

SEPTEMBER



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
Holy Family

MOUNT WAVERLEY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give thee my heart and soul.

Welcome To Holy Family

In September, we celebrate Fathers Day, as we remember with gratitude our earthly fathers. We also, as a community, will have the opportunity to celebrate with great joy the Ordination of Father Andrew Choi to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It has been a great honour for many of us here at Holy Family to be involved with his vocational journey, and with his generous gift of himself to service of the Church here in Melbourne.

I myself will this month celebrate my 9th Anniversary of Ordination. Anniversaries are a wonderful time to reflect on the wonderful graces God has provided through my time as a priest, and also to look forward to the challenges and possibilities that lie ahead. Each year, my anniversary also offers the opportunity to reflect on both the great gift of the Priesthood, and of the spiritual fatherhood that comes with it.

It is often recounted that of all the chaplains within our armed forces, it is only the Catholic priests who are given the colloquial title of 'Padre'. Whilst servicemen and women of all faiths (and those of no faith) respect all those who minister as chaplains, particular respect is still held for the Catholic priests, who because of their celibacy can be a little more present, and able to be true 'fathers'. The title 'Father' is one I take seriously. Not as an honorific, but as an incredible responsibility. I strive each and every day to be a faithful father to this community.

We are all aware that, in recent history, too many who were entrusted with the role of 'Father' within our Church abused this trust, and the resulting damage is all too real for many individuals, families and many whose trust in the Church has been shattered. The extended media coverage of Cardinal Pell's appeal will have brought this to the surface once again for many. In a recent message to the people of Melbourne, Archbishop Comensoli wrote:

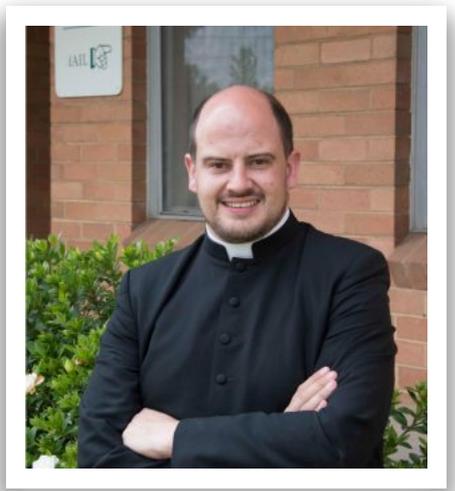
“ It has been a challenging time in so many ways, particularly for those whose lives some in our Church have failed to protect, dignify and respect. They are our neighbours, and we are called to be attentive and loving to all our neighbours in need. I encourage you to hold each other in prayer and to continue to reach out to one another in faith, hope and love.

This month, I ask you to continue to pray for me and for all priests and bishops that we may be faithful Fathers, who strive to live up to this title that is given to us in trust and love by you, the people of God.

God Bless,



Fr Nicholas Pearce



A loving Father

“God is a good Father who welcomes and embraces his lost but repentant son. He is 'a Father who never abandons his children, a loving Father who supports, helps, welcomes, pardons and saves and whose love opens the 'dimensions of eternity.' This Fatherly love is 'infinitely greater, more faithful, and more total than the love of any man.'”

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Sundays This Month

1 SEPTEMBER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ promises us that "the man who humbles himself will be exalted" [...] Only humility can dispose us to want what the Lord offers and be ever receptive to his mercy in our midst [...] Humility and trust are what make a person truly human (Pope Benedict XVI).

READINGS:

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

PSALM:

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL:

Luke 14:1,7-14

8 SEPTEMBER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord wants to give us a grace that exceeds even the love of a parent, spouse or child. The kind of detachment that Jesus calls for in the Gospel, disposes us to receive all that God is eager to give us. We are enabled to be conformed to Christ under the sign of the cross.

READINGS:

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10,12-17

PSALM:

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL:

Luke 14:25-33

15 SEPTEMBER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ welcomes sinners and eats with them because only that closeness with Christ's human presence can change a sinner into a saint. "I used to... do all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me...the grace of our Lord filled me with love." St Paul

READINGS:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17

PSALM:

R. I will rise and go to my father.

GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-32

22 SEPTEMBER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The man that is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great." Each new moment brings us a new choice. God "wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. With hands lifted up in prayer, we ask to become people to whom God can entrust great things.

READINGS:

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8

PSALM:

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL:

Luke 16:1-13

29 SEPTEMBER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

To steer clear of the temptation that wealth brings, we must be saintly, filled with faith & love."The King of kings and Lord of lords" dwells in unapproachable light - a light that He shares with us so that we will in turn share what we have with the poor who dwell in our midst.

