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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 13 & 14 FEBRUARY 2010

“We welcome the stranger”

Parish Team

Fr Peter Carrucan PP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Margaret Maher fcj

Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)

Sr Maria Yen Bui MTGDL

Chaplains

Fr Philip Le & Fr Xua Nguyen
Vietnamese

Fr Lois Philippines

Fr John Malabar

Sudanese

Refugee Worker

Mathew Bul

Office Hours: Wed. 9am – 12 noon

Business Manager/Secretary

Sue O’Loughlin/Virginia Verano

Office Hours 8:30am/4:30pm Mon–Fri

Parish School

Principal - John Steele

Phone: 9366 2899

Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am, 6pm

12:30pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

1st Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm

2nd Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm

3rd Sun: Malibar Mass 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION: (English)

Sat: 10.00am - 10:30am

5:15pm - 5:45pm

Thurs: 7.00pm - 7:30pm

Sun: 12 noon - Vietnamese

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every month during a Mass. Preparation session - Thursday evening beforehand 7:30pm in the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made

Dear Friends,

LENT

Ash Wednesday is this week – 17th.

The Church begins her time of repentance, purifying her heart and clinging to the mercy of God. After that time of trial comes Easter... joy. The ways of renewal are simple and easy. No whip lashing or other kinds of torture. Prayer, fasting and the sharing of our possessions: these are the tried and tested ways that bring about renewal of our hearts.

As Ashes mark our foreheads the message is clear: we have a beginning and an end. Try and remember that basic truth. God is involved in the making and end of our lives. All the Church does is to remember. In the remembering and practice we are refreshed: our hearts turn readily to God. A cleanness overtakes us, like a washing inside.

PURPLE RIBBON

On Wednesday, we are offered a ribbon of purple colour. The ribbon is pinned to our clothes. We wear it telling others we are a Lenten people, set on a great process of renewal. We ask that all wear it for the 40 days.

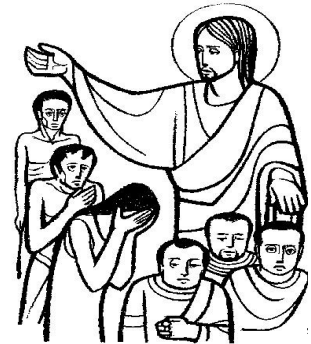
PROJECT COMPASSION

Our standing with the Caritas as we share from our wealth, good things that will help others find a better life. Boxes and envelopes are in the foyer. Bring back when full. The amount will be credited and a tax receipt will be yours.

I hope Lent goes well. Start slowly and build slowly over the 40 days. Above all, do something so that Easter finds us ready for the love God will give us.

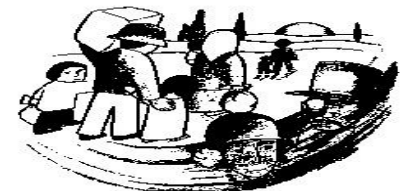
Peace,

Fr. Peter



An excerpt from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

‘Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of people who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: ‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.’



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THOUGHTS ON GIVING

“Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.” Luke 6:24 Jesus’ words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you? Remember the Bible teaches us to give 10%. How close are you to that level of giving?

Rosters next weekend

February Activities

Other News

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20/21 FEBRUARY

6:00 PM

Reader: Alaistair Surreo
Wendy Forbes-Perera

Head Spec Min: Marlene Bartolo
Spec Min: Charlie Busuttill
Mario Zammit
Carmen Camilleri
Cathy Bartolo
Dominic Bui
Mary Rose Spiteri

9:00 AM

Reader: Wilma Marmur
Leanna Surrao

Head Spec Min: Josephine Grixti
Spec Min: Mary Farrugia
Ana Brkljacic
Edith Gauci
Mini Eddy
Monica Lomen
Christopher Creo

11:00 AM

Reader: Frank Carreon
Bruno Barreca

Head Spec Min: Johanne Dajic
Spec Min: Anna Grima
Helen Maddela
Wally Antonowicz
Toni Antonowicz
Maryanne Craker
Judy Cross

6:00 PM

Reader: David Garrata
Head Spec Min: Ralph Perena
Spec Min: Sharon Perena
Tess Elano, Lucy Bosjnak

PIETY STALL 6 pm - J. Gatt
9 am - Volunteer
11am - L. Disco

CHURCH CLEANING

Week Beginning 15 February 2010
Group 8: Legion of Mary
Vietnamese
Tinh & Nhuong

FOOD BANK

Sat 20 Feb. Khai

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues: 16 Feb 9:00am
Wed 17 Feb 9:00am & 7pm
Thurs. 18 Feb 9:00am
Fri. 19 Feb 9:00am
Sat. 20 Feb 9:00am

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Mk. 8:11-13
Tue: Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (Ash Wed)
Thu: Lk. 9:22-25
Fri: Mt. 9:14-15
Sat: Lk. 5:27-32

ASH WEDNESDAY TIMETABLE

Masses: 9:00am and 7:00pm

Vietnamese 8:15pm

Please return your palms.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2010

Project Compassion promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world. Project Compassion Boxes available this weekend.

