



HOLY FAMILY DOVETON

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



30th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time
26th October 2025



parable of the **PHARISEE** & THE TAX COLLECTOR

The parable for us to reflect this week is all about how merciful the Lord is to the humble. The Pharisee and the Tax-Collector are two symbols of our spirituality. One that we should shed another that we should inculcate. The picturization of the pharisee and tax collector go beyond their cultural significance to the spiritual significance to date.

The pharisee is symbol of self-righteousness. It leads you to believe just the outward observance can justify no matter how contaminated your inner being is. Practices of tithing, fasting, observing prayer times would be enough to be saved. And by these you make yourself worthy of salvation.

The tax collector, on the other hand, is symbol of humility that's integral to our relationship with God. Accepting the frailty of human nature, unworthiness and knowing only God's grace is what makes one worthy of justification, the man does not dare even to lift up the head to look at God. Our justification comes from God, for, only He can do take away our unworthiness.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Joby George VC

Priest-In Residence:

Fr Sebastian

Mappilaparambil VC

Parish Secretary:

Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:

Gerard Antony

Principal:

Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:

Florida Nugara

Catechist:

Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

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 Hire:

Contact Parish Office

The scripture, especially the New Testament, pictures the tax collectors as the vessel of God's mercy. They were considered to be outcasts for few reasons like,

- **Equal to gentiles:** Since they, on account of their frequent contact with the gentiles. By Pharisaic standards, this meant that collectors were exposed to the ritual defilement of the pagans
- **Betrayers:** since taxes were collected for the unwelcome Romans, who ruled over the Jews, collectors were branded as traitors to Israel's hope for national independence.
- **Guilty of extortion:** since exacting personal commissions above the required tax amount.

But in the eyes of Jesus, and from His association with them, there is far greater good news revealed:

- **Transformation and repentance:** Their stories show that anyone, no matter how sinful their past, can be transformed by faith and obedience to Jesus. Eg: Zacchaeus & Levi (Matthew)
- **Restitution and Justice:** Repentance is not springing from fear of punishment, but from the love of the saviour.
- **God's grace and forgiveness:** the inclusion of the tax collectors in Jesus' ministry highlights that God's love and mercy extended to all who open their hearts to the Lord.
- **Social Barriers:** their stories challenge the religious and social norms of the time, illustrating how Jesus broke down barriers and embraced those whom society rejected.

To conclude, the tax collectors in the Gospel brings before us the God who is there always for us with His hands extended to embrace. Have a heart of humility to be in that embrace.

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

Sirach 35:12-14,16-19
Ps 33: 2-3,17-19,23
2Tim 4:6-8,16-18
Lk 18:9-14

MONDAY

Rom 8:12-17
Ps 67:2,4,6-7,20-21
Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY

Sts Simon and Jude,
apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Ps 18:2-5
Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

Rom 8:26-30
Ps 12: 4-6
Lk 13:22-30

THURSDAY

Rom 8:31-39
Ps 108:21-22,26-27,
30-31
Lk 13:31-35

FRIDAY

Rom 9:1-5
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY

ALL SAINTS

Rev 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 23:1-6
1Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12

WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTION

For all children yet to be born in our families

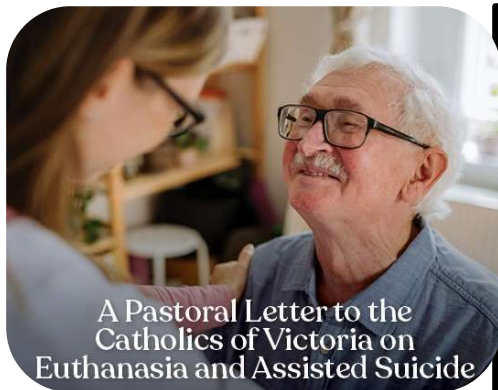
We will be praying for this intention in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

ROSARY AT THE MARIAN GROTTO

MONDAYS
THURSDAYS
FRIDAYS

7.00 PM

OF
OCTOBER
2025



A Pastoral Letter to the
Catholics of Victoria on
Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide



SCAN AND
RAISE
YOUR
VOICE FOR
LIFE

POSITIONS VACANT

CAM Positions

- **Digital Engagement Officer**, East Melbourne
- **Discipleship Internship – 2026**, East Melbourne
- **Archdiocesan Personal Assistant to the Auxiliary Bishop**, Brunswick West
- **EOI – Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Volunteer Opportunities

Parish Positions

- **Parish Secretary**, St Anne, St Bede and St Bridget, Kew East / Balwyn North / Greythorn
- **Pastoral Worker**, Clayton South
- **Evangelisation Leader**, Doncaster & Templestowe

MARIAN NIGHT – 29 October

6.30 PM

SOLEMN ROSARY,
PERPETUAL NOVENA,
HOLY MASS with MARIAN REFLECTIONS
& BENEDICTION

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY

7.00 PM – 8.15 PM

@ FELLOWSHIP HALL

STS. SIMON
AND JUDE

— APOSTLES —

October 28th



In loving Memory



Geraldine Rafferty

18 FEBRUARY 1951 – 18 OCTOBER 2025

Eternal rest grant unto her and
may Your perpetual light shine
upon her. Amen



ALL
SAINTS'
DAY
NOVEMBER 1

Morning 9.15 am Mass
is the Solemnity of All
Saints' Day

SATURDAY MASSES

Evening 6.30 PM Mass is
Vigil of All Souls Day



ALL
SOULS'
DAY
NOVEMBER 2

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)