



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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2024

BLESSED ARE YOU...

On Wednesday the 11th of September, we read the “Beatitudes” (Luke 6:20-26). According to the Gospel of St. Luke (unlike the Gospel of St. Matthew), the beatitudes are addressed to Jesus’s disciples. Being blessed is normally a joyful and happy experience. But here, blessedness is spoken as something experienced even in poverty, hunger, mourning; when you are hated, excluded, reviled and cast out. What in the world is this blessedness of a disciple in poverty and tears. What does Jesus want to convey to His disciples?

When read in the context of discipleship, these words are more than just advice. They are the first lessons to all who are called to discipleship. The beatitudes follow immediately after choosing the twelve and a short healing ministry. The Greek word used for blessed is *Makarios*. This word is first seen in Luke 1:45 “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” It’s about Mother Mary, the true disciple.

In the Old Testament and New Testament there are people like Abraham, Peter, etc. who are personally blessed. To generally understand blessedness, we read in Psalms 1:1-2 “Blessed is he who does not walk with sinners and scoffers on the other side delights and meditates on the law of the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7 we have a similar statement “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trusts is the Lord.”

In both the above passages the blessed man is referred to as a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

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Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 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 –
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A true disciple is blessed because he is running his roots deep down into the streams of water. (Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb Rev 22:1). The discipleship will be evergreen, never dry, never anxious of heat or even drought. No matter what the disciple is going through, he/she will never cease to bear fruit.

And that’s the blessedness of you and me, the disciples.

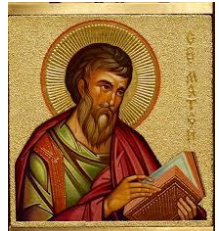
God bless you.

Fr. Joby George VC

SAINT OF THE WEEK

21st September: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saint Matthew was most likely born as Levi, the son of Alphaeus. Though nothing is known about his childhood, Levi became a tax collector for the Roman authorities. The name “Levi” implies that he was from the Tribe of Levi, the tribe responsible for Jewish liturgical worship. The name Matthew means “Gift of Yahweh.” The most enduring gift Saint Matthew left behind is his Gospel. Matthew’s Gospel was written as Jew for his fellow Jews. His Gospel clearly shows that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament, the long-awaited Messiah. According to tradition, the saint was killed on the orders of the king of Ethiopia while celebrating Mass at the altar. The king lusted after his own niece, and had been rebuked by Matthew, for the girl was a nun, and therefore the bride of Christ. Among the four living creatures representing four gospels, the winged man is the symbol for Matthew’s gospel indicating Christ’s humanity and reason, as well as Matthew’s account of the Incarnation of Christ.



CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm 116:1-6,8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

MONDAY

St Cornelius

1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 7:1-10

TUESDAY

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31
Psalm 100
Luke 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Psalm 33:2-5,12,22
Luke 7:31-35

THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2,15-17,28
Luke 7:36-50

FRIDAY

**St Andrew Kim
Taegon, Paul Chong
Hasang, &
Companions**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Psalm 17:1,6-8,15
Luke 8:1-3

SATURDAY

St. Matthew, Apostle
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
Psalm 19:2-3,4-5
Matthew 9:9-13



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- Animation Consultant, East Melbourne incl travel to Western Region
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- Relationship Support Officer, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Associate at St. Luke's Parish, Lalor

Other Positions

- Library Manager, Mannix Library, East Melbourne

DAYS TO REMEMBER

20th September 2024, Intercession Night, 7 pm to 12 am

On Friday 20th we have a very zealous group of people praying for the whole world. The prayer is in one-hour sessions.

If you would like to join, please put your names in the roster list in the foyer.



10th November 2024, First Holy Communion

11 of our children are receiving First Holy Communion this year. Please Keep them and their beloved ones in your prayers.



DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

Elena Kolio (Alaiumu Elena Aia)

Sunrise: 15/12/1963

Sunset: 04/09/2024



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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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)