



8th October 2023

St Francis of Assisi

Hymns: 137 (omit v.3) 607 135 134 (omit v.4)

Sentence

Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

The Collect

O God, by whose gift Saint Francis was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that, by walking in Francis' footsteps, we may follow your Son, and, through joyful charity, come to be united with you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus, chapter 20, beginning at verse 1.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to

us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.’ Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19

R: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. **R...**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; **R...**

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, chapter 3, beginning at verse 7.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 21, beginning at the 33rd verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

During the Season of Creation, we offer our prayers for the world around us; giving thanks for the bounty God offers us, and asking God’s forgiveness for misuse of the earth’s resources.

Creator God, we ask for the grace to hear 'the cry of the earth' and in so doing to care for creation. In giving us a new spirit of listening, transform our hearts with a desire to respond. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father of all, you have formed the entire human family over many generations. Give us a new familial care for each of the creatures you have made, indeed for all life on our planet. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of life, bless all of creation, and within it each and every creature. Give us an awareness of your outpouring of love in all things, and a willingness to be changed by this love. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of freedom, inspire us to enter into solidarity with all creation in our deeds, not just in our words. Call us to enter into new commitments which put ourselves at the service of our 'common home'. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christ our brother, grant us the holy desire to call upon your name as we seek to sustain the gift of creation. Help us to act decisively to keep safe our endangered planet. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, friend of the earth, nourish our efforts to bring reconciliation to the earth. Be with us in this mission of rekindling the bonds between you, human beings and all that exists. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father, you know our hearts and minds, as well as the wonderful burden of our compassion. We bring before you those who have asked our prayers for healing and restoration: *Jeanne Jones, Michelle Peponas, Bill Edge, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry and Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation, you reinvent the lives of the deceased in the eternal cycle. By the mercy of Jesus our redeemer, bring the souls of our loved ones back into the Father's heart; praying especially for those recently departed: *Ray Daly, Dorothy Chapman and Fay Coff,* and those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Spencer Horwood, Dallas Hayes, Hugh Chomley, Alfred Pound, Gregory Ryan, Margaret Osborne, Robert Glanville, Rose Harriden, Brian Smith, Lorraine Coates, and Ian Staring.* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Bible Study

Our next Bible Study session is Tuesday 10th October, at 7.30pm, at Christ Church Kilmore. All are welcome to join, as we continue our journey through Jeremiah.

Funeral

The funeral of Ray Daly will be at Christ Church on Friday October 13th at 10.30am. The family have asked for the provision of morning tea at the back of the church after the service. Please could we have some people bring along sandwiches, cakes etc. to share.

Open-Air Diocesan Season of Creation Service

This will take place on Saturday 28th October at Bishop's Lodge, Wangaratta at 10.30am. It is planned that 23 Seville Orange Trees representing the 23 Pastoral Charges of our Diocese will be planted. It would be great to have members of our parish there to witness 'our' tree being planted. RSVP's are requested by the Diocese by 24th October, either to Caroline Burge (who will RSVP on your behalf); by ringing the Diocesan Office 5721 3484; or by clicking on the QR code on the poster on our Parish Website.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

On Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday 7th November) there will be a bring and share Parish Melbourne Cup "Chicken and Champagne" fundraising luncheon at Caroline Burge's house, from midday. Entry by donation and there will be a sweep stake on the race. Money raised will go towards ABM (Anglican Board of Mission). If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate to ABM, please put your donation in an envelope and give to Caroline, or bank it direction into our Parish Account and ensure that the deposit name is "ABM donation". Suggestions for the lunch: hot or cold chicken salad; cold meat platters, cheese platters, salads, sweets, casseroles, wine or soft drink. RSVP's aren't essential as it is bring and share, but numbers might be helpful for seating purposes. If you would like to donate a prize for the sweep stakes, please let Caroline know.

Art Show

Brunswick Uniting Church in Melbourne is having an art exhibition called 'Living Colour'. Fr. David has entered six artworks amongst a whole host of local talent.

The exhibition will be from Friday 13th to Sunday 22nd October, at Brunswick Uniting Church on Sydney Road, Brunswick.

Hakuna Matata Children's Choir

We have been offered the prospect of the Hakuna Matata children's choir from Kenya performing at Christ Church, most likely some time in February 2024. They contribute to the welfare of orphans in Africa as they tour Australia. This will only be possible if we are able to find ways to accommodate the 15 young members and their 4 guardians over the weekend in which they perform. If you would be willing to help with accommodation, or have ideas as to how we might achieve this, please contact Fr. David.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore;' BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday 9th October: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

Tuesday 10th October: 11am: Deanery Meeting, Yea

Wednesday 11th October: 2.30pm: Dianella RACF service

Thursday 12th October: 10am Mass, St Matthew's Broadford
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 13th October: 10.30am: Funeral, Christ Church Kilmore
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Saturday 14th October: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Next Sunday 15th October: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew's, Broadford	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 9th October	Ps 89:39-53	Ps 91
	1 Kings 20:1-25	Job 31:5-23
	Matthew 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11
Tuesday 10th October	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
	1 Kings 20:26-43	Job 31:24-40
	Matthew 11:12-24	Colossians 3:12-17
Wednesday 11th October	Ps 95; 96	Ps 97; 98
	1 Kings 21	Job 32
	Matthew 11:25-12:8	Colossians 3:18-4:6
Thursday 12th October	Ps 99; 100	Ps 103
<i>Elizabeth Fry</i>	1 Kings 22:1-28	Job 33:1-18
	Matthew 12:9-21	Colossians 4:7-18
Friday 13th October	Ps 101; 102:1-11	Ps 102; 12-28
	1 Kings 22:29-53	Job 33:19-33
	Matthew 12:22-37	Philemon 1-14
Saturday 14th October	Ps 108; 109:20-30	Ps 119:105-128
	2 Kings 1	Job 34:1-15
	Matthew 12:38-50	Philemon 15-25

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Thoughts for the Week

What people seldom realise these days is that priests and ministers are a free counselling service, albeit with a twist. Psychology has its uses in diagnosing and monitoring conditions from a medical perspective. However, by its very definition, it cannot help but pass judgment between the rational and irrational mind. Contrary to popular belief (or wishful thinking), human beings are inherently irrational creatures. Not as a criticism, but an objective observation. We are not merely a brain and body, but a heart and soul as well. These latter elements need just as much care. And this care begins with the acknowledgement and nurture of the irrationality of humanity. Not to say, go out and make bad decisions, or wreak havoc. But to let your emotions breathe, the way your body respire. That's where the whole priest-counsellor thing comes in. Psychologists listen to diagnose; fair enough, and necessary. But sometimes we need professional listeners in order to be heard; in order to let our emotions breathe, so that our irrational being is allowed to develop naturally. If you need to grieve, if you need to rejoice, if you need to explode: find a priest. They will listen. They will help let your emotions breathe. When the world tells you to regulate or sedate, find a priest. They are professional listeners, whose watchword is simply love.