

'FULFILLING & ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION IN LIFE'  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A ~ 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

IMAGINATION TO REFLECT ON THE MISSION OF JESUS

As we reflect on our mission in life as disciples of Jesus,  
let us take time and imagination to reflect on the mission of Jesus.

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:17-37

Jesus says in today's Gospel:

***"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets;  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfil."***

Matthew 5:17

Jesus goes on to say

***"... not one stroke of a letter,  
will pass from the law until all is accomplished."***

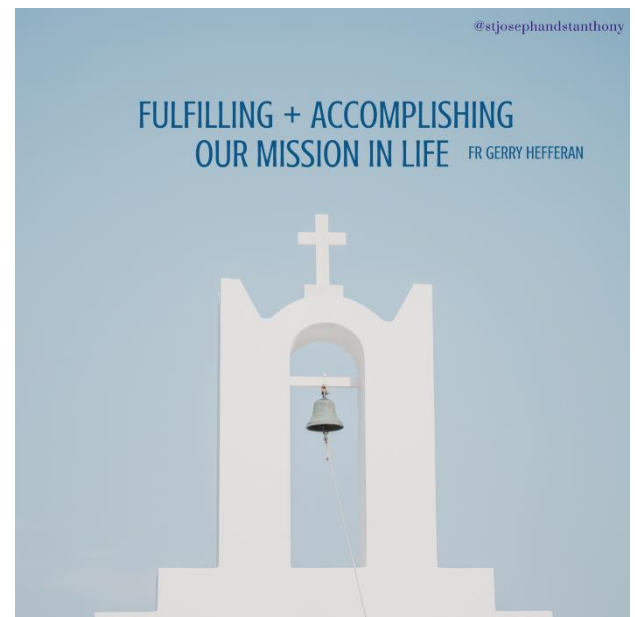
Matthew 5:18

MISSION OF JESUS

The mission of Jesus ***"to fulfil"*** and ***"until all is accomplished"***.  
Let us remember the mission of Jesus in verbs.

We think of Jesus as he

- Prays and teaches us to pray,
- Loves and shows us how to love,
- Invites us to follow,
- Calls us to repent.
- Quotes from the scripture,
- Enlightens us as disciples,
- Teaches people, Listens to people
- Challenges, heals,
- Looks deep within us,
- Enjoys hospitality,
- Preaches,
- Proclaims the kingdom of heaven,
- Summarises the two greatest commandments,
- Is moved with compassion,
- Lives humbly, acts humbly, acts justly,
- Travels around Galilee and up to Jerusalem as he fulfils the prophecies,
- Explains with parables,
- Shows mercy, announces the Good News,
- Offers himself at Eucharist,
- Suffers for us,
- Dies for us,
- Rises from the dead,
- Commissions us,
- and saves us.



And we can add more verbs to his ministry.  
Sometimes in the English language, we don't have a single word to translate another word in Biblical Greek, including some verbs.  
Hence above, you find two or more words to translate a verb from Biblical Greek.  
The mission to fulfil and to accomplish involves us too.  
Our faith is active. We live our faith.  
We use verbs to show our faith in action.

## REFLECTION

We are invited this week to read again each of the verbs and phrases in the list above.  
We can think of an example of each one either in the Gospels or in our own lives.  
And in our prayer, we take time to thank God for each of them.

For example:

We think of how God loves us.  
And we thank God for loving us.

We think of how God has commissioned us and what that means.  
And we thank God for our purpose in life through our commissioning by Jesus.

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The Kingdom of Heaven is not about privilege and status.  
It is not about domination over others.  
And it is not about loading burdens on others.

Jesus says:

***“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”***

Matthew 5:20

Already we see the call to be humble as disciples.  
Over this year, as we read the whole of the Gospel of Matthew, we shall appreciate in a prayerful and active way what “the Kingdom of Heaven” and “righteousness” mean.  
Already in this chapter, we know that the Beatitudes point the way.

Next weekend we shall ponder what it means to love your enemy, as part of righteousness and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Margaret is now invited to come forward and show us some of the opportunities that we will have during the season of Lent this year.

Fr Gerry

[Readings: <https://universalis.com/Australia/20200216/mass.htm>]