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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. **Amen**



Father's day raffle Sunday 1st of September 2024 1st Prize - Karcher 1750 psi, 2nd Prize - Ryobi Drill set donated by Bunnings, 3rd Prize - HP printer donated by Officeworks, 4th prize - Dad's hamper. Tickets \$1 each drawn after the 9.30am mass. We stand united for our parish, St Paul.

Full Moon Festival - September 7th 4pm to 9 pm around the church and carpark. Prizes, games, lantern making magic tricks just to name a few.

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.

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

| 1-Sep | Sat 6.00pm | Sun 8.00am | Sun 9.30am | Sun 6.00pm |
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| Lectors | June Walsh | Enrico Nicholas | Jadzia Niemiec | |
| R | Faustina Taikakara | Angelo Abela | Marlene Alvarez | |
| R | Carmen Portelli | Adriana Vassallo | Ritika Vas | |
| Choir | St Francis | Preca | Holy Redeemer | St Theresa |
| Ministers | Alex Cefai | Paul Micallef | Halena Pichner | |
| of Holy | Pauline Sacco | Gem Ramos | Julius Wrzesinski | |
| Communion | Carmen Spiteri | John Debrincat | Silvia Portelli | |
| | Joyce Portelli | Denza Vassallo | Damiana Visco | |

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| Lectors | June Walsh | Enrico Nicholas | Marlene Alvarez | |
| R | Faustina Taikakara | Josie Elano | Julie Ann Makiling | |
| R | Joyce Portelli | Dado Presno | Mary Rose Smith | |
| Choir | Harmonico | Preca | Divine Mercy | St Theresa |
| Ministers | Alex Cefai | John Debrincat | Julius Wrzesinski | |
| of Holy | Pauline Sacco | Doris Caruana | Stella Audino | |
| Communion | Carmen Portelli | Lessina Natoalofa | Damiana Visco | |
| | Carmen Spiteri | Gem Ramos | Halena Pichner | |

Church Diary (Week beginning 1st Sept 2024)

Saturday 31st/1st Sept

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm Vigil Mass + 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, + Anthony DeManuel, Jane & Anne DeManuel, + Maryanne, Michael & Joe Azzopardi, Carmen Frank & Joseph Gauci, Kelina & John Grech, Frank George & Jimmy Azzopardi, Bill Camilleri, Philip Magri, Tony Mizzi, Grace Abdilla, Mary Vella, + Emmanuel, Pinu & Carmen Fenech, Pitru & Lela Zammit, + Sam Bonnici

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

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

Monday 2nd Sept

8.00am English Mass +
11.00am Lady of Knots
7.00pm TNTN Choir Practice
7.30pm Pre Marriage Course

Tuesday 3rd Sept

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration
7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 4th Sept

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
7.00pm Mass

Thursday 5th Sept

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

Friday 6th Sept

10.00am to 10pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
6.30pm English Mass
7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
3.00pm Divine Mercy
5.30pm Maltese Confession
6.00pm Maltese Mass
7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Saturday 7th/8th Sept

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Maria Santana Mascarenhas & Jose Paulo Mascarenhas

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WE PRAY FOR: Father's day: *Charlie Caruana, John Caruana, John Grech, Tony Borg, Michael Sacco, Daniel Snaize, Frank & Michael Attard, Frank, Saviour & Michael Muscat.* **For Healing:**

Rose Hurt, Charlie Zarb, Recently Deceased: Charles DeBono, Maria Guerra, Francis (Cikka) Altair, Rita Vella, Trudy Barnes, Carmen Sposato, Nina DeBono, Felicia Cefala, Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata, 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.



they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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'LISTEN TO ME'

Returning to the Gospel of Mark this week, we have an edited version of a dispute raised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes from Jerusalem about some of Jesus' disciples eating loaves with unwashed hands. Particularly in light of our recent pandemic experiences, we may have some sympathy with them. Yet as the narrative unfolds, we are given further background, that this is but one of the observations of their tradition. The prescriptions about washing do not stem for the Torah, the Law, but are local interpretations by specific groups.

Importantly we can join the extended crowd to hear Jesus say, 'Listen to me.' The same words are used by the prophets to call the people of Israel to listen to the word of God. Here it is a call to pay attention to Jesus' words that 'nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile.' It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions can grow.

Today let us pick up on Jesus' call to 'listen to me' as we read and pray with the scriptures. Let us also hear Pope Francis reminding us, 'The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.'

(Pope Francis audience, 27 Jan. 2021)

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

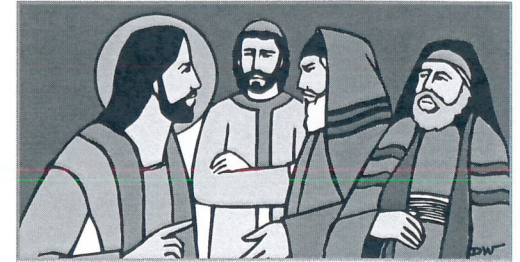
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart. R.
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. R.
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.



SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and