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The World Youth Day

We will put some stories from the Journey to the World Youth Day in the coming few weeks

Below is an article extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine on pilgrims who journeying with the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese.

Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Melbourne met the Holy Father in Rome on Wednesday 26 July, in a special private audience as part of the lead-up to World Youth Day Lisbon. During the meeting, Pope Francis encouraged the pilgrims in their faith journey and happily answered questions on topics ranging from education to evangelisation, the environment and caring for our common home.

‘I’m very happy to welcome you here and to see such courageous young people’ said Pope Francis. When asked what message he wanted to get across to young people, the Holy Father simply said:

*‘The main message I want to get across is that the **Lord is always by your side—always.** Even in the most difficult moments, he is always with us. He never tires of walking with us!’*

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli expressed his deep gratitude to the Pope for taking the time to speak with the young Australians.

‘To have the Holy Father speak with our young leaders today, to listen to their own experiences, and to encourage them in their journey of faith is a real gift,’ he shared. ‘Melbourne pilgrims laughed and cried while listening to the wisdom of the Holy Father and his words of freedom, accompaniment, joy and encouragement. The Lord is good.’

‘As Pope Francis expressed recently, our faith and tradition have been enriched by the lives of those who have gone before us, and while the World Youth Day event is aimed at youth, we know that we are part of a larger tapestry of faith.’

Pope Francis welcomed the Melbourne pilgrims

and encouraged them in their journey of faith. Music and Religious Education teacher Aaron Charles from John Paul College in Frankston was visibly emotional after the papal audience. ‘It was incredibly unexpected! I asked Pope Francis what advice he had for us in being able to serve our small communities, and he said it’s not about imparting an idea, but imparting a relationship ... guiding your students and allowing them to make mistakes and be themselves and to grow into their own.’

The Melbourne pilgrims are a few days into their pre-WYD experience in Rome, and form part of the almost 600-strong group of pilgrims from the Archdiocese heading to World Youth Day via Italy, the Holy Land, Fatima and Lourdes. One group, travelling to Lisbon via ‘the Italian Way’, began their trip to Rome with a visit to the Church of the Gesù, where they heard about the life and works of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. The other group—led by Archbishop Comensoli and made up of young professionals from schools, parishes, and the health and social services sectors—is travelling on a unique formation experience, the ‘Emerging Leaders Program’, designed to open them to leadership in the life of the Church.

The two groups came together at Casa Santa Marta (the papal household) for this special meeting with the Holy Father.

Over one million young people are expected to descend on Lisbon next week for the 16th international World Youth Day. Our Melbourne pilgrims—youth, young leaders, clergy, religious and staff—will carry today’s special experience with them, along with the prayers of the Archdiocese.

‘World Youth Day will be a time of powerful spiritual encounter with the Lord for each pilgrim in their own personal journey of faith’, said Archbishop Comensoli.

‘It is something they cannot help but share on their return, and we look forward to the many fruits that will unfold.’

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

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/0zq4U4Hqpk0>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP

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2023 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

As our Year 4 children have now completed their First Communion program, we are commencing registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation program. This program is for all school children in years 6-8 who have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. If your child falls into this category and wishes to be a part of the 2023 program, registration is now open. You can obtain the registration form from either the Parish Office or our website (under "documents and forms" tab) or simply click here. Donation is \$25 per child. Please return the completed form to the PARISH OFFICE **no later than the 15th of SEPTEMBER** (Please do not return to the school office)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thank you to all who have signed up to help out at the children's liturgy. We kindly request you to contact Gillian at the Parish office during office hours to organize a time to meet with her. She will help you with obtaining all of the necessary documents. Please call before you come as you need to bring your IDs in order to apply for the documents. Please do not manage it yourself, as the parish will cover the associated costs (we are being charged a much lower rate)

ADORATION

We are very excited to be able to extend the adoration (exposing of the blessed sacrament) in our parish. This will commence with an introductory meeting next month (*date to be advised*). We would love to have your involvement and participation to firstly, attend an information session which will go for about 30 minutes and talk about the details of what this will entail. If you would like to know more, attend this session or be part of the adoration roster, please contact John Hendriks on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com



SPECIAL COLLECTION to support the work of Propagation of the faith

Propagation of the Faith supports the activities of priests, brothers and nuns in Mission areas. This weekend we will hold a special collection to assist them with their work.

YOUTH GROUPS

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the upcoming Young Adults Retreat due to low numbers. We will be discerning other ways for the young adults in our parish to remain connected in the coming months. We'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions about how we can support you! Feel free to contact one of the Parish Team, or Pastoral Council Members.

HOWEVER, Our Youth Group for year's 5-9 is a go!

Below is the details of the gathering

Youth Group Meeting

Open to grade 5 to year 9

Date: 11th August 2023
Time: 7pm to 9pm
Place: Tim O'Toole annexe
(building next to the church)

Pizza & Slushies Games

Bring your friends!

More information and registration:
TRISH BROWN
0412 357 350

Readings:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12 ;
Romans 8:28-30;
Mt 13: 44-52

Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday Yr A

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14;
2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Daniel Tee, Lucia Lay, Marie Kronomberg, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Zina Carlow, Denis Carlow, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anton Nadarajah, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Fr Brian Gleeson, Wilhada de los Reyes, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Rajendre Rasiah, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Horace Stolke, 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

Rosaria Nania, Patricia Meerwald, Claude Isaacs, Nigel Bulley, Charmaine Jayatilleke, Regis Cretin, Assunta Beltrano, Angela Leong, Michael Guthridge, Carmelus Rajadurai, Minoo Jones, Marilyn Hedrick, Percy Macleod, Cynthia Macleod, Mariana Villaseca, Tommy Fernando, Joe Madeira, Joe Trindade, Noel Burner **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

