

天主教華人牧民處

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中華殉道諸聖及真福（慶日）

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進台詠

我們既有如此眾多如雲的證人，圍繞著我們，就該卸下各種累贅，及糾纏人的罪過，以堅忍的心，跑那擺在我們面前的賽程，雙目常注視著信德的創始者和完成者——耶穌。

讀經一

默示錄 7:9-17

我、若望，看見有一大夥群眾，沒有人能夠數清；他們是來自各邦國、各支派、各民族、各異語的；他們都站在寶座和羔羊面前，身穿白衣，手持棕櫚枝，大聲呼喊說：「救恩來自那坐在寶座上的、我們的天主，並來自羔羊！」

於是，所有站在寶座、長老和那四個活物周圍的天使，在寶座前，俯伏於地，朝拜天主，說：「阿們。願讚頌、光榮、智慧、稱謝、尊威、權能和勇毅，全歸於我們的天主，至於無窮之世。阿們。」

長老之中，有一位問我說：「這些穿白衣的人是誰？他們是從那裡來的？」

我回答他說：「我主，你知道。」

於是，他告訴我說：「這些人是由大災難中來的；他們曾在羔羊的血中，洗淨了自己的衣裳，使衣裳雪白。因此，他們得以站在天主的寶座前，且在他的殿內，日夜事奉他。那坐在寶座上的，也必要住在他們中間。他們再也不餓，再也不渴；烈日和任何炎熱，再也不會損傷他們，因為，那在寶座中間的羔羊，要牧放他們，要領他們到生命的水泉；天主也要拭去他們眼上的一切淚痕。」

上主的話

答唱詠

詠16

【答】：天主，求你保佑我，因為我只投靠你。

領：天主，求你保佑我，因為我只投靠你。我對天主說：「唯有你是我的上主，唯有你是我的幸福。」上主，你是我的產業，是我的杯爵，有你為我守著。【答】

領：因此，我心高興，我靈喜歡，連我的肉軀，也無憂安眠。因為你絕不會將我遺棄在陰府，也絕不會讓你的聖者見到腐朽。【答】

領：請你將生命的道路，指示給我；唯有在你面前，才有圓滿的喜悅；永遠在你右邊，也就是我的福樂。【答】

讀經二

致羅馬人書 8:35,37-39

弟兄姊妹們：

誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕？是困苦嗎？是窘迫嗎？是迫害嗎？是飢餓嗎？是赤貧嗎？是危險嗎？是刀劍嗎？

然而，靠著那愛我們的主，我們在這一切事上，大獲全勝，因為我深信：無論是死亡、是生活、是

天使、是掌權者，是現存的，或將來的事物，是有權能的，是崇高的，或深遠的勢力，或其他任何受造之物，都不能使我們，與天主的愛隔絕，即是與我們的主耶穌基督之內的愛隔絕。

上主的話

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：飢渴慕義的人是有福的，因為他們要得飽飫。為義而受迫害的人是有福的，因為天國是他們的。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音

聖瑪竇福音 5:1-12

那時候，耶穌一見群眾，就上了山，坐下；他的門徒來到他面前，他於是開口教訓他們說：

「神貧的人是有福的，因為天國是他們的。」

「哀慟的人是有福的，因為他們要受安慰。」

「溫良的人是有福的，因為他們要承受土地。」

「飢渴慕義的人是有福的，因為他們要得飽飫。」

「憐憫人的人是有福的，因為他們要受憐憫。」

「心裡潔淨的人是有福的，因為他們要看見天主。」

「締造和平的人是有福的，因為他們要稱為天主的子女。」

「為義而受迫害的人是有福的，因為天國是他們的。」

「幾時人為了我而辱罵迫害你們，捏造一切壞話毀謗你們，你們是有福的。你們歡喜踴躍吧！因為你們在天上的賞報是豐厚的。」

上主的話

領主詠

上主試煉了義人，好像爐中的黃金；悅納了他們，有如悅納全燔祭。



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暫停平日彌撒及敬禮

由於林神父參與青年宿營，7月9日 (星期二) 至7月11日 (星期四)，所有平日彌撒和敬禮暫停。7月12日 (星期五) 恢復正常。

信仰探討講座 (聖奧斯定會主持)

逢星期日上午10時半至11時15分，在堂區會議室舉行，歡迎參加。請參閱未來幾週的講座內容：

日期	內容	講者
14/07/2024	宗徒大事錄	Peter Lee
21/07/2024	斐理伯初期教會的貢獻	Christopher Cheng
28/07/2024	初期教父－簡介	Bosco Yu

聖經幼稚園 (網上講座) 林勝文神父主講聖經各書卷導讀

逢每月第二及第四個星期六，晚上8時至9時在網上舉行。下次舉行日期：7月13日。

報名及查詢請WhatsApp或傳短訊給牧民處熱線 0411 192 278

僕人領袖訓練工作坊

由聯合悉尼天主教華人團體統籌，來自香港的耶穌會士黃錦文神父，帶領香港天主教「小團體中心」的成員，在2024年7月20至28日於Flemington和Kingsgrove的聖堂，舉辦信仰小團體的培育及訓練。詳情和報名請參閱海報、單張，或掃描附上的二維碼。歡迎大家踴躍參加。



耶穌會士黃錦文神父粵語講座

主題：神恩與教會

日期：7月26日 (星期五)

時間：晚上7時半至9時半

地點：聖莫尼加堂禮堂

主日午餐暫停

主日彌撒後午餐，由7月14日至28日暫停供應；8月4日恢復。敬請留意。

聖堂屋頂維修

聖堂屋頂的瓦片要維修，教友如有推薦屋頂維修的師傅，請WhatsApp或致電Sumod Abraham 0400 865 406 (只說英語)，他是英語牧民議會的成員。

