Matthew 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-7
Matthew 20:1-16

THURSDAY

Saint Bartholomew
Apocalypse 21:9-14
Psalm 145:10-13a,17-18
John 1:45-51

FRIDAY

Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22
Psalm 146:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

SATURDAY

Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
Matthew 19:13-15

HOW ABOUT YOUR HEART?!

(Matt 19,3-12)

(Sermon of the week, Friday)

“Why did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce wife?”

From the beginning God’s plan was not so. Moses gave this command because of the hardness of heart of the people. When the heart is hard and mind is stubborn there is no space for understanding; where there is no understanding there is no forgiveness and reconciliation. We do live in a culture of separation and divorce. Who is the reason for the separation? ‘Not I but the other!’ Language of justification. ‘I can’t accept him/her. Yes, I can’t.’ Jesus’ words are relevant and acceptable beyond the time but not of Moses. So, when you have to choose between Moses and Jesus you have to choose Jesus. We have all excuses when our heart becomes hard. Moses’ language to an uncultured and stiff necked people can’t be applied to the people of the New Testament. “...to whom much is given, much will be required” (Lk 12,48). So, to understand the Old Testament we need the light of the New Testament, and the light of the New Testament is Jesus - “I’m the light” (Jn 8,12). Read your life in the light of the gospel and allow the light to pierce the heart, then will have a new vision.

“Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly”
(Mk 8,25).

Fr John Prince





OPEN MORNING

Saturday, 2nd September 2023, 10am

Join the College tour. Discover what St John's has to offer and find out about the new 2025 Academic Scholarship Program.

Register at www.sjrc.vic.edu.au .

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

21st August: Saint Pius X, Pope

24th August: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

“Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist. ”

Saint Pius X



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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)