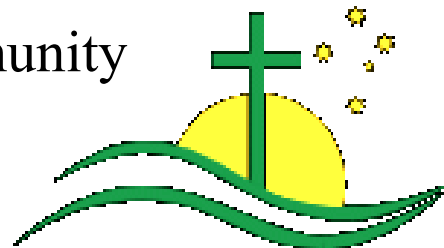




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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, 18-19 June, 2022

Everyday mysticism and mission

It was only last week that I first heard of "everyday mysticism". It is such a perfect way to describe how many live. So often we think of mystics as people who have extremely powerful and unusual experiences of God. We can think that if I have not had unusual experiences in prayer, then there is something wrong with me. How come I am missing out?

Most of us have experiences of God, but we do not call them that. Over time and with the help of others, we start to recognise that it is God who blesses us with a grace here and a grace there. These things that are happening to me are not just by chance. We start to think maybe God is interested in me. Maybe God is the Lord of my life. Maybe it is all right to believe that God's love of me is something that is active and real in my life. To grow in this belief is to come to be at ease with the idea that God does hold the world in love. God is within each of us and is not just sitting there doing nothing. God is really drawing us closer to Godself, to a greater intimacy with the one who creates the world! This is what it means to be living a mystical life.

What has this to do with mission? Some say, "Well these mystics are just sitting around praying. They need to get out there and help the rest of the world." I think this is to misunderstand what a mystic is doing. Any mystic is growing closer to Christ. Any mystic is sharing God's love and pathos for the world. Moved by compassion, a mystic is out there working with the Spirit to make the world a better place, to see the Kingdom of God coming into our little bit of the world. To grow as a mystic is to become a better missionary. Drawing closer to God means to share more deeply in God's mission for the world, the whole cosmos and all of us in it.

So everyday mysticism is not just a more human way of living, it is also a more effective way of being a missionary. Actually, it is also the purpose of mission. Everyone on earth was made by God and finds their fulfillment and happiness in God. As missionaries, our task is to help each person we meet on their journey into God. It is to help everyone to grow in their relationship with God and so to live more mystically. We become more and more mystical missionaries every day!

Whatever about being an everyday mystic I think that being a missionary in Australia or New Zealand today has its own challenges. The religious landscape has changed rather dramatically. Parents lament the fact that their children and grandchildren do not find in the Christian faith the deep satisfaction and security that they themselves find there. Likewise, priests are seeing shrinking numbers of people in the pews. This is also true in Ireland and most of Europe. Why is this so? There is talk of secularism, of different philosophies and cultural patterns. What can we do about all of these things? It is way beyond our competence to change the direction of such massive forces.

What we can do is to attend to the desire within our own hearts. We know when our spirits are dry, and we know when they are being nourished. Believing that this is all a hunger for God, we can keep searching, keep knocking and praying, that we may find the way. Our life in the Spirit takes time to grow. The change and transformation that goes on in us is an everyday thing. It is God helping us to grow through the relationships and experiences of our ordinary lives. We discover ourselves in this ordinary process of life and we also discover God there. As God becomes the centre and meaning of our lives, others will speak of us as "everyday mystics" who are doing our missionary best

(by Fr Trevor Trotter – The Far East Magazine May 2022 ed.)

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/Tezcu0TMmO8>

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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Mr Tim Hogan

Thanksgiving Mass of First Year Ordination

Fr Luke Bulley CP

Sunday, 3 July 2022 at 11am Mass

Follow by cuppa at the School Hall



Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share (finger food)
all are welcome to join

After School Religious Education Program (ASRE)

All children who are in this program, this is a reminder to you that your last class is on **Tuesday 12 July**. This will be followed by last Family Night in the Church on **Tuesday, 26 July at 7pm**. Attendance on all dates is compulsory.

ST. JOHN'S REGIONAL COLLEGE is having an Open Evening on **THURSDAY, 23 June 2022 at 6pm**. You are invited to tour the College to discover the opportunities for students from Year 7 to 12 including the New STEM building (opening 2022). To register please email www.sjrc.vic.edu.au

REFUGEE WEEK 19 TO 25 JUNE 2022

Theme of this year's refugee week is **HEALING**. Catholics across Australia are being invited to participate in a special Refugee Week prayer service, which will be streamed online on the evening of **Monday 20 June**.

The prayer service is being jointly hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace (OJEP)—both agencies of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. As the Refugee Council of Australia explains, 'healing can occur through storytelling, through community and also through realisation of our intrinsic interconnectedness as individuals.'

For more information and to register please [click here](#)



FAREWELL

This coming week we will bid farewell to two of our senior community members. Their family have sent their loving tribute.

MARIA LONGANO is no stranger to us. She faithfully attended 11am Mass on Sunday until she had to move to aged care. Below is a tribute from her family:



Maria Longano passed away peacefully on the 8th of June, surrounded by love. She had a courageous spirit and a compassionate heart. Her family was her world, and she remains with us and within us, dearly loved and always remembered.

As a member of the St Paul Apostle community, she served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during Mass. She also received an Apostleship Award as a faithful and long-time member of the parish, for her involvement in Liturgical Ministries, the Parish Fair and as a member of the Senior's Club.

Maria's funeral will be held on Monday 20th June in the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, commencing at 12:30pm

EGIDIO VALLERI known as Eddy, passed away this week.

Eddy religiously attended either Saturday evening Mass or Sunday 11am Mass and was an integral part of the small group who help out with collections during Mass. Only lockdown managed to temporarily stop him from coming. He returned as soon as the Church fully re-opened. His family sent their tribute to him:



A beautiful gentle loving man who lived for his family, friends and his faith. A man who loved us with a heart as big as the universe. A man of integrity and honesty. Now in God's kingdom

Eddy's funeral will be on FRIDAY, June 24th 2022 at 11am at Bunurong

JOSEPH KOSI - Funeral is at St Paul Apostle Church on Wednesday, 22 June at 9.30am. Follow by refreshment in the Annexe. We will include the tribute from his family next week

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick



Logotuli 'Henry' Peteru, Jo Sweeney, Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, 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

Joseph Kosi, Maria Longano, Egidio Valleri, Bruno Cerdor, Yvonne Parsons, Stephanie Bouquet, Ron Marinus Kluvers, Lesinali Tovo Faleafa, Eugene Rebeiro, Alex Samawi, Stephen D'Sousa, Maxi Perera, Felisberto Araujo, Regina Martyn, Jose Pinto, Etelvina Pinto **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Readings:

Corpus Cristi Sunday

Gen 14: 18-20;
1 Cor 11: 23-26;
Lk 9: 11-17

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19: 16, 19-21;
Gal 5: 1, 13-18;
Lk 9: 51-62

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