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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Fundraising—Our next projects will be the Adoration chapel and then moving the sacristy — please give generously.

Pre marriage course will be held every Monday from 7.30pm to 9pm in the portable. Course will run for one month and cost is \$200. Please see Fr Joseph or Audrey in the office to book.

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Reminder - Morning Tea Tuesday 24th September at 10am Tia Chia with Mr Law and Mr Lee. Everyone welcome.

Save the Date - Holding the Light Service, 28 November 2024

Holding the Light is an ecumenical service of lament - to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic and family violence, and to stand in solidarity with victim survivors. This service is open to anyone who might wish to join together, take part in a ritual and engage in a period of quiet prayer or reflection on the tragic results of violence, and in hope for a better future for our communities. **Date:** Thursday 28 November 2024 **Time:** 5.00pm **Location:** Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

15-Sep	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 6.00pm
Lectors	June Walsh	Leonard Cassar	Ranniette Napoles	
R	Faustina Taikakara	Carmen Debrincat	Ryan Napoles	
R	Joyce Portelli	Jane Zahra	Nannette Napoles	
Choir	St Francis	Preca	Couples for Christ	Singles for Christ
Ministers of Holy Communion	Carmen Portelli	Paul Micallef	Halena Pichner	
	Pauline Sacco	Rita Galea	Damiana Visco	
	Carmen Spiteri	John Debrincat	Silvia Portelli	
	Alex Cefai	Tina Staropoli	Julius Wrzesinski	

22-Sep	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 6.00pm
Lectors	June Walsh	Angelo Abela	Marlene Alvarez	
R	Gerard Ahtuam	Lina Mizzi	Mary Rose Smith	
R	Martina Ahtuam	Enrico Nicholas	Jadzia Niemiec	
Choir	E-Choir	Preca	Divine Mercy	Spanish Choir
Ministers of Holy Communion	Alex Cefai	Doris Caruana	Stella Audino	
	Pauline Sacco	Tina Staropoli	Damiana Visco	
	Carmen Spiteri	Denza Vassallo	Julius Wrzesinski	
	Carmen Portelli	Paul Micallef	Silvia Portelli	

Church Diary (Week beginning 15th Sept 2024)

Saturday 14th/15th Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Frank Martine, + Tarcisio Cutajar,

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + Pauline Zahra, + John M Vella, + Tony Calleja, Irene & Rita Vella,

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, + Emmanuel Fenech

11.30am Vietnamese Mass 1.00pm Spanish Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 16th Sept 8.00am English Mass + 10.30am Funeral for Josephine Dimech

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm TNTN Choir Practice

7.30pm Pre Marriage Course

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

10.00am to 10pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

2.00 pm Benlynnne

6.30pm English Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Saturday 21st/22nd Sept St Mathew

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6.00pm Vigil Mass

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WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Rose Hurt, Charlie Zarb, **Recently Deceased:** Josephine Bez-zina, Josephine Dimech, Frank Borg, Charles DeBono, Maria Guerra, Francis (Cikka) Altair, Rita Vella, Trudy Barnes, Carmen Sposato, Nina DeBono, **Our Dear**



Departed: Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Lib-erata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.

GOSPEL

Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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15 SEPTEMBER 2024

'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

This quintessential question arises today in two ways: 'who do *people* say I am?' and, 'who do *you* say I am?' The setting for this event that forms the turning point in Mark's Gospel is 'on the way' to Caesarea Philippi. Being on the way is being on the journey with Jesus. It is not clear whether they enter the villages. This conversation is often envisioned as occurring beside the rock wall of the waterfall with its niche and caves and the spring that emerges at the base of Mount Hermon. This cultic setting of the Temple of Pan, other deities and a marble temple to Augustus might distract from Mark's purpose. Meandering along the stream under a Roman bridge, past a water mill, a synagogue and a palace might be enough context to consider the questions on Jesus' lips.

To the first question 'they' – the disciples – answer variously, 'John the Baptist ... Elijah ... one of the prophets.' Peter answers the second question definitively 'You are the Messiah.' This is a crystallisation of the identity of Jesus that we have known from the first line of this Gospel. Yet, it is still not to be told and has been misunderstood so far. What is important for the disciples, and for us, is the first of the passion predictions that follow, and the reality of Jesus' mission. After the rebuke by Peter, Jesus declares to the crowd as well as the disciples 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' In light of this, how will you answer, 'who do you say I am?'

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

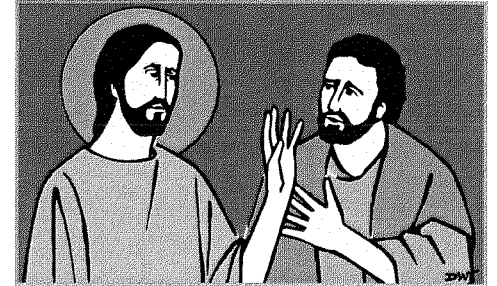
Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord

Jesus Christ,

which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!