



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 7-8 October, 2023

Reflection

Stumbling Block or Stepping Stone

(Flor McCarthy SDB)

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm

Sunday
9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

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Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

1. You are a stumbling block to me when you exclude me or ignore me. You make me feel a stranger and an outsider
2. You are a stumbling block to me when you are unkind or unjust in the way you treat me.
You make me feel small. You damage my self-confidence
3. You are a stumbling block to me when you keep me down, or hold me back. When you grab the limelight I am forced to retreat to the shadows and make to feel inferior
4. You are a stumbling block to me when you humiliate me because I do not live up to your expectations. You hurt my pride and damage my self-image
5. You are a stumbling block to me when you heap unjust criticism on me, and sour me with your own cynicism. You tear down my ideals, and destroy my dreams



But you can also be a stepping stone to me

1. You are a stepping stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and doubt
2. You are a stepping stone to me when you accept me, though others reject me
3. You are a stepping stone to me when you make demands on me, are challenging to me, not to hurt me, but to help me to grow and to develop my potential
4. You are a stepping stone to me when you understand me and listen to me
5. You are a stepping stone to me when I'm feeling inadequate, and you help me to discover the special talents God has given me
6. If you have done any of these things for me, You are a light to me in my darkness.
You are a signpost to me in my moments of doubt



Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

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Readings for Next Week

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-10

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain"

Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies
you anoint my head with oil
my cup overflows

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through

him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Questions for reflection

Q. When have you ever excused yourself from an invitation because it was 'inconvenient'?

Q. Who are the people in today's society represented by the guests brought in from the roads?

Q. What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults



YOUTH GROUP

After our second successful Youth Group with about 30 children, we're looking forward the next one on **Friday the 13th of October at 7pm** in the Annexe. Food will be provided (please let us know about any dietary requirements), and we ask for a donation of \$5 per child. Again, we ask that we keep this to just year's 5 to 9 so that we can keep the evening age appropriate. If you'd like any more info, either speak to Fr Luke, or call Trish Brown on 0412 357 350.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thank you for attending the First Family Night. Please note the following important dates (we highlighted the change of the meeting date with the Bishop):

4 classes either at Parish Schools or ASRE for those who attend non parish schools.

Last Family Night on Tuesday, 14 November at 7pm

Meeting with Bishop on Friday, 17 November at 2pm

ASRE (After School Religious Education) is the program for all children who are registered for any sacrament program, but do not attend Parish Schools. The dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation program are: **10, 17, 24 & 31 October at 4pm in the Church.** Parents/guardian, please ensure that you sign the in/out record as you drop off your child (the same for the time you pick up your child)

PARISH BINGO

Our last bingo for the year will be on FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER FROM 7.30pm in the Annexe. You can come on your own or come as a group. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441. Please note that this activity is strictly only for anyone older than 18 yrs old. Unfortunately, we are bound to a policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo

PARISH MEN'S GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

After a long pause, including the COVID affected period, the Men's group Trivia Night is back, **FRIDAY, 17th November at St Paul Apostle South School Hall.** Arrival time is 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost to join the night is \$15per person. BYO drinks and nibbles.

There will be a silent auction, raffles and great prizes. **All payment is on a CASH BASIS** as there will be no card payment facility available.

You may come on your own or in a group. Contacts for booking and additional information are Peter 0418 345 578 or Dick 0438 701 284. All are welcome

St Anthony's Charismatic Prayer Group

This group is celebrating their 46th anniversary on TUESDAY 10th October 2023 at St Anthony's Catholic Church, 90 Buckley St, Noble Park. Starts at 9.15am. All are invited

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

is having their annual fundraising on FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2023. At Killester College, Kennedy Hall, 433 Springvale Road, Springvale. It is from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. There will be door prize, raffles, silent auction and bargains sale. Cost is \$100per person (includes Food and drinks). This fundraising is to support the works of Wellspring for Women. This year the special guest is the honourable Gabrielle Williams MP. Please RSVP by 13 October using this [link](#). For more information please call 9701 3740 or email to jasmine@wellspringsforwomen.com

COME AWAY DAY

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross Retreat Centre (the home of Passionists order in Melbourne) on **Tuesday, 28 November.** The theme of the day is "Invitation to new beginnings." at **Holy Cross, situated at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe.** All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. You are invited to support these days financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407998781 or burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au

HORATIO NELSON STOLKE (HORACE)

Horace and Fatima Stolke have been long time members of the St Paul Apostle parish community. Sadly, Horace passed away on Monday, 2nd October 2023. We will bid him farewell on Monday the 9th of October.

Viewing and rosary will be held prior to the 1:30pm Funeral Mass at St Paul Apostle Church, followed by burial at Springvale Cemetery



Readings:

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Isaiah 5:1-7 ;
Philippians 4: 6-9 ;
Matthew 21: 33-43

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 25: 6-10;
Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20;
Matthew 22: 1-14

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Marie Kronomberg, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Domenico Folino, Horace Stolke, Sr. Robyn Reynolds OLSH, Lino Mainolfi, Fr Rob Egar, Fr Brian Gleeson, Isabel Stefanovic, Nekita Araujo Boavida, Anna Di Marcantonio, Brendan Sutton **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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