READINGS:

Amos 6:1,4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16

PSALM:

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL:

Luke 16:19-31

THE HOLY FAMILY
GRAND FINAL EVE

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY **27TH** SEPTEMBER

FUN BEGINS AT **6.30** PM

THE **HOLY FAMILY HALL**

Join us as we raise funds to support 21 youth and 7 leaders from our Parish to attend the Catholic Youth festival in December this year.

- COME IN **YOUR** FOOTY COLOURS
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60 Years of Assisting Those in Need

Written by: **Maureen Mack**

In the wake of a cholera epidemic that had swept through the poorer suburbs of Paris, a young student by the name of Frederic Ozanam was spurred to action. After being moved by the hopeless state of the families who he passed on the way to university, he gathered a group of fellow students on 23 April 1833 to decide what could be done. Following this meeting, Frederick, along with his flatmate, took the remainder of their own winter wood supply and, ascending the staircase of a garret, gave it to a poor widow. With these humble beginnings, the St Vincent De Paul Society was born.

Since those early days, the St Vincent de Paul Society has spread throughout the world, and the name 'Vinnies' has become synonymous with providing more of a 'hand up' than a 'handout'. Here at Holy Family, our own St Vincent de Paul conference was established in September 1959, while the parish itself was still in its infancy. The founding members, Kevin Moloney, Keith Stewart, John Hayes, Brian Ross, Jack Brown, Frank Murphy, John Fyfe, Les Thompson, Gerry Tipping and Alan Warner, gathered together under the spiritual director at the time, Father Curley.

For the past 60 years, the members of our parish Conference have volunteered to give a hand up to those less fortunate. No matter what the need: domestic violence, homelessness, drug abuse, unemployment, disabilities, or asylum seekers, our members have responded without comment, judgement or criticism, and have quietly gone about this work, often unseen and unrecognised.

The bread and butter work of the St Vincent de Paul Society has always been home visitation. Much like Blessed Frederic Ozanam all those years ago, our Conference has assisted families and individuals in our local area who are struggling in their daily lives. In addition to this, our Conference has been proud to support (or launch) some other projects, including the local bread run; Balgo (Kimberley); Assist a Student Program; Twinning with a Parish in India; Pinewood Op-Shop; Holy Family Piety Stall; Tandana (W.E.A.C); clothing bin (in car park); Collingwood Cottage; support of Mission in Zambia (via Sr Marie Bourke); Tins for Tucker; and Christmas hampers.

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we would like to thank all those who over the years have supported our work. In particular, we have valued the connection built up over many years with the local schools and their ongoing generous commitment to our appeal for food donations.

Most importantly, we thank you, our past and present benefactors over the past 60 years, for your ongoing support at our winter appeal, food donations, poor box donations, and anonymous donations of funds. Your generosity has enabled us to continue the work of those Vincentians who had the foresight and commitment to set up our Conference here at Holy Family Parish, way back in 1959.

Please join us, as we celebrate this wonderful milestone:

**Sunday 8th September
10:30 am Mass
Followed by morning tea.**



The Seal of the Confessional

Written by: Fr Nicholas Pearce

Over the weeks ahead, our state politicians will be debating legislation that seeks to extend the obligation of mandatory reporting to Ministers of Religion. This change has already occurred in other states and is something that the Church in Melbourne welcomes and has herself been calling for since the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry and the Royal Commission.

I do not need a law to tell me what my moral obligation is. As a Christian, as a man, as an uncle and brother and as a priest, the very thought of the abuse of children repulses me. That an individual would set out to harm a child, be it physically, emotionally or sexually is abhorrent. I do not need the government to tell me that if faced with the knowledge of these crimes, the only response is to report them to the authorities to ensure that children are protected, and that perpetrators are punished to the full extent of the law.

But the fact is that this is not all that this law intends to do. Under the guise of protecting children, our government is seeking to infringe on one of our most sacred Rites. For the first time in this state, the government is seeking to remove the protection offered to her citizens when making a religious Confession. This right is something which until recently has been a respected right, not only of citizens of this country, but of all western jurisdictions. It is essential that, as Catholics, we are clear on what is occurring here, and on the effect, it will have on our rights as citizens to exercise our right to practise our faith, without fear or favour. It is also clear at this point that there is no reliable evidence to suggest that removing the seal of the confessional will make the children of Victoria any safer.

The United States Department of Justice points out that there are five common psychological defence patterns in paedophiles: denial, minimisation, justification, fabrication (e.g. activities were researched for a scholarly project), and attack (e.g. character attacks on the child) (*Lanning KV, 2001*). The only way a perpetrator can commit crimes that make the rest of us sick to the stomach is that they are able through a variety of means to convince themselves that what they are doing is not wrong. If this is the case, we can be confident that they are not, in turn, bringing these matters to the confessional. We teach our children from their youngest years that the journey to the confessional begins long before they enter that little room. The first movement must be that one can admit to themselves that what they have done is wrong. Our prisons are full to this day with paedophiles who will go to their grave convinced that their heinous crimes did not harm.

