

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Enrique Julien Diez, Scott Hession, Brian Sherd, John Evans, Geneive El-Zeinaty

Anniversaries: Vilma, Rebecca Manaid, Romeo Tiambeng, Lina Di Quattro, Vicenzo Martino, Lorenza Bernardo, Domingo Bernardo, Isagani Bernardo

We remember the faithful departed Elsa De Souza

“May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for the sick Jan Chen, Honfan Chen, Qin Sun, Joe Wang, John Wang

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refug of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for us”

ROSTER: 1st Week

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Acolyte</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
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| Saturday 5pm | Jackie Daniel Nicole Daniel | Tony Allan | |
| Sunday 8am | Nina Saulekaleka Karen Abood | Elia Saulekaleka | |
| Sunday 10am | Velonika Vakauta Christine Kazzi | Sione Anasi | Chuma brothers |

HOLY FATHER’S APPEAL 25th & 26th June 2022 Please support the Good works of the Holy Father by giving generously to this annual appeal e: fundraising@sydneycatholic.org or by donating via the envelopes available at the front foyer. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

HEART OF LIFE is offering an “At-home Retreat: Held in Hope” – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

KNITTING CLUB If you are interested in learning how to knit or would like to knit in the company of others passionate about knitting, please join us in McDermott House **every Friday morning** after mass.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2022-2023 Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is greatly appreciated. If you are not yet part of the Planned Giving and want to join it, PLEASE fill the short form below and place it in the Sunday Collection plate or email your details to cathpara@tpg.com.au.

Planned Giving is the main income of the parish and can be done by Weekly Envelope or Monthly Credit Card. The Parish of St John of God, Auburn, thanks you for your support. For further information speak to the priest or visit our website.

Planned Giving Request 2022 St John of God Auburn Parish

Your Name:.....

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 R: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading Gal 5:1, 13-18 My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 9:51-62 Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The call and the cost of Christian commitment are heavily emphasised in this gospel where the life of discipleship and its qualities are laid out before us. There is nothing about being a follower of Jesus that does not demand effort. As all existing responsibilities have to take second place, discipleship is not something to be entered into casually. On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus meets three men who are anxious to follow him but who are unfit and unprepared for the challenge involved. The young man bursting with enthusiasm who, with whole-hearted response, vowed to be a follower wherever he would go, must have been surprised to hear Jesus dampen his spirits and warn him off with the caution, that the Son of man did not have a home to call his own. Jesus is only being fair when he makes it clear in very direct speech what is expected of those who wish to join his group. If we want to accompany him we must know what we are doing and be aware of the harsh realities of life. To follow Jesus to Calvary can be no casual accompaniment of a wandering preacher. The message is harsh but clear – if anything at all stands in our way or takes priority over Jesus in our lives, then we are not free to follow him.

Every day we are faced with a situation similar to these three young volunteers. In the midst of our work, as we are hurrying about our business, we encounter Jesus who beckons us to come and serve. He longs for us to acknowledge his loving presence in silently carrying out his will. It's an on-going challenge requiring practical daily choices which are not always easy to make. Sometimes it may involve a serious conflict of loyalty or it may be a simple call to be friendly or neighbourly. Our journeying with Christ began at baptism with the promise to make his way of life our own. Growing in closeness to him is the result of making daily sacrifices, but the grind of monotonous living gets to us all and is evident in our half-hearted responses.

We love the call but we quibble about the cost to our personal freedom. Sunday Mass affords us a wonderful opportunity to deepen and renew the relationship which we have established with Christ as a believing community. It's a time to pray for the grace to follow him whole-heartedly without wavering or reservation. The Lord's call requires an immediate response and is not just something to be fitted in after we have attended to all the important business; like maintaining our status, our popularity and all the other goals we set ourselves. Whatever invitation comes our way, our reply should always be: 'You are my God. It is you who are my portion.'



We welcome **Simone Leann Hewitt** who is to be baptised into the Catholic Faith on this Sunday, 26th June 2022. May the light of Christ be with her and her parents always.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request. As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box is placed in the church foyer.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. **Child sexual abuse is a crime.** The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands. We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations