



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th September 2023

NO TURNING BACK... NO TURNING BACK...

(Matt 9,9-13)

Sermon of the Week, Thursday, 21st Sep.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. Next, we see Jesus in Levi's (Matthew) house sitting at dinner with many tax collectors and sinners. If we take this literally Levi was following Jesus to his house. Everyday Levi was returning home alone or with friends after tax collection. Today he has got a new friend, Jesus. As a result of walking with Jesus he never goes back to the tax booth. This is a real transformation. (Remember what happens to the disciples walking with Jesus on the way to Emmaus!!).

Do you wish for a change in your life? Listen to him who is inviting you to 'follow' him and walk with him. Invite him to your house, office, company, or gatherings. When you hear his words, you will feel your hearts burning, your steps strengthened and your paths lighted. Now you can never go back to your old ways of life.

Jesus is inviting you to the church where he will be speaking to you and will be sitting with you for dinner because he desires mercy. He will not compare you with anyone; he will not blame you for your past. When you go back he wants to come with you.

"Follow me"!! Are you ready? Get up and follow him, no turning back.



Fr. John Prince

Parish Priest:

Fr. Prince Joseph VC
(John Prince)

Priest-In Residence:

Fr Sebastian Mappilaparambil
VC

Parish secretary:

Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:

Wilfred D’Couto

Principal:

Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:

Florida Nugara

Catechists:

Christina D’Couto

Bulletin:

A & A Wong

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

**TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL
THIRD REGIONAL FORUM (SEP 21)**

Throughout this year the Archdiocese of Melbourne has been running *Take the Way of the Gospel* (TWG) regional consultation sessions for parish representatives. The aim of three sessions was to prayerfully collaborate and contribute to the Archdiocese’s understanding and contribute to a resource guide which is being prepared for parishes to use as their TWG journey continues. The third and final session was on the theme of ‘Formation for Mission’. Bishop Tony Ireland’s introduction focussed on the centrality of Jesus and our relationship with him as a key characteristic of Missionary discipleship. The need for formation had been raised in the previous two TWG sessions so participants were led to think of formation as a journey for each person which is intentional, ongoing and reflective, focussing on the growth of individuals and communities into greater spiritual and theological awareness. Through deeper formation, the motivation to carry out one’s vocation to be of service in the Church and the world is possible.

With this understanding in mind, the session moved to the discernment and consultation phase where parish representatives prayed to the Holy Spirit and discussed different examples of where they saw formed people in their parish and what the characteristics of formed people looks like in a parish setting. They identified examples of people who had been formed into vibrant people of faith of all ages, demonstrating that they were people who were clearly prayerful, enthusiastic and loved contributing to the life of their parishes.

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READINGS

SUNDAY

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16

MONDAY

Ezra 1:1-6
Psalm 126
Luke 8:16-18

TUESDAY

Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20
Psalm 122:1-5
Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY

St. Vincent de Paul
Ezra 9:5-9
Tobit 13:2,4,6-8
Luke 9:1-6

THURSDAY

Haggai 1:1-8
Psalm 149:1-6,9
Luke 9:7-9

FRIDAY

**Saints Michael,
Gabriel & Raphael**
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 49: 6-7,17-20
John 1:47-51

SATURDAY

2 Timothy 3:14-17
Psalm 119:9-14
Matthew 13:47-52

The topic of being formed for ministry was also discussed as parishes reported their joy of having individuals who volunteer to be involved in their parish's liturgical life through reading, Eucharistic ministry as well as the many other forms of service which contribute to vibrant parish life. There was a desire in the room to support more parishioners to be activated in their discipleship and know that they have a vital role in the wider mission of the parish and the Church of Melbourne.

Bishop Ireland concluded the session with the 'for want of a nail' proverb which tells of the soldier who didn't have a nail for his horse's shoe, meaning that he couldn't ride into battle, as a result the battle was lost and his kingdom fell. He reminded everyone that we are all 'nails', vital to God's Missionary calling in our lives and in the wider Church. He then concluded with St Francis of Assisi's 'Prayer for Peace', which prayerfully expresses our desire for a deeper relationship with Christ as one of his disciples.

Lindsay Sant (TWG Coordinator)

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Online Lecture Series by Catholic Theological College, October-November 2023

Fourteen stand-alone sessions on a range of themes.

Topics include the following:

1. Explorations in the Bible
2. Basic Listening Skills for Pastoral Ministry
3. Catholic Social Teaching
4. The Plenary Council, the Catholic Church, and being a Catholic
5. *Lectio Divina*
6. Science and faith issues

These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in your parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development.

Cost: \$25 per session or \$40 if seeking teacher accreditation. For full details please see the website

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

HOLY MASS ON WEDNESDAYS

The Wednesday 9.15 am Mass will resume from **27th September** as Fr Sebastian returns to Holy Family Parish after his holidays.

The Wednesday 7.00 pm Novena and Mass will continue as usual.

NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 24TH SEPTEMBER

Celebrate with migrant communities from all over Melbourne on Sunday 24th September at *St Patrick's Cathedral*.

The Rosary will be prayed at 2pm in various languages, and Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese at 3pm. All most welcome!

ST PETER CLAVER'S MISSION FAIR

Saturday 14 October 9.00 am - 2.30 pm

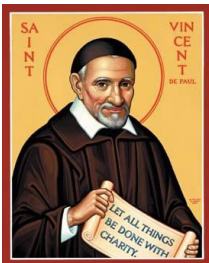
Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

154 Cotham road, Kew Vic. 3101

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For further information please telephone: 9817 3715

FESTAL GREETINGS TO ALL VINCENTIAN FATHERS AND VINNIES VOLUNTEERS



“Go to the poor: you will find God.”

St Vincent de Paul



SAINT OF THE WEEK

27th September: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

29th September: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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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)