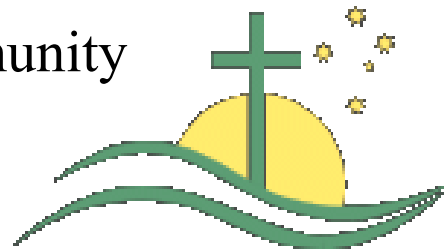




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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 27-28 August, 2022

Let's be a prayerful people

(by Fr. Trevor Trotter, in The Far East Magazine, August, 2022 ed.)

I had the privilege of being part of the second Assembly of the Plenary Council in Sydney in early July. I think it is highly significant that with a membership of 277 plus support staff, over 300 people gathered for a week to listen to what God wants for the Australian Church.

A friend said to me, "If all the Plenary Council does is tell everyone to use lectio divina and learn to meditate, then all will be well." I think it was a marvellous suggestion and, while not the solution to everything if we become a people that prays, we will be guided along the right path. We do not call Jesus the Good Shepherd for nothing!

The Plenary Council referred to lectio divina (divine/holy reading) as spiritual conversations. it formed the first part of every session. It is a centuries-old practice of prayer. In simple terms, it is reading a bible passage and focusing on a particular idea or word that has an impact on us. Then we sit silently, wondering if this is God speaking to us.

We then reread the passage and double-check our response. The second time around, some other word may strike us. Again, we sit with it, allowing it to settle in our minds and hearts. Because we began by asking the Holy Spirit to direct us, we can believe this is God trying to tell us something. This is lectio divina, but the term spiritual conversations adds the further dimension of sharing the reflections of others to the conversation between God and myself. It is an invitation to consider what is significant to them. As I hear from each one in the group, the possibility of discerning a consistent message emerges.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst." He was talking about us, because as believers, we know that God is always with us and wants to draw us closer. God wants to communicate with us and, if we listen, it is enriching.

This was a new experience for some at the Plenary Council. They said they were amazed at the power of the experience, which reinforced my friend's comment. If lay people, bishops, priests and religious share with each other what they hear God saying, and listen together, we will have learned a great way of praying. If we then share this gift at home, the Plenary Council will have been a great success. The Good Shepherd has promised to look after the sheep and if we come to know his voice, we will be able to follow.

When I attended the first Assembly of the Plenary Council last year, the discussion in my small group was how to help people grow in their prayer life, in their relationship to God. "Learning to pray" sessions in the Church are rare, as we somehow expect people to know automatically.

A woman once told me she had a list of about 150 people she prayed for each day but did not know what to do after that. I reassured her the Christian community has been praying for people for centuries. We all pray for family, the poor, the oppressed and those in need. It is natural to bring the concerns of our heart to God.

I suggested another way of praying. Read a short gospel passage in which Jesus says or does something. Imagine herself among those listening or watching. Ask if she responded warmly to Jesus' words or actions, his tone of voice or physical demeanour, and then share what she wants with the Lord.

St Ignatius prayed this way, as have millions of people since. Let us pray for each other and ask that all of us in the Church may find our way to God through our prayer.

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/-34cEUIkP00>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

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Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

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SIGN UP FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you wish to take part in our liturgical ministries, but have not filled out the sign-up sheet, they are available at the entrances to the church. Please take one home and return it to the Parish Office once completed. Remember we need both your mobile number and email address

REFLECTION NIGHT FOR MINISTRIES

As a follow up from last week's invitation to join in our liturgical ministries, we are planning to hold a reflection night and training for those who are interested in taking up a role. This invitation is also for those who are already rostered in as we have some slight changes in what we are currently doing which will be addressed on the night. Below is the date & time:

Reader/Commentator and Communion minister to be held on
TUESDAY, 6th September at 7pm in the Church

Altar Server is on **FRIDAY, 9th September at 7pm** in the Church for training, then followed by a gathering in the Annexe (pizza provided)

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

St Paul Apostle SOUTH School is planning to start a 'chess club' at the school for their students. If you are able to play chess and wish to help the school (on a volunteer basis) please contact Paul Gleeson, principal of the South School, on 9700 3663. Please note that you **MUST** have a current and valid Working With Children Card.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you wish your child to be a part of this year's program please contact the parish office to obtain the registration form. You may also download it from our website: <https://www.melb catholic.org/s/endeavourhills>. Completed form must be returned by **Friday, 2nd September, 2022**. The child must be at least in grade 6 this year and have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. If you have any queries, please contact us by email office@stpaulapostle.com.au or call us on 9700 3781. Cost is \$20 per child. The following dates are the important sessions which you must attend:

Tuesday, 4 October – First Family night in the church at 7pm.
Follow by 3 sessions/ class either at the schools or after school RE class

Tuesday, 15 November - Final Family night at the church at 7pm

*** Children are required to attend both Family nights with their parents*

Thursday, 17 November Meeting in the Church with the Bishops at 2.15pm

- Notes:
- This session is only for children (no parents)
 - You need to drop off your child at Church around 2pm
 - Please make sure you sign them in when you drop them off
 - Session will end around 3.15pm

Saturday, 19 November

Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation at 1.30pm or 3.30pm

(you can only choose a time after the First family night and entry based on first in first served)

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE

We notice that there are still many of the NEW thanksgiving envelopes which have not been picked up. Please remember to pick your envelope on your way out, after Mass this weekend. They are arranged in STREET ORDER. Therefore, if you wish to find your envelope, please look under your STREET'S NAME (eg. If you name is 'SMITH' and lives in 'RAVENHILL CRES', please find it under 'R') We would also appreciate if you could help to deliver those who lives in your street, so that we can minimise the mailing cost. If you are not in the thanksgiving and would like to take part in it, please fill in a form that are available in the foyer and drop it off in the Parish Office so that we can include you in it.

REFLECTION BOOK

'More with Jesus' is a 30-day faith exploration resource intended to help Catholics reflect on the significance of their baptism. This booklet is available either at the Parish office or the Piety stall at \$5 each. It is a worthwhile read and fits just nicely into a small travelling bag

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will have a special collection to support the Catholic Mission. Collection baskets will be at the door as you leave the Church, after Mass.

One the weekend of **10/11 Sept** our Justice Group will be having the egg collection to help the asylum seekers.

THANK YOU

The Special collection which we have 2 weeks ago for Passionist Congregation in Vietnam received \$4095.95. We thank you for your generous support for their mission work

Readings:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29;
Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24;
Lk 14: 1, 7-14

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9: 13-18;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14: 25-33

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Monica Evans, Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Robert D'Silva, Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Mary Fitzsimmons FMM, Peter Hattie, Perpetuo Socorro Gonsalves, Andre Machado, George Overlunde, Rosie Brown, Vicky Robin, Ivan Patrick D'Cruz, Marivic Sarto, Francis Pacheco, Louis Charles Kerver, Georges and Alberta Dhondee (and deceased family members), Enaud and Bethina Nicolas (and deceased family members)

and all who are named in our church memorial book



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

