



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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The Living Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

14 August 2022

First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.



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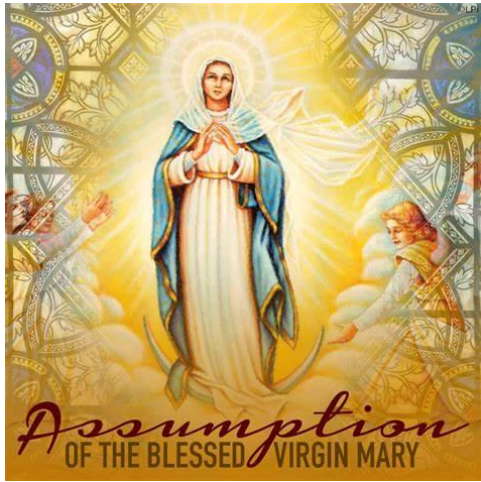
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Next week: 21st Ordinary (C): Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13. Luke 13:22-30.

From the Parish Office ...

As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.



Celebrated every year on **15th August**, the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts as well as being a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

MASS TIMES: 7:00AM, 9:30AM and 7:00PM

Dr Scott Hahn to Speak Live, Online at the Parish Renewal Conference

You are warmly invited to the inaugural Archdiocesan Parish Renewal Conference where Dr Scott Hahn, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and a stellar array of speakers will address Sydney's faithful on 19 & 20 August at St Mary's Cathedral precinct. We hope you can join us for this amazing opportunity to pray together, receive formation and share ideas to strengthen our parishes.

Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22. \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney.



NATIONAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

22 – 28 August 2022

For more information, please see notice on noticeboard.

SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS for First Confession and First Communion in the SPANISH language will be starting soon. Please see the noticeboard for further information.

The **Campion College Student Association** invites you to attend a medieval masquerade ball. 10 September 2022

5.30pm Vigil Mass

6.45pm Ball comm 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place

Toongabbie NSW 2146

Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35) ... All welcome!

\$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at campion.edu.au/events



We welcome into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Chloe Luz Villafranca and congratulate her family.



PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Annalakshmi Mailvaganam, Publius (Paul) Grech recently deceased.

Also, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale & Teresa Papandrea, Tony Bietola, Giovanni & Santina Bietola, John & Robyne Bietola, Sam Tedesco, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, 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, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo & Paul Scicluna, Orlando Dalumpines, Marino Magistrado.



MENALIVE WEEKEND:

St Kevin's Parish in Hillview Road Eastwood will be hosting a MenALIVE weekend on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September. The gathering will be held on the Parish Hall - The Haseler Centre. Outstanding opportunity for men to share their faith journey. Please contact Lou Youssef 0400 303 733 for further details.