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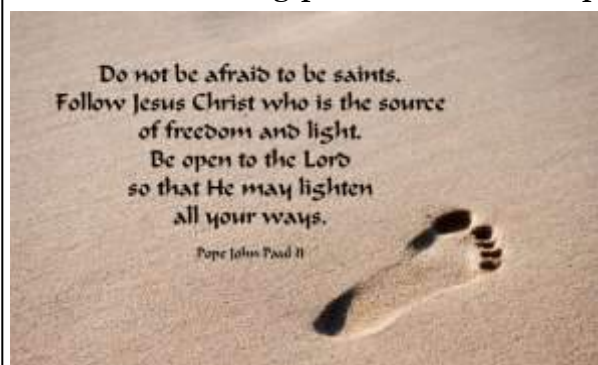


**3rd Sunday
in Ordinary time**
21st January 2018

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

BELIEVE ... ACT

We live in a time where proclaiming reform and change can seem to be futile. We can feel crazy bringing up religious values. We can feel discouraged or overwhelmed by the powers that be – by the desire to settle things by war, by political leaders who are not honest, by a political process that is controlled by those with the most money, by political policies that seem biased against the poor, by the values of the consumer culture, by the economic interests that seem to show no respect for the environment, and by many other ideologies and ways of acting. Change seems impossible. Certain secular values seem to have overwhelming power. Yet the scriptures invite us to believe that reform is possible, that change and growth can take place and that God is calling us to something better.



The scriptures today remind us that reform and change is possible, not only in our personal life and interpersonal relations, but also in our society and its institutions.

Where do you find hope in the midst of the problems of our world? Does the teaching of Christ inspire you? How does your faith give you courage to deal with these problems? (Source Acknowledged)

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

**The Sufi Bayazid says this about himself; "I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord give me the energy to change the world.'"*

"As I approached middle age and realized that half my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends, and I shall be content,'"

Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, my one prayer is, 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start I should not have wasted my life." (Anthony De Mello)



**Nelson Mandela went to jail believing in violence, and 27 years later he and his colleagues had slowly and carefully honed the skills, the incredible skills, that they needed to turn one of the most vicious governments the world has known into a democracy. And they did it in a total devotion to non-violence"- (Scilla Elworthy)*

"No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind". I am deeply saddened by the loss of Estela Juanengo, mother of Lisa (Parish Secretary). God blessed me with the opportunity of meeting her twice during my trips to Manila. She is a gentle woman!

I would like you to know that our community reaches out to you Lisa and the rest of your family with prayers that you may take comfort in knowing that your sweet mum is now resting in the arms of our Lord. She is reunited with your Dad and surely she will remain as an eternal memory in your hearts. Let her rest in peace! My sincere prayers and thoughts at this difficult moment!

Fr. Vince

Congratulations to Deshan Revel as he receives his First Communion this weekend. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers.

Let us continue to pray for our application to build our long-awaited church. May the Lord bless our dreams and plans.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Estela Juanengo, Adam Wilson and Ron Taylor

For the dearly departed

Andre Van Roie, Orfeo Bandiera, Orazia & Giovanni Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, Salvatore Campo, Patrick Mooney, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, and Annamaria Boffo,

For healing of the sick

Ivan Ceccato, Violet Hobbs, Dan Doyle, Tony Virgona, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Johann, Joe Gelonesi, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, Harriett Rogers, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.



CHURCH SACRAMENTS

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd February at 4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre. To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation

for children who have received their First Communion and are in Year 5 or higher, will begin on **20th February**. If you would like to receive notifications about the program, please email your name to stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



RCIA sessions to resume on 8th February at 7pm.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1311.70
2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1956 **Loose** = \$ 744.15
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935
TOTAL = \$ 4635.15 (target = \$5577)
If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.
 Thank you for your generosity!

		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli CareyAnne Moylan	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling Annabelle Rogers	Jack & Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, Matt & MJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(23 Jan) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	27/28 JANUARY	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo
ACOLYTE		John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
READERS		Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Jacqui Nisbet Justin Sebire	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
JUN MINISTERS		Brosnan Leahy	Patrick McNeil	Finn Sebire	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
MUSICIANS		Lance	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
COUNTERS		(30 Jan) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS		Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Joy Rogers and Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo	RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry	Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia
Music Coordinators: Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler	Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker	Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil	SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones	Altar Linen Coordinator: Pat Brush
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin	Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo	Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton	Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Peter Balnaves	Finance Committee Chair: Michael Parslow