
Lk 21:5-19

Patiently endure the trials you are sure to face for Jesus

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church’s liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week’s reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today’s gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God’s love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

Living the Gospel – Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus ‘predict’ all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to ‘keep going.’

After School Pick Up:

We are concerned about the number of children on the playground and school oval that are left unattended after school. All children should be supervised by parents at all times after the 3.45pm bell.

School Fees:

Outstanding school fee accounts will be sent out next week. It is important that all outstanding school fee accounts are settled quickly. The school fees are a major part of our overall school budget and enable us to ensure quality resources and facilities are provided to the students. Please be attentive to meeting your financial obligations to the school.
**School Board AGM:**
The Annual General Meeting of the School Board will be held tonight at 6.30pm in the staff room. All welcome.

**Scholastic Book Fair arrives in Week 7:**
Tuesday November 15 - Friday November 18
(8.30-9.30am, lunch, 3-4pm daily)

“Scholastic Book Fairs is the nation’s leader in quality Book Fairs, with an exciting range of recently published children’s books and educational products from Australia and around the world.”

We look forward to seeing you there and would like to offer a special welcome to our visiting Grandparents on Thursday 17, Grandparents day.

*Thank you from the Library and the Grade 6 Book Fair Team.*

**Working Bee:**
Many thanks to all that attending last Saturday's working bee. Lots of mulch was moved into the many garden areas. The school looks great. Thanks to Gerard McCarthy his work leading up to the day and for coordinating the day.
Christmas Picnic and Carols Night Thursday December 1:
Students and Teachers are currently preparing for the St Therese Christmas Picnic/Carols which will take place on the school oval on Thursday December 1. The P&F have arranged a few local caterers to provide a variety of options for you to purchase for dinner, or alternatively BYO picnic. Food will be available from 5.30pm with carols and formalities from 6:30pm.

BYO
- Drinks - no glass please
- Chairs and rugs
This is a rubbish free event. Please take all rubbish home.
Monday December 2 is a backup day for the entertainment only in case of rain, which will be held in the hall at 1.30pm; however the picnic will still go ahead regardless of the weather.

Learning and Teaching:
The student transition session held on Tuesday went extremely smoothly. All students from year 1 to year 5 had the opportunity to work with students in the area they will be in, for next year. Our foundation students for 2017 also attended the session.
Students were involved in running workshops and peer collaborative activities. Teachers also had the opportunity to meet the students entering the learning communities for 2017.
Parents and Friends Association
News

We warmly invite all Parents and Friends to the 2016 Parents and Friends Committee Annual General Meeting, to be held on Tuesday November 22 at 2pm, in the meeting room behind the hall.

We are always a child friendly meeting so please remember you can bring along the little ones. They literally play around the room and have a lovely time together.

The P&F is a great way to be involved with the school and meet other friendly parents. We always love to welcome new faces and understand the busy nature of a family, so even if you can only help out with one thing per year, we’d love to see you. I went along to one meeting last year and ended up the President of the P&F and it’s been a great year. So I’m just saying….”You never know if you don’t go”.

Nomination forms are available at the office in the P&F folder, and I am available to answer any questions on 0424 711110 or at kenlynheaney@gmail.com

As the end of the year fast approaches and we are preparing our reports for the AGM, I have been amazed at the number of businesses and families who have donated items, money or time to help the P&F raise funds for our school. I and the entire committee would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2016.

A special “Thank You!” goes out to Surf Coast Party Hire for their ongoing support at virtually every P&F event. Thank you so very much Carla and Andrew Jablonski with Marcus and Marnee Jablonski. Your incredible generosity is greatly appreciated and we hope the school community can repay the favour in-kind by supporting your local family business in your lovely new premises at 12 Boneyards Ave, Torquay.

I hope to see lots of familiar faces and new faces at the AGM this year.

