



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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# The Living Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 August 2020

## First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I hope in the Lord,*

*I trust in his word.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 14:22-33

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far



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Next Week: 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary (A) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15; Matthew 15:21-28.

## Fr Stan writes ...

In continuing on from last Sunday's Gospel of the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. In this week's Gospel Peter walks on water. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person on the shore is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from our faith the fact that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

This coming **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August** we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – a holy day of obligation – we know though that with the COVID-19 restrictions and health issues not everyone is able to attend Mass. The church will be open for a maximum of **100 people at 7:00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August for the anticipated Mass of the Feast, which will be live-streamed. Mass also at 8:30am for a maximum of 100 people on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

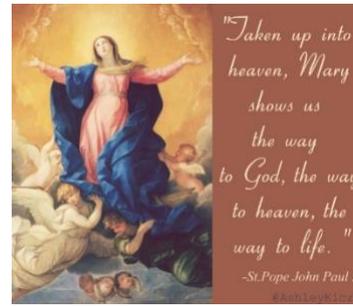
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### Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, may God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



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Anticipated Mass of the Feast will be on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00pm – a maximum of 100 people allowed in the church – will be live-streamed [www.holyspiritnorthyde.org.au](http://www.holyspiritnorthyde.org.au)

Mass also on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 8:30am – maximum of 100 people.

Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter**: <https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>

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## COVID-19 Update

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners **wear face masks** when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Church attendance numbers are limited to a maximum of 100 people, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household.

All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Dorota Gorzkowski.

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF:** Ronald Madafiglio, Buena Delos Santos, Nella Mazzulla, Ekaterini Limperopoulos, Gina Rubino recently deceased.

Also, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Walter Gaspari, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Angelo, Carmela & Paul Scicluna, Gregory Zammit, Christopher Cissie, Pauline Zahra, Lina Maria & Joe Mallia, Orlando Dalumpines, Kevin Granger, John Granger, Paul Blayney, Vince & Olive Blayney, Joseph & Eileen Bennett and the deceased members of the Di Tano, Smith, Shewan, Holland, Zammit and Zahra families.