



2 July 2023 13th Sunday Year A

One of St Paul's proudest boasts was that he had worked harder, travelled further and suffered a great deal more than any of the other apostles (1 Cor 15:9-10). In 2 Corinthians (6:3-13; 11:23-33) he catalogues the trials and tribulations he had experienced for the sake of his "children" (6:13), which included "far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death" (11:23).

What made this even more remarkable is Paul's age. Paul would have been close to sixty years of age when he was evangelising the cities of the Aegean Basin. By the time he wrote Romans, from which we derive our second reading today, he would have been in his mid-60s.

As implied by his list of troubles in 2 Corinthians, Paul's career was anything but a "cake walk"; nor was it a career that involved a well-deserved retirement in his twilight years. He was beheaded in Rome around the year 64 CE, along with many other Christians who died at the behest of the Emperor Nero.

Paul stands as a clear example of one who chose the "good life" over a "comfortable life". He stood up for what he believed. He stood out by travelling, writing, and building up Christianity. But, in doing so, his life was far from comfortable.

Matthew's Jesus similarly warns his disciples that choosing to follow him will involve tough decisions. The irony of the biblical record is that the immediate "reward"

for all of those who chose to live a good life is all-too-often hardship, misunderstanding, persecution and even death at the hands of their persecutors. Sometimes, these difficulties will even be visited upon us from within our family circle.

This passage in Matthew will reverberate throughout the rest of the gospel, most notably for our purposes in Matthew 13:54-58, where Jesus returns to his hometown. He enters the Synagogue expecting a ready welcome from his former neighbours and friends, only to encounter misunderstanding and disbelief. Jesus observes that "Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house" (Mt 13:57).

We might think of this episode as a first century Judaeon form of the Australian "tall poppy syndrome" – the tendency to discredit rising stars whom the mob believes are too "full of themselves" or "take themselves too seriously".

The fear of ridicule and misunderstanding may tempt us to forego making the tough decisions or the right choices in life. We don't want to stand out or stand up for fear of being knocked down, especially in matters of public faith-practice. But as Paul and Jesus testify, standing up and standing out is the only real path to the good life – that is, a life built on purpose and meaning.

Ian J Elmer

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Year A—July 02, 2023

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to our lovely South West and Parish? Please write your details in our *New Parishioners Book* in the foyer. We can then be in touch to arrange a time convenient to you to reach out with Parish information and a friendly welcome.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact the parish office. Our phone number for the parish office is **9797 1886**. However, the quickest way is to contact us by email so that the required forms and information can be forwarded straight back to you **admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au**. The office is usually attended on a Thursday, but email is usually the best contact

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Anyone in the parish who cannot attend Mass due to illness or being house bound is welcome to contact **Anne Stanaway** who can arrange for a Special Minister to call. Anne is available on **0400 492 592**.

**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**

Our parish safeguarding officers are Cath Di-Bona; Anna Stevens and Laurie Sutherland

Call 0431 502 560



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any
safety
concerns
or
incidents.

Collections and Donations

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of Christ the Living Vine, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, create a community of Christian love by reaching out to meet the needs of all in our Parish and beyond in a spirit of love, acceptance and compassion.

St Vincent De Paul—Special Meeting

St Vincent De Paul Australind meeting will be held at the church this coming Sunday 2 July straight after mass.

The meeting is being held for our current members and any parishioners who would like to express their interest in becoming a member. This meeting is being held in the hope that we are able to continue to serve our local community.

All Welcome!

Planned Giving Envelopes

Dear fellow parishioners,

We have been through some abnormal times over the past 3 years and are now rising to a new normal.

It is time to say a big thank you for the support you have given this year even though mass attendance is limited. The works were ongoing, and we were able to meet all aspects of our pastoral outreach.

This year the Parish Council is looking at sprucing up the church as it is now 31 years old and needs some makeup.

For those on the envelope system, thank you. Your new envelopes are available in the church foyer. (A small financial clerical error had them out late).

Families in the Direct Debit system, also a big thank you. The steady income we received enabled us to meet wages and maintenance costs.

I encourage all parishioners who are not in the Planned Giving Program to please consider joining. It helps the finance team to budget well for the years ahead. Pledge forms are available in the church foyer. If you would consider Direct Debit, these forms are also available in the church foyer. All forms to be given to myself or to the Parish office.

Again, thank you and may God bless you all.

Fr Robert



In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Wordsearch

A disciple is someone who is learning. Jesus' disciples are people who are learning to live like him. Can you find these words that describe Jesus' disciples in the wordsearch?



SERVE

PRAY

LOVE



E	H	E	L	P
V	Q	R	R	L
R	Z	A	X	O
E	Y	C	W	V
S	H	A	R	E



HELP



SHARE

CARE



A PRAYER TO SAY

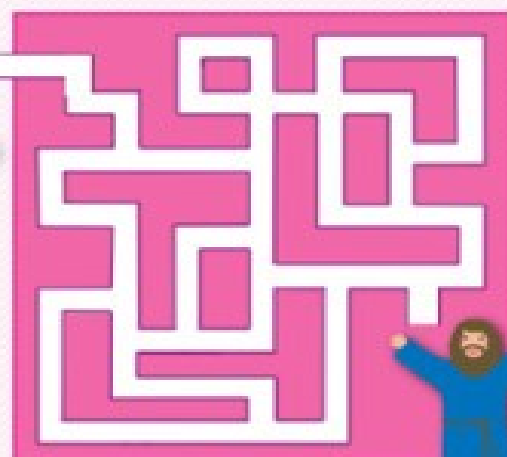
Thank you, Jesus, for being so determined to show me how much God the Father loves me. I want to follow you and be your disciple. Help me to be kind and loving. Amen.