中華殉道諸聖及真福慶日 答唱詠選自聖詠第16篇。

原文有標明是「達味金詩」，相信是達味君王所撰，但「金詩」一詞卻頗廢解。有聖經學者認為是達味君王最高水準的珍貴詩篇（故稱為「金詩」），亦有學者說是「刻在石碑上的經文」之意，更有學者未作定論。聖詠集內只有六篇標明是「達味金詩」（詠16; 56; 57; 58; 59; 60）。

按內容，這篇聖詠似乎是達味蒙難時（可能是撒上26章的記載），受了天主的啟示，領悟到將來默西亞，甚至聖教會所受的苦難，抒於歌詠，同時亦預言默西亞的復活，和聖教會怎樣光榮天主。因此按字面，是達味向上主詠讚，按整體卻超越了達味的經驗，而是天主預言默西亞的苦難和復活。聖伯多祿和聖保祿兩位宗徒，都曾引這篇聖詠來證明耶穌是默西亞，並按經上所載，由死者中復活（見宗2:25; 13:35）。

答句出自第1節（天主，求你保佑我，因為我只投靠你），這是教會經常向上主呼求的禱詞。

第5節（上主，你是我的產業，是我的杯爵，我要得你的基業，有你為我守著），達味用「產業」來描繪他與上主的緊密關係，並預示基督與教會，互相成為對方的「產業」。

第9至10節（因此我心高興，我靈喜歡，連我的肉軀也無憂安眠。因為你絕不會將我遺棄在陰府，你也絕不讓你的聖者見到腐朽）清晰地預示默西亞的苦難與復活，宗徒和初期教會都一直這樣詮釋，甚至犧牲自己的性命來見證福音的真理。

第11節（請你將生命的道路指示給我，唯有在你面前有圓滿的喜悅，永遠在你右邊也是我的福樂），這節指出聖教會的使命：就是引領世人皈依天主。

✠ 聖文神父 ✠

為不參與主日彌撒的天主教徒的意見調查（英語）

澳洲主教團現正收集不參與主日彌撒的天主教徒的意見，嘗試了解他們和推動相應的牧民計劃。如有18歲以上，並經常不出席主日彌撒的天主教徒願意回答問卷，請掃描附上的二維碼，並答覆內載的問題。這問卷只需約10分鐘時間，並且不會收集個人資料。謝謝閣下幫忙。
2024年8月20日截止。



聖彌額爾禱文

聖彌額爾總領天使，在戰爭的日子裏保衛我們，免我們陷入魔鬼邪惡的陰謀，和奸詐的陷阱中，我們謙卑地祈求，但願上主譴責牠。上主萬軍的統帥，求你因上主的威能，把徘徊人間，引誘人靈，使其喪亡的撒彈及其他邪靈，拋下地獄裏去。亞孟。



Scripture : Mark 6: 1-6

Observation:

In this week's passage, we see the rejection of Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth of all places. They were surprised at Jesus's wisdom and even the few sick people he cured were in disbelief. At the time of Jesus's return, he had accomplished many miraculous feats already and had earned a bit of a name for himself in foreign lands. However, instead of a "hero's welcome", the people of his own town, who supposedly knew him best were skeptical. They saw him as just the carpenter and Mary's son. They were most likely thinking "How dare Jesus teach us about God's words, who gave him the rights, who does he think he is". As father Ephraim explained in his homily a few weeks ago, the whole theme of the Gospel of Mark is Jesus asking "Who do you say I am?" To the people of his hometown, he only sees him as a common man without any status or credentials. They cannot see or believe he is also fully God. Despite this, Jesus still healed a few sick people in Nazareth. If you remember last week's gospel, Jesus healed a hemorrhaging woman and brought the synagogue leader's daughter back from the brink of death. The message is "Believe and you will be healed". Despite lacking faith, Jesus still extended his compassion and grace to heal a few people. God still reveals himself to the people, in the hope of growing the slimkest of faith.

Application:

This is a very true reflection of today's common view of Christianity and Jesus. Most people can agree that Jesus existed and that he was a teacher or prophet, executed by the Romans under Pontius Pilot. However, the majority of the world does not believe he is the son of God or God, nor that he resurrected and ascended into Heaven. How often have you been skeptical about who Jesus is? When we have doubt about God and our faith, we are limiting God's impact on us. It is not a bad thing to ask questions, but if we ask who Jesus is, then we need to do everything we can to find the answer. Most atheists will ask the question but leave it at that, and remain skeptical. God has already given us the answer in the bible, and there is no excuse not to try to find the answer because there are so many excellent resources out there these days from formal degrees in theological studies to YouTube videos and podcasts from well-known Priests and scholars. So we must go the step further to regularly read the bible, study scriptures, and attend mass so that we can answer Jesus's question "Who do you say I am".

Prayer:

Dearest Lord, thank you for your unlimited compassion, grace, love and power. Even when we have doubt, you continue to reveal yourself to us in different ways. Please give us the perseverance we need, and let those who are lacking faith be inspired to find the truth which is you. May the numerous scholars and teachers of your word continue to be guided by you so that we may be able to understand your word as you intended. I humbly ask this of you in Christ's glory, Amen

Youth Announcements

St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

Youth Group continues for another month in the community room, starting at 10:30AM! Feel free to drop by for some games and friendly chats! 😊



Entrance Antiphon

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

First Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

"For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The One who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16

(R.) Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life; the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

MATTHEW 5:1-12A

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.