



The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are proud to present *The Catholic Contribution*, a virtual lecture series from Professor John Haldane.

The aim of this series is to understand the nature, development and self-understanding of Catholicism and its contribution to the culture of Europe and beyond, not just historically but through to the present day and into the future.

This means going to its origins in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the experience of the apostles in making sense of these, as well as in founding communities based upon them, in which those teachings were preserved and transmitted to the wider world.

Turning from the concerns and controversies of the present day to deeper and more enduring matters, the series will explore the Catholic contribution from historical, cultural and philosophical perspectives to build a picture of Catholicism as providing a clear-sighted, realistic and ennobling understanding of human nature.

All lectures are uploaded to *The Catholic Contribution* website: macs.vic.edu.au/Haldane Attendance is free and open to all.

- What does it mean to be Catholic?
 - The Jewish/Classical Synthesis
 - Rebuilding of the West
 - The Church and Society
- Catholic Anthropology and Catholic Education
 - Professor Haldane in Discussion

LITURGY OF THE WORD

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
Isaiah 55:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Some people use their authority to oppress others and win glory for themselves. They make their authority felt. Good leaders exercise their authority lightly, using it to help people live and work together. In today's Gospel Jesus describes his authority in terms of service and self-sacrifice: he 'came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.' How do we exercise authority within our family, workplace, society and Church?

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Psalm 32

NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Prayer during Times of Crisis II

As we try to grow in faithfulness to prayer, we will encounter obstacles. We might have a certain reluctance to open ourselves to God. We may fear that if we start praying regularly, the Lord will confront our mediocrity or lead us on a path where we will no longer have as much control over our lives. We may be tempted to feel weary or discouraged, or we may feel that we are not making progress. The devil tries to do everything he can to turn us away from prayer because he knows that a soul that prays is lost to him. We may also suffer from the constant pull of the media in modern society, as well as a fear of loneliness and silence. It is easier to scroll on the phone than to stand in silence in the presence of God!

Another obstacle is a false conception of prayer, which is quite common. To be fruitful, to give us peace, to strengthen our faith and increase our charity, we often think that our prayer has to be “successful”—accomplished as perfectly as possible—an accomplishment that we can be satisfied with. But this is not the Christian view of prayer.

To pray is not to perform but to welcome God in our poverty, in our powerlessness. It is not about being effective, about producing a result, but about being with God. God does not need our works, but he thirsts for our love, says Thérèse of Lisieux.

We can sometimes feel poor, distracted, without any enthusiasm, fragile and imperfect, but none of that matters. I would even say the opposite: our weakness forces our prayer to be not a beautiful accomplishment of which we can be proud, but the cry of the poor. “This poor one cried out and the Lord heard,” says Psalm 34:7. And this is the only prayer that pierces through to the heavens. Paradoxically, the prayer of the poor is a joyful prayer: the joy of experiencing that God’s love is infinitely greater than our limits.

It is good to receive graces or enlightenment during prayer, but this is not necessary. For prayer to really make us touch God, and to allow ourselves to be touched by him, it does not need special insights or consolations. It only needs to be faithful and persevering, a sincere act of faith and trust, and an expression of our true desire to love.

Fr. Jacques Philippe wau.org

May They Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased
Fr Karl Emerick OP
Fr Noel Oliver
Patricia Woolfe

Anniversaries of Death
Gordon Pritchard
George & Alice Masterson
Marjorie McComb
Jack & Kath Coburn



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
17.10.2021

**CHURCHES ARE CLOSED
DURING LOCKDOWN**

Sunday Mass

from

St Patrick's Cathedral

11am

Channel 44

melbournecatholic.org.au

Daily Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral

Prayer of the Day

Daily readings

Saint John Paul II - Friday 22 October

A native of Wadowice, Poland, Karol Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II in 1978. Among his many accomplishments as pope, he made 104 apostolic journeys outside Italy and promulgated a new catechism. He inaugurated World Youth Day and the World Meeting of Families. John Paul II died on 2 April 2005.

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness," he told young people in the year 2000. "He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted...It is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle."

BAPTISMS

Sundays 11:30am
by appointment
Covid-19 restrictions apply.

WEDDINGS

At least six months notice.
No Sunday weddings.
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- to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community;
- to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the 2001 legislation of the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.
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The Catholic Contribution

Educated by the Jesuits in Scotland, at art schools in Kent and London, and at the University of London, John Haldane is Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of St Andrews, Scotland; Affiliated Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Baylor University, United States; Professor of Virtue Theory at the University of Birmingham, England; and Professor of Philosophy of Education at the Australian Catholic University (Melbourne). He has written for a number of newspapers and appeared on radio and TV in the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia, including *The Drum* and *Q+A*.

Professor Haldane's virtual lecture series is advertised in today's Parish bulletin.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Archdiocese of Melbourne advises that all religious workers, that is, people (paid and volunteers) who work at or in connection with a place of worship will be subject to Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions.

Religious workers in our Parishes would typically perform (but not limited to) roles such as parish secretary, bookkeeper, livestreaming technicians and assistants, musicians, liturgical ministers and domestic support, cleaners, etc.

Consistent with advice from the Vicar General, all clergy are strongly encouraged to receive vaccination for the care of the people they minister to and for the common good. Fr Pritchard has received both AZ vaccinations.

MenALIVE offers weekly refuel! each Tuesday 7.30pm on zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/87979703609

This time spent with men throughout Australia and New Zealand to review next Sunday's Mass readings using the SOAP method: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.

Columban Art Calendar 2022 \$9

Magellan Christmas cards 10 cards \$7

Available from the Parish Office. These can also be delivered to your home address. Please contact the Parish Office 94606036 or reservoir@cam.org.au

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