Jesus is travelling to Jerusalem. He is determined to show everyone how much God the Father loves them. Jesus' message is so important he has no time to rest. The people who follow Jesus try to live like him. It's not easy, but nothing is more important than following Jesus and loving other people.

Follow Me

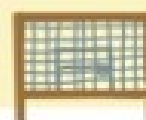
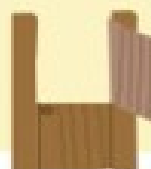


Following Jesus is not easy... we sometimes get lost. Find your way through the MAZE to Jesus.



Match the animal with their home

Jesus has no time or place to rest. Where do these animals rest? Draw a line from the animal to the correct home.



Jesus' message

Jesus wants to ask us something important. Can you break the code and find out what it is?

e =  m = 
f =  o = 
l =  w = 



Answers: Jesus' message follow me

Caritas Soup Night

Thank you to the many who braved a frosty night to raise money for Caritas. We hosted a sell-out annual Soup Night fundraiser. It was a fun, social night attended by 42 parishioners and raised **\$612** for Caritas.

An example of our community's generosity were people who weren't able to stay but came in to make a donation.

Many hands make light work! Thank you to Natasha, Anne, John, Jo and Karyn for setting up and clean-up and Penny and Pia for providing the beautiful soup, also the Cronin family, Anne, Rachel, Paul and Fr Robert at the sink!

Thank you to the De Copi family for your generous donations towards the raffle!



Cash for Containers

Do your bit for the environment and charity at the same time. Don't throw your "empties" away.



Keeping containers from landfill will not only be helping the environment, but also you could use the action to support Caritas by using the "Scheme ID" **C10440496** when you recycle your containers at approved facilities such as the Stanley Road tip.

This way the money goes to a great cause as well as cleaning up our world.

Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage 17 – 28 October, 2023

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on 17 October 2023, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted by:

email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

phone: (02) 8912 4818

Sister Annie Bond

PRAYERS PLEASE

- There are quite a number in the Parish needing our prayers at present including Jack de Gooijer, Ray Green, Norma Glass, Bob Rigby, Rosemary Spurgeon, Robin Samuels, Delores Fisher, Pat McKenna, Sheila Tuppen and Lennie Hynes
- Please continue in prayer for Fred Morhall who has passed away. Fred's funeral is on Friday 30 June at 11am

Please send prayer requests by email for inclusion in the bulletin.

Save the date

MINI MINISTRY EXPO

**Saturday and Sunday 22-23 July
after Mass for about half an hour**

This is a great way to share what is involved with your ministry or gain more volunteers.

The Expo will be held in the space at the back of Church.

Calling all Parish ministry co-ordinators

Please get in touch if you would like to showcase your ministry. Bookings are essential.

What's involved: Sharing information about your ministry to others.

What does your ministry do? How can others get involved? Is training provided? Who is the best person to contact? You may wish to create a mini display or information pamphlet.

Co ordinators - to secure your spot, please call Tash - Mob: 0429102793 (available after July 9th)

PARISH DATES

**Holy Hour
Every Friday - 8am**

**Friday, 30 June—11am
Funeral for
Fred Morhall**

**Saturday, 15 July
Couples for Christ Choir
at Mass**

**Wednesday, 19 July-1pm
Catholic Women's League
Church Hall**

**Thursday, 20 July
Mass at Bethanie**

**Saturday, 22 July
Mini Ministry Expo
After Mass**

**Sunday, 23 July
Mini Ministry Expo
After Mass**

MASS THIS WEEK

**Saturday 6pm Mass; Sunday 8.30am Mass; Wednesday 9am Mass;
Thursday 9am Mass Friday 9am Mass**

Mass at Bethanie

**First Thursday of each month—11am—Liturgy of the Word
Third Thursday of each month—11am— Mass**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5-5.45pm Or by arrangement

ROSTERS	1-Jul	2-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6PM	8.30AM	6PM	8.30AM
ACOLYTE	Alex Mackie	Laurie Sutherland	Paddy Cox	John Ncube
LECTOR/s	Judi Clark	Jude Jobling	Anna Stevens	Penny Elliott
		Anne Borserio		Colin Fredericks
COMMENTATOR	Karyn Cronin	John Borserio	Mary Bursill	Michael Elliott
GREETER	Jennifer Gelmi	Margaret Giumelli	Lyn Atherton	Mary Serafino
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthew and Anthony	Isabella	Matthew and Anthony	James and Samuel
FLOWERS	Trudy Milne		Trudy Milne	
MORNING TEA	None		None	
COUNTERS	Judi Clark & Kerry Johnson		Mike & Penny Elliott	



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

John Borserio (Chair)
 Natasha Shields
 (V.Chair)
 Karyn Cronin (OLMC)
 Jo Mincham
 Billy Amourous
 Daniel Graves (LCPS)
 Pia Doyle
 Penny Elliott
 Melissa Ryan
 Oliver Kietzmann
 Colin Fredericks

Parish Pastoral Council Membership

A vacancy still exists in our Parish Pastoral Council.

If you would like to serve the parish in this capacity please talk to Fr Robert or any of the Parish Pastoral Council members.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88)

ANTIPHON: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

LECTOR: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

LECTOR: Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

LECTOR: For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Or

O Father, I pray for them: that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

NEXT WEEK (14th Sunday of Year A) Zech 9:9-10; Ps 144; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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