Let us for a moment consider the scenario, that after years of abusing, a perpetrator comes to a moment of realisation, of contrition, and does return to the Sacrament to confess their sins. It may just be because of the seal of the confessional, and the anonymity provided, that he is able to confess his crimes for the first time. It is in this circumstance, like in so many that we as priests encounter in the confessional with those who are genuinely contrite, that we guide the penitent to a reform of life that so often includes ensuring appropriate restitution for any harmed parties.

The Jesuit priest and lawyer, Fr Frank Brennan SJ, has written on this matter stating that “the abolition of the legal protection of the seal of the confessional will not render one child safer and might just take away the occasional opportunity for an offender to come forward seeking God’s forgiveness with a firm purpose of amendment, including the desire to turn himself in” (Brennan, 2018). If there is no seal, no anonymity, then there would be no-one coming forward at all, as this would be, as it were, just like handing oneself directly to the police.

This also applies in the case of a child who may use the Sacrament of Confession (again, because of the anonymity and seal) to reveal for the first time that he or she is the victim of abuse. Again, it is in this forum that we, as priests, not as mere dispensers of absolution but well-trained pastoral professionals, may guide the child and assist them to bring this important information to another adult in their life in order to receive the care and protection that they need. Yet if we forcibly remove people’s right to confess, and their confidence in the seal, then we remove too these possibilities of pastoral encounter. The Seal of the Confessional has the power, if only in a few cases, to bring protection and care to victims, and perpetrators to justice - but without it, these pastoral encounters will never occur.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with our local member, Mr Matt Fregon MP, and discuss my concerns. Among these was the fact that the Government is seeking to extend mandatory reporting to include ministers of religion, while at the same time, lawyers or journalists are to remain exempt. Under the law as it stands, a perpetrator’s discussions with his lawyer remain inadmissible in court, even if he is discussing crimes that he has committed against children.

Not only is the lawyer not mandated to report these discussions to anyone else, he is prohibited. I suggested to Mr Fregon that I would suspect that there are many more lawyers walking around Victoria today with knowledge of historical child abuse than priests, and that it seems incongruous that the Government is not addressing this at the same time. We must, as Catholics, see this change in law as something that it is, a deliberate infringement on one of the fundamental tenants of our Catholic faith, and of our right to practise it freely as citizens.

Let there be no confusion, I will go to my grave protecting the innocence of children and ensuring that this Parish and this Church that I love with all my heart is a place of safety and protection for children and vulnerable adults and that perpetrators are brought to justice, and punished to the full extent of the law. It is my commitment, and the commitment of every priest I know, that the scourge and horror of abuse that has wracked our Church will never be revisited upon us. But let there be no confusion also, that I will go to my grave, or to prison if it be so determined, defending your right as Catholics to confess your sins to God alone and to receive his absolution and Mercy in the Sacrament of Confession.

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Lanning KV. Child Molesters: A Behavioral Analysis. 4th ed. Alexandria, Va: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children; 2001.



What's on at Holy Family



Mass of Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 10:30AM

Join newly ordained Father Andrew Choi, as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Family Church, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.



Ordination to the Priesthood

SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 10:00AM

Join Deacon Andrew Choi and his family as he is ordained to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne by Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

10:00AM: ORDINATION MASS
WHERE: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



Sunday Sessions

SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM &
SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM &
SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM &
SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM

Delve deeper into the Catholic Faith with the Symbolon Series. This informal study group is open to both parishioners and those interested in becoming Catholic. Parish Office: 9807 9494

9:00AM: START
10:30AM: END
WHERE: PARISH LIBRARY



St Vinnie's 60th Anniversary Mass

SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 10:30AM

Please join us for the anniversary Mass of Holy Family's St Vincent de Paul Society establishment. Refreshments to follow.

10:30AM: MASS
11:30AM: REFRESHMENTS



Parishioners' Luncheon

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 11:30AM

Our guest speaker from the RACV will speak on "Lifestyle – Healthy Ageing and Staying Connected". RSVP to Parish Office by 10th Sept.

11:30AM: MASS
12:00PM: LUNCH
WHERE: SMALL HALL



Baptism Preparation Class

SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 10:30AM

A day of preparation for all parents looking to have their child baptised at Holy Family. Please send Baptism application form and RSVP to Parish email: mountwaverley@cam.org.au

10:30AM: MASS
11:30AM: CLASS
12:30PM: LUNCH
1:30PM: CLASS
3:00PM: CONCLUDE



Grand Final Eve Trivia Night

FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 6:30PM

Join us for a night of fun, footy and trivia, as we support the youth of our Parish in making their pilgrimage to ACYF later this year.