Kenlyn Heaney
President of Parents and Friends Committee

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Thursday November 17 – Grandparents’ Day
Thursday December 1 – Whole School Christmas Picnic

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY BOOK FAIR WEEK
The kids will be so thrilled to show their Grandparents or Special person around their classroom and the school.
When: Thursday 17 November @ 2:00pm
Where: St Therese Hall Grandparents or Special Persons are invited to join students for a prayer in the hall at 2pm followed by a classroom tour through our wonderful learning areas.
Parents & Friends will provide an afternoon tea back in the hall so grandparents/special person can enjoy a wander through the *Book Fair*
Christmas will be just around the corner and this will be a great gift purchasing opportunity, and also support our school library by raising funds.

Hot Dog Day
Don’t forget HOT DOG DAY is held every second Wednesday. Each child is to bring correct money to their respective classroom and fill in the forms located in their class.
The next Hot Dog Day will be held on Wednesday November 23.
Prices: Hot dogs $2.50 Fruit Juice $1 Wonka Raspberry Twister 50c each
Munch Day Lunch Orders
Tuesday orders must be in by mid-night Sunday prior. Thursday orders must be in by mid-night Tuesday prior. You can order ahead for the whole week and even a few weeks in advance by putting in the correct dates per order. The link below is how and where to order. Happy Munching! https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/

Second Hand Uniform Shop
We are currently looking for donations of summer items, particularly **summer dresses and boy’s shorts**. If are doing a clean out before the end of year these items would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be left at the front reception or dropped off to the Uniform Shop.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by a parent every Wednesday if you need assistance; otherwise you are welcome to help yourself. Thank you for your constant support with the honesty system. Prices are listed on the shelves and we just ask that you put the money in the envelopes provided there and put the envelope in the P&F mail box at front reception. Also it is much appreciated by the next person coming along, if you could replace clothes back neatly in the correct size boxes. For all enquiries please contact Kristin at kristind71@yahoo.com

Camp Australia:

Week Beginning: Monday Oct 31 2016 and Nov 7 2016
For the last two weeks, the kids had been busy doing all sorts of activities. When the kids were inside. They had a chance to use their creative imagination to create and build things using our resources. They also played some board games. Monopoly, trouble and battleship were the children’s favorite.

For outside play the kids have been doing a lot of sports such as high jumps, football, soccer and basketball. Meanwhile, for our group game, we have played several new games such as NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM and TIGGY.

We had several birthdays throughout the week. To celebrate it, the educators have made yummy cupcakes for the kids to eat. It was such a hit!

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that if your children aren’t attending OSHC can you please advise Camp Aust. or phone or text the OSHC mobile on 0417132144. You can also use this number to request to book your children or use the OSHC email sttheresetorquay@oshccampaustralia.com.au

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Community News:

Refugee Concert in aid of Melbourne’s Asylum Seeker Resource Centre:
Fr Andrew presents “Boundless Plains” the spoken word. A high octane poetry recital for those who’ve come across the seas. Torquay Uniting Church, Sunday November 13 @ 4.30pm. Donations at the door $10 and beyond. Primary children free. Let us know if you’re coming by emailing janbobhale@gmail.com, frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com or phone 52643519

St Joseph’s College Geelong Annual Remembrance Mass:
The Annual Mass for deceased students, staff and benefactors of St Joseph’s College Geelong will be held at 2pm on Sunday November 13 in the College Chapel. All are welcome.

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mbmt@bigpond.com

Enrolments now open for Summer 2016/17 Surf Education Program.

● Learn skills to keep you safe on our beaches.
● Learn valuable First Aid skills.
● Start or continue your journey towards becoming a Lifesaver.
● Have great fun and make new friends.
● 8 sessions – Friday 30/12 to Thursday 12/1.

