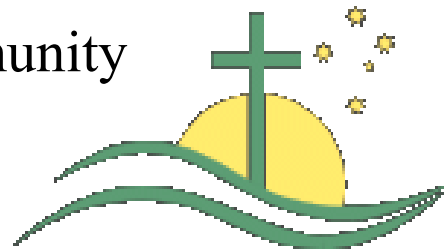




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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 17/18 September, 2022

Living in a changing Church

(taken from Far East Magazine June 2022 ed. Written by Fr Trevor Trotter)

Catholics around my age grew up about the time of Vatican II, so they know the Church is always changing. Just as my latest grand-niece, who was born last month, will grow and change throughout her life, she will always remain herself. So too does the Church, as she changes, she remains herself.

Pope Francis recently published a programme of change for the Roman Curia. The Curia is like the public service of the Vatican. It exists to help the pope run the Church. As you can imagine, a lot of really bright people working within the Curia give great service to the Church. Among the many changes announced by Pope Francis is one that will be quite significant for all of us. He said that from now on, it is not necessary to be ordained to have authority within the Curia. Over the last few years lots of sisters, in addition to lay men and women have been given important roles in the Vatican formerly held by priests.

Similar changes have occurred within the Church in New Zealand and Australia, but the whole process can be expected to accelerate now that the Vatican is going down the same path. For a pope who has proclaimed that synodality is the way for the Church this century, it is not surprising that he would endorse such a change. He also said Curia members must offer their resignation at the age of 75. A sensible ruling, one would think! A couple of weeks ago, we Columbans participated in a zoom meeting across Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

It was a highly positive experience. Many commented that because we included laypeople, seminarians and lay missionaries, together with priests in the discussions, the whole meeting had a fundamentally different tone from a gathering of priests only. As missionaries, we not only feel guided by the Spirit, we also look for signs of the Spirit at work in every place. The richness and freedom experienced over these days were clear signs to me of the Spirit at work in our midst. It confirmed my belief that the Spirit is at work in Oceania.

Like most religious congregations and missionary groups, we are changing. The obvious area is that in places like Australia and New Zealand hardly any men have been ordained to the priesthood in recent decades. Consequently, many tasks that priests carried out in the past are now fulfilled by our lay co-workers.

Just as with the whole people of God, the Church is living in changing times. For example, to preach the gospel of Jesus, Columbans are using the means of communication of our time. We are blessed to have co-workers familiar with social media and now, talking of on-line mission is becoming more natural. Old missionaries are not so good at using these technologies, but with the help of others, they can share their understanding of the gospel and the way it is lived in many different cultures and countries with the people of God in our own countries. In this way, we are all enriched.

Pope Francis recently said, "The Church must become increasingly synodal." From our Columban experience of the last few days of 'walking' and working together, we know we are on a synodal path. It is a great way to be Church.

One decision we made over the two days is to have a Columban Synod for Oceania. This will help us to continue to walk this path and look for the surprises that the Spirit has for us.

The Holy Spirit is continually creating our world and guiding each of us. Whether we are sitting in front of the computer or attending a bible discussion group or reading at Mass, we know that the Spirit of God is with us. As we yield to the inspirations of the Spirit, we continue the mission of Jesus who proclaimed, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (Luke 4).

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/tOeJ2Z6EIJU>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

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Principal
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South Primary School

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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's Regional College

Ph. 9791 3366
Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

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.

THANKSGIVING DEDUCTIONS FROM CREDIT CARDS & BANK ACCOUNTS

The Archdiocese has transitioned us to a new system with some small changes:-

- 1/ Each time a deduction is made an email will be sent to the email address we have on file for you. The email will be from "Endeavour Hills Parish". If you do not wish to receive these emails please call or email the office at Gillianv@stpaulapostle.com.au and we will stop this from occurring.
- 2/ Some parishioners split their payments between the Parish and the Priests. Previously this used to appear as one payment/deduction. On the new system they are processed individually and as such will appear as two transactions on your statement. This is out of our control and we are unable to change this as this is how the Archdiocese has set it up for split payments.
- 3/ In the past deductions were shown on your bank statement as from "St Paul Apostle Church". This will now show as "Archdiocese of Melbourne". Rest assured that the funds are definitely being paid to St Paul Apostle Church.

If you wish to discuss any of the above please feel free to contact Gillian via email or phone. Gillian is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

JUSTICE GROUP (JPIC) "EGG COLLECTION"

Our Parish Justice Group expressed their thanks for the tremendous support they received from all who donated to the egg collection last weekend. \$996.20 was kindly donated.

ENDEAVOUR HILLS ST VINCENT DE PAUL

is holding their 'late' **WINTER APPEAL** next weekend. We will conduct a third collection at all Masses on the weekend of **24/25th September 2022**. Your support for this appeal will be greatly appreciated.

DONATION FOR PALM

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme which helps to fill labour gaps in rural and regional Australia by offering employers access to reliable, productive workers from the Pacific Islands and Timor-Leste.

They have informed us that they are still accepting donation of secondhand clothing or blankets. If you wish to donate you may drop them off at the Parish Office during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm)

WELLSPINGS FOR WOMEN is having Fundraising Dinner on **THURSDAY, 6 October, 2022** at Springvale City Hall (405 Springvale Rd, Springvale) 6.30pm to 10.30pm. Cost is \$85 per person. There will be Music, Raffles and Door Prizes. To book please click [here](#)

REMEMBERING JIM HELM

As we wrote in our earlier newsletter, Jim, one of St Paul Apostle's Church founding parishioners, sadly passed away on 28th August. The family & friends of Jim wish to have a memorial Mass, to remember Jim, on our **7pm Wednesday Night Mass on 5th October 2022**. Mass will be followed by a cuppa and stories to share at the gathering space. We invite you to bring a plate to share

SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

Is having a **MISSION FETE** on **SATURDAY, 8 October, 2022** from 9am to 2.30pm. At the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew 3101. For more information please call 9817 3715

PARISH BINGO NIGHT

Please note that **FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER** is our next bingo night. at 7pm in the Annexe. Contacts are Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441



Readings:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7;
1 Tim 2: 1-8;
Lk 16: 1-13

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6: 1, 4-7;
1 Tim 6: 11-16;
Lk 16: 19-31

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Vernon Law, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Monica Evans, Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Christakis Isidiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Marcia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or home-bound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Vernon Clifford Kern, Victor Jayamaha, Queen Elizabeth II, James (Jim) Helm, Francika Zerebni, Andre Machado, Jim Boy Tortosa, Mary Fitzsimmons FMM, Peter Hattie, Perpetuo Socorro Gonsalves, Janine Batista, Luzia Florindo, John Kukla **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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