6:30PM: START
9:30PM: FINISH
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY HALL



“An Afternoon with Our Lady”

with special guest **Tim Staples**

Join The Catholic Parish of the Holy Family for an afternoon of formation, prayer and inspiration as we welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the Parish.

Sunday 13th October at Holy Family Parish, Mount Waverley.

THE EVENING PROGRAMME

- 4pm - 5pm** Holy Hour with Benediction
- 5pm** Holy Mass
- 6pm** Holy Rosary
- 6:30pm** **“Behold your Mother”**
Tim Staples
- 7:30pm** Supper



Tim Staples is Director of Apologetics and Evangelisation at Catholic Answers. Raised a Southern Baptist, he fell away from faith in Christ before coming back during his late teen years. After joining the Marine Corps, he was challenged to study Catholicism. His research drove him to conversion, and even try out the priesthood. He has been working in Catholic apologetics and evangelisation ever since.



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Holy Family Noticeboard

Thanksgiving Program

Members of the Thanksgiving Program are encouraged to check that their current contribution is up to date. Your regular contribution allows us to meet our financial commitments as a Parish and assists us in future planning.

If you would like to join the Thanksgiving Program or make a change to your current pledge please make contact with the Parish Office.

Alight Family Festival

The Alight Family Fiesta is on Saturday, 21st September. All are welcome to come along! Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us, body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music – don't miss out! Look for the Alight flyers in your parish. Register today at www.cam.org.au/alight19.

Registration close on Wednesday 11th September.

Advertisement Opportunity

We currently have two places available in the business advertisement section of our monthly newsletter, located on the back page. If you are interested in placing your business's contact information in our newsletter, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

PARISH OFFICE

9807 9494

Mothers' Prayer Group

Are you a mum, looking for some time out to pray and an opportunity to meet other mothers? Join us on a monthly basis at the Mothers' Prayer Group.

1st Saturday of the Month

4:00pm - 5:30pm - Parish Library

All Welcome

Holy Family Play Group

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays during the school term.
9:00am-10:30am - Holy Family Hall**

All pre-schoolers and their parents/carers welcome to come along. Morning tea provided.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said on:

1st Saturday of each month

9:00am - Holy Family Church

St Vincent de Paul Members

The next meeting of The St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on:

**Monday 2nd September
7:30pm - Parish Library**

The Poppy Project

The Poppy Project is a Remembrance Day initiative by Avila student, Maddie Taylor, to create a school display with a total of 2,000 crochet, felt or fabric poppies to commemorate this day. Brochures with further information and instruction available in the foyer of the church.



Around the Mount



YEARS 7 - 9

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays
of the month at **6:30pm - 9pm.**

Years 7 - 9



Holy Family Hall

SUMMIT

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month at **6pm - 8pm.**

Years 10 - 12



Holy Family Library

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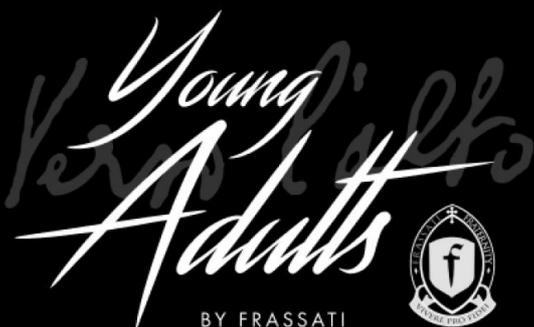
SINGERS

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
of the month at **3:30pm**

Years 9 - 12



Holy Family Church



Mass at **6:30pm** followed by dinner
and discussion afterwards.

Every Monday except the first of the month.

Contact Us

OFFICE HOURS

9:30am - 2:30pm (Mon- Fri)

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HALL BOOKINGS

Small and Large Hall is
available for family and
group bookings.

Parishioners' rates available.
Please contact the Parish Office
for more information.

COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plots are now available for
reservation for Parishioners
and Families.

Please contact the Parish Office
for more information.

Regular Mass Times *

MONDAY

6:30pm
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Mondays of
the Month

TUESDAY

7:00am

WEDNESDAY

9:15am
Followed by morning tea

THURSDAY

7:00am
7:30pm **KOREAN**

FRIDAY

9:15am

SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY

8:30am
10:30am
1:30pm **KOREAN**
5:00pm

* Weekly Mass Schedule may
change from time to time. Please
check the Parish website for the
most up-to-date information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TUESDAY

7:00pm - 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

FRIDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

Confession Times

SATURDAY

5:15pm - 5:45pm

SUNDAY

9:45am - 10:15am

Baptisms

Sundays following 10:30am Mass.
Please ring the Parish Office for
preparation and scheduling of
Baptism.

Weddings

By appointment with the Parish
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