OR Call – 5261 2755.
Other useful information

Surf Coast Shire
3 Merrig Drive, Torquay  Phone: 5261 0600
Email: info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au
www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Spring Creek Community House
Open hours - Monday to Friday 9 am - 2 pm (during school terms)
34 Price St, Torquay  Phone: 5261 2583
Email: admin@springcreekcommunityhouse.org.au
www.springcreekcommunityhouse.org.au

Torquay Community Men’s Shed
Open hours - Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 am - 12.30 pm
38 Price St, Torquay
Email: mensshedtorquay@gmail.com

Department of Health and Human Services
State Government Offices, 30-38 Little Malop St, Geelong
Phone: 5226 4540
www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

Homelessness: Torquay

In Torquay, and along the Surf Coast, many people experience homelessness; are at risk of becoming homeless; or just need some assistance to get through to the next pay day.

Information on the following pages provides links, connections, phone numbers and locations, as well as descriptions about what is available in the Torquay area.
Salvation Army Torquay
35 Boston Road, Torquay Phone: 0411 159 068
Community Room open from 9.30 am - 3 pm, Monday to Friday
The Commuity Room has shower, washing machines, meals, tea/coffee, internet, food bank, and a Housing Support Worker on-site.

For homelessness assistance contact 1800 825 955
(24 hours, 7 days a week*)

Adult Entry Point - SalvoConnect
Assessment for crisis and transitional accommodation, financial assistance, intervention and advocacy.

Youth Entry Point - Barwon Child, Youth & Family (BCYF)
For young people (15-25 years old)
Services such as crisis accommodation and transitional housing; individual support for young people in or seeking, private rental, other accommodation options, exiting institutions or statutory care.

Torquay Food Aid
Rear house, 39 Puebla Street, Torquay
Open hours - Wednesday 1 - 3 pm
During these hours, local residents who are in need are welcome to come and receive fresh fruit, vegetables, bread and groceries free of charge. Clients will receive a friendly welcome and no judgements are made. Regular clients will be given a card which entitles to weekly help.

St Vincent de Paul Society (Torquay Conference)
Contact through Welfare Office, 162 Fyans Street, Geelong 5221 9170
Food, clothing, bill payments, referrals to other providers.

UnitingCare Geelong
Offices in Norlane (5278 8492), Grovedale (4210 1100) and Winchelsea (4210 1100)
Emergency Relief (food, clothing and material aid), Bills Assist (utility bills and budgeting), NILS loans, education assistance, volunteering; and Client Advocacy Linkage Worker.

Salvation Army Thrift Shop
14C Gilbert Street, Torquay
Open hours - Monday to Friday 9 am - 4.30 pm; Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

Surfcoast Anglican Parish Opportunity Shop
19 Pride Street, Torquay
Open hours - Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm; Saturday 9 am - 1 pm

Other services of interest
SalvoConnect, Geelong www.salvoconnect.com.au
Housing and homelessness
26-28 Bellarine Street, Geelong
Email: salvoconnecthousing@aus.salvationarmy.org
Community & financial support
26-28 Bellarine Street, Geelong
Women’s services
2a Settlement Road, Belmont
Mental health services
35 Myers St, Geelong
Alcohol and other drug services
Caro
Freecall: 1800 825 955
Phone: 5223 2434
Email: admin.acco@aus.salvationarmy.org
Phone: 5244 9500
Email: admin.sme@aus.salvationarmy.org
Phone: 5233 5400
Email: admin.schms@aus.salvationarmy.org
Phone: 5275 7011
Email: admin.gw@aus.salvationarmy.org

Barwon Child, Youth & Family (BCYF) www.bcyf.org.au
BCYF is an independent, not-for-profit community service organisation and is a recognised provider of quality service delivery to vulnerable and less advantaged youth and families with high and complex needs. Particular emphasis is placed on prevention and early intervention programs, complemented by a range of justice, counselling and support services.
12-14 Halsehead Place, Geelong West
Email: info@bcyf.org.au
Phone: 5221 4466

Bethany Community Support www.bethany.org.au
Bethany is a community service organisation which aims to improve the safety, wellbeing and participation of local children, families and individuals. Bethany provides services to help those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; assist people experiencing family violence; reduce the impact of problem gambling; and help build better relationships and stronger communities.
16 Ballarat Road, Hamlyn Heights
Email: info@bethany.org.au
Phone: 5278 8122