Twenty-seventh Sunday in ordinary time – Year B

3rd October, 2021

ST AMBROSE
CATHOLIC PARISH
WOODEND

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

**MASS**

Mass services are allowed again in Regional Victoria for 20 people plus those required for the service. (No singing at this point)

Please book via our Mass booking number 0488274520 (text preferred).

READERS

With only 20 people able to attend please let Bernadette know if you would like to read when booking for Mass. The rosters will return when we can have more people in attendance.

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

October 8th Lucia Brick, October 22nd Veronica Sullivan,
October 29th Bruna Bombig, November 12th Bernadette Petruccelli

Donations of flowers gratefully accepted any Friday to the parish office.

**WE PRAY FOR..**

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick especially DAVORKA STEVANJA and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries are at this time especially MARY KING and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God.

May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

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**VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT QR CODE**

As per state Government regulations you must now check-in with this QR code when at the Church.

**Mass Times**

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

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Do you need help at the moment or know someone who needs help? Please let us know.

Would you like the newsletter emailed to you, dropped in your letterbox? Let us know.

Newsletter will be available to pick up from the Presbytery door each week.

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First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare ask. Amen.

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Parish Secretary, Catholic parish of Castlemaine
- Pastoral Carer, Mercy Health Sandringham
- Parish Bookkeeper, Westernport parish Hastings
- Social & Digital Media Communications Officer, Hawthorn & Richmond
- Community coordinator, Emerging Futures Collaborative Melbourne
- Coordinator Before & After School Hours Care Program Wantirna
- Content Developer, Proclaim Office of Mission renewal, East Melbourne

ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

The anniversary remembrance book is now in the parish office.
If you would like to have any names included in the book, to be remembered on the newsletter and in the prayers of the faithful each year, just send me an email with the names and anniversary date and I will include, alternately put a note in either collection or drop by the parish office any Monday or Friday.
Thanks Bernadette.

EFTPOS AVAILABLE AT MASS

We now have EFTPOS available at both weekend Masses. This is for the 1st collection to the Presbytery account which covers Archbishop 5%, Priests Retirement Fund 25%, Presbytery Expenses & Fr Martin stipend.

The EFTPOS facility has no set limits so you can still give whatever amount you choose and it will help with minimizing our cash handling.

CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: That Catholic Shop is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another’s stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via ‘one device-one person’ mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October). https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here: https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/
Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment with the Parish Secretary usually the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

Marriages
Arranged by appointment with Fr Martin at least 6 months in advance. Brochure & Booking form available from Parish Office after initial discussion with Fr Martin.

Reconciliation
By appointment with Fr Martin

Safety of Children and All Vulnerable People
We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The St Ambrose Parish Statement of Commitment & Code of Conduct are on display at the entrance of the Church & the Parish Website and all Diocesan Policies are available on their website or at the parish office.

https://www.melbournecatholic.org

Child Safety Committee
Fr Martin Fleming
Bernadette Petruccelli
David Millward

All children should be accompanied by an adult while on Parish grounds.

Welcome
St Ambrose Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to introduce yourself to Fr Martin, fill in the information card in the church foyer and place on either collection or contact Bernadette directly at the parish office.

LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK FIVE
A weekly series bringing ‘light’ to this time of lockdown ...
Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we’ll suggest some inspiring content to bring ‘light’ to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: How to keep our kids Catholic

Getting to know your Bible: Science and the Bible: Are they opposed?
Getting Started: In this video, Bishop Robert Barron firmly debunks the common claim that science and religion are diametrically opposed. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a and visit www.reasonfaithscience.com for further resources.

Going Deeper: This video skilfully explores a Catholic understanding of the Book of Genesis’ account of creation through a tapestry of voices. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5

LEADING A MISSIONARY PARISH
Missionary parishes transform lives and yield a growing army of disciples for whom worship and sacraments come to life and whose ministry and service flourishes. Hosted by Ron Huntley, this series of live online talks and interviews explores signs of hope in our Church – globally, nationally and locally. From the ‘imposed lockdown’ comfort of your home, be inspired by a hope-filled vision for your parish and discuss practical ideas with fellow leaders.

The session will be run on the following evenings:
Thursday 7 October Signs of Hope – An Australian story: An interview with Fr Chris Ryan 7.30-8.45pm
Thursday 21 October Signs of Hope in Melbourne – A panel of Melbourne Parish leaders 7.30-8.45pm

VENUE Zoom (link will be emailed to you upon registration) All Sessions Are Free

ABOUT RON HUNTLEY
Based in Canada, Ron Huntley works internationally with church leaders to achieve fruitful parish missionary renewal. He is driven by a deep love for Christ, people and the Catholic Church. A speaker, author and podcast host, Ron’s primary passion is coaching parish priests and their teams to lead parishes that transform lives. Hear Ron speak of how parishes are making disciples and transforming lives around the world, through reliance on the Holy Spirit and great leadership principles.

ABOUT FR CHRIS RYAN MGL
Born and raised in Melbourne, Fr Chris Ryan is currently the Parish Priest of Penshurst and Peakhurst parishes in NSW. He has been involved in leading youth ministry, new communities and parishes since 1993. He was the coordinator of the pilgrimage of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon in preparation for World Youth Day in 2008. Hear Fr Chris’s joy as he shares his experiences of leading a parish renewal that intentionally makes and grows disciples.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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