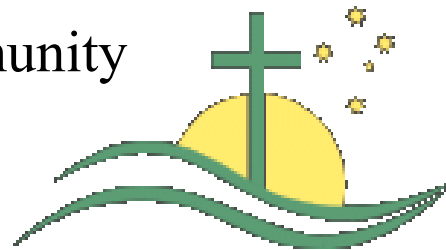




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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 6-7 August, 2022

Seek and nurture what is good, Pope tells the Church

The secret to Christian joy lies in 'knowing that we are loved, sustained and embraced by Christ in every situation in life,' Pope Francis told the assembly during his Vespers homily on Thursday 28 July. At Notre-Dame de Québec Basilica Cathedral, in the presence of bishops, priests, deacons, religious, seminarians and pastoral workers, the pontiff reflected on the themes of joy, secularism and how we can more effectively proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in our own day.

Joy is a powerful means of evangelisation, one born from knowing the absolute love of Jesus Christ. It is not a 'cheap joy', he said, 'like the one that the world sometimes proposes ... This joy is not about wealth, comfort and security.' Instead, it is about an experience of peace deep within that abides even when our external world is turbulent.

Pope Francis said that we must always ask ourselves:

'How are we doing when it comes to joy? Does our Church express the joy of the Gospel? Is there a faith in our communities that can attract by the joy it communicates?'

There are certainly challenges to this joy, he said, including secularism, a 'concept of life' by which the modern world is 'relegating God, as it were, to the background.'

Pope Francis outlined two ways we can respond to this challenge: one he cautioned against, and the other he characterised as a more truly Christian response.

The first he called 'the negative view', where people's faith is defined by a defensive and embattled posture, always feeling under attack. If this happens, 'We will close in on ourselves, lament our losses, constantly complain and fall into gloom and pessimism, which never come from God.'

The second response he called 'the discerning view', where people's faith 'discerns what is good and persistently seeks it, sees it and nurtures it.' This is not a naïve view, he said, but one that takes reality as it is without succumbing to the 'crusading spirit'. This perspective motivates us to find 'new languages and forms of expression' in evangelisation and to test our 'pastoral imagination'.

In an environment of secularism, Pope Francis said the Church faces a threefold challenge. First, the challenge is to 'make Jesus known'. There are many elements of the Christian faith that are 'secondary': this does not mean they are unimportant, but it does mean that they come after an encounter with Christ. It can be unhelpful to become preoccupied with these secondary aspects when people have not encountered and known Jesus Christ. For this reason, 'it is necessary to return to the initial proclamation.'

Second, the challenge is to 'witness'. What makes the faith credible to a culture is when it is lived authentically, 'when life itself speaks and reveals the freedom that sets others free, the compassion that asks for nothing in return, the mercy that silently speaks of Christ.' In our context, when the Church has been complicit in so many terrible sins against the vulnerable, the Church must be 'humble, meek and merciful' if it is to witness effectively.

Third, the challenge is to demonstrate 'fraternity': to serve all people as brothers and sisters, created in the image and likeness of God. In this way, the Christian community can become 'a school of humanity, where all can learn to love one another as brothers and sisters, ready to work together for the common good.'

(article taken from this week's Melbourne Catholic magazine)

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/d_sdYETfzE

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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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are delighted to inform you that we have finally set the dates for 2022's Sacrament of Confirmation program. 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.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills>



You must return the completed registration form 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.

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

(again please sign them out)

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)

Cost is \$20 per child

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

Our next gathering is on **THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST**, in the Church starting at 7.30pm with some reflection and followed by a cuppa. All are welcome

COME AWAY DAYS

The next date for this retreat is on **TUESDAY, 13 September 2022** at **HOLY CROSS CENTRE** (207 Serpells Rd, Templestowe VIC 3106) Booking is recommended to help the organizer in planning the days. To book please contact

Burke by phone 0407 998 781 or email burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au.

Cost/ offering will help in keeping this ministry going, as it has been. We invite you to support according to your means (suggested donation \$25 per person) **BYO LUNCH**

PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

We, Isabelle, Nick and our 6 kids are hoping to go on the Pilgrimage to Vietnam 2023 with the Passionist community.

We are seeking sponsorship to get there. If you would like to contribute we have a bank account setup for donations:

BSB: 063 103

Acct no: 1039 5996

Or you can chat with us after 9am mass.

Thank you for your consideration!"

Readings:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18: 6-9;
Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19;
Lk 12: 32-48

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10;
Heb 12: 1-4;
Lk 12: 49-53

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Monica Evans, Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Vicky Robin, Robert D'Silva, Logotuli 'Henry' Peteru, Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiu, 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

Ivan Patrick D'Cruz, Marivic Sarto, Francis Pacheco, Carlos Alberto Monteiro, Christina Quigley, Michael Haywood, Solange Pondard, Gaetan Brouard, Stephanie Bouquet, Eda Noyan, Claude Noyan, Carlos Afonso Henriques, Giuseppi Calderone **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

