



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 30 Sept—1 Oct, 2023

IN MEMORIAM OF FR. BRIAN GLEESON CP

Brian Peter Gleeson was born on May 20th 1936 in Melbourne. His parents had come to Melbourne seeking employment during the depression and were managing a boarding house in St Kilda at his time of birth. As soon as the opportunity for employment arose in their home area of Western Victoria they returned and settled in a Corrugalac, a small farming community outside of Colac. Brian was one of eight children and grew up in a loving family with faith being a central component of their daily life.

It was a Passionist mission in the local Parish that first piqued Brian's interest in Passionist life and a few years later he found himself at the pre-noviate house in Goulburn at age 14. He was professed in 1956, before his ordination in 1961. Brian would go on to minister in multiple houses throughout the Province in a variety of roles that included community leader, Parish Priest, and a member of the Provincial Council. Brian was first and foremost a Passionist; he never missed Passionist gatherings, assemblies and Chapters and his knowledge of things Passionist all over the congregation was prodigious. Brian's central passion and ministry was in the world of academia and he found himself doing doctoral studies in Louvain. Former provincial Tom McDonough, who studied with Brian in Louvain said that during his time in Louvain, Brian grew deep; he found a home in reading, research and study. It was Eucharist and Christology that caught Brian's imagination and these would remain his passion for the whole of his life.

Brian did have his complexities. His whole formation was strict, ordered and authoritarian and he navigated the reforms in religious life with some difficulty. Brian's countenance could certainly be described as conservative and he occasionally enjoyed the privileges that came with being a cleric. On the other hand, his theology was always personal, inviting and calling people to a deeper understanding of God's love for them. The beauty of God's love evident in the sacraments and the importance of communal worship over rubrics were forefront in his thinking. People feeling alienated from the Church would find a warmth in Brian's teaching. Brian's other great passion was food and his "sweet tooth" was a constant throughout his life. After any feast or celebration Brian would famously say "I think I will treat myself" and he always did. This particular penchant did however extend to "treating" many people with a softer, kinder and more invitational theology; a theology that enabled people to overcome some of the excessive imposition which harshened God and the Church. Brian was kind in life and kind in his theology.

I will finish with the words from Brian's funeral spoken by Tom McDonough:

As so often at someone's passing, we get to see their whole life in perspective, all the varied moments, the challenges and the achievements, the highs and lows. And we appreciate in a new light all that shaped their lives, all that made them who they were. We realise anew how much they meant to us, and how much we will miss them now that they are gone.

Rest In Peace

(Written by Fr Brendan Connell CP)



Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm

Sunday
9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

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<https://youtube.com/live/jBVLsjwracc?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:	Passionist Community	St Paul Apostle North	St Paul Apostle South	St John's
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)	Fr Brendan Connell CP	Primary School	Primary School	Regional College
Fr Luke Bulley CP	Fr Kevin Hennessy CP	Ph. 9700 6068	Ph. 9700 3663	Ph. 9791 3366
	Fr Luke Bulley CP	Principal	Principal	Principal
Parish Staff:	Dcn Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP	Mrs Mary Lucas	Mr Paul Gleeson	Mr Tim Hogan
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)				
Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

Readings for Next Week

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah. are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm

You brought a vine out of Egypt
you drove out the nations and planted it
It sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River

Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit”
The boar from the forest ravages it
and all that move in the field feed on it

Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted

Then we will never turn back from you
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts
let your face shine, that we may be saved

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom

Questions for reflection

Q. What made the vineyard image so relevant for Jesus’ audience?

Q. In what ways has God shown the patience and benevolence of the landowner in the story?

Q. In what ways do people of the world today act as though God is not the ‘landowner’?

Q. How do you think you need to respond personally to the message of this gospel?

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please remember that we have a handout for the children to take home to be used as discussion material with their family. Children's' liturgy will resume on Sunday the 8th of October

YOUTH GROUP

After our second successful Youth Group with about 30 children, we're looking forward the next one on **Friday the 13th of October at 7pm** in the Annexe. Food will be provided (please let us know about any dietary requirements), and we ask for a donation of \$5 per child. Again, we ask that we keep this to just year's 5 to 9 so that we can keep the evening age appropriate.

If you'd like any more info, either speak to Fr Luke, or call Trish Brown on 0412 357 350.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation program is now closed. Those who have registered will soon receive emails from us. The emails will have more information on the program. In the mean time, please remember the following important dates:

First family night on Tuesday, 3 October at 7pm
4 classes either at Parish Schools or ASRE for those who attend non parish schools.

Last Family Night on Tuesday, 14 November at 7pm
Meeting with Bishop on Thursday 16 November (TBA)

PIETY STALL

It has been more than 30 years since we first opened the piety stall. After suffering from flood damage and deterioration over time of other parts of the shop, it is in desperate need of a repairs. To that end, the shop will be closed for approximately 2 weeks in order to complete the renovations. Once completed we shall inform you all accordingly regarding the date of re-opening

COME AWAY DAY

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross Retreat Centre (the home of Passionists order in Melbourne) on **Tuesday, 28 November**. The theme of the day is "Invitation to new beginnings."

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross, situated at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe.

All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. You are invited to support these days financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407998781 or burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

is having their annual fundraising on FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2023. At Killester College, Kennedy Hall, 433 Springvale Road, Springvale. It is from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

There will be door prize, raffles, silent auction and bargains sale. Cost is \$100per person (includes Food and drinks)

This fundraising is to support the works of Wellspring for Women. This year the special guest is the honourable Gabrielle Williams MP. Please RSVP by 13 October using this [link](#) For more information please call 9701 3740 or email to jasmine@wellspringsforwomen.com

Readings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Ezekiel 18:25-28 ;
Philippians 2:1-11 ;
Matthew 21:28-32

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 5:1-7 ;
Philippians 4:6-9 ;
Matthew 21:33-43

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Horace Stolke, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Marie Kronomberg, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Lino Mainolfi, Fr Rob Egar (brother of Fr Tony Egar), Fr Brian Gleeson, Isabel Stefanovic, Nekita Araujo Boavida, Jovan Bodor, Hyacinth Parson, John Kukla **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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