LENTEN PRAYER

Commencing Wednesday 24 February after Mass and continues during Lent with Sr Helen Mary fcJ. Booklet will cost \$5 per person.

PRECA CENTRE CATECHIST CLASSES

Have now commenced. Please attend to late enrolments immediately.

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Enrolments close this weekend. Application forms (yellow) in the foyer.

REFUGEE NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS)

The applications for loans are numerous, but at present, we have a waiting list because of shortage of funds. We have met with the Good Shepherd Family Services to learn how we can access the generous grants for this type of care

FOOD BANK

Donations accepted for the next monthly Food Bank on 5 March. Fruit and vegetables available each Wednesday-Friday from 2-4 pm.

SINGING GROUPS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 20: 6pm. Elvis Figredo
Sunday 21 9am Charlie Schembri
11am Carreon Family
6pm. Laririt family & Hong

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Angela Costa, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Baskel Saliba, Viviana Santos, Sam Tabone, Peter Vu, Cecilia Bozickovic, Tennous Boulus, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Tom Milinkovic, Peter Disco, Tess Micallef, Matija Latjman, Wasyl & Maria Lusak.

MARIAN COLLEGE - SUNSHINE WEST-

Year 7 2011 Info Night on 18 Feb at 7:30pm. Applications for Year 7 2011 will close 26 Feb 2010. For enquiries contact Andrea Michail on 9363 1711.

CRC ST ALBANS ENROLMENTS

YEAR 7 2011

Applications must be handed into the College office by end February. Tours available. Contact Anne Stokie on 9366 2544 or

anne.stokie@crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au for further information

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

In the Parish houses there are two families: a mother with 3 children, in the other, a father with 4 children. Also a student from Papua is sharing the rooms in the house of first family.

PARISH THANKSGIVING

New contributors always welcome! Donations may be made by credit card or direct debit if you wish.

Please take a card from the table in the foyer or contact the Parish Office during business hours on 9366 1310

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Saturday 13 February 11:00pm Mass
Sunday 14 February 12:30pm Mass
Monday 15 February 7pm Mass
Tuesday 16 February 7pm Mass

PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2010 - 15 prizes including 4 Ford cars. Tickets \$2. Parishioners are asked to take a book of 10 tickets and sell to friends. Available now.

RCIA

Meets each Thursday at the Parish School from 7pm to 8:30pm. If you know anyone inquiring about our faith, please let them know about our meetings.

SYMPATHY to Lou Millo and family on the death of Carole. A very generous person returns to the God of generosity. Funeral Service - Monday 14th 10am.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why we receive the ashes -

Following the example of the Nine vites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told -

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins - just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR MINISTRIES

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA

Children's Liturgy of the Word

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Music ministry

Choir member

Eucharistic Minister or Reader at Mass

Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick – housebound and hospital visits

Data Projectionist

Church Cleaner

Piety Stall

PARISH OUTREACH

Food Bank – Monday to Friday or 1st Friday of the Month

Financial Advisor – No Interest Loans Scheme

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN A/S/A/P

NAME**ADDRESS**.....

PHONE.....

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR

peoplespeak

gospel voices then and now

at a glance 

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Luke 6:17,20-26

Trust in the Lord

Hope in Christ

True happiness

Next Week

Led by the Spirit

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90

Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



Sixth Sunday Year C

14 February 2010

in a nutshell

Jesus calls 'happy' those who are poor or hungry or who weep. This sounds strange to us. But Jesus promises a great reward in the kingdom of heaven to those who suffer on his account. If we put our trust in the Lord and hope in him, the difficulties we encounter will not separate us from him, but be instead the means by which we will bear fruit.

Have hope

After World War II, John and Robert returned from duty in the Pacific Islands. Both were hospitalised, very ill from years of hardship and the effects of the diseases prevalent in those areas. It was obvious to the nurse that John really had little cause for hope, being in far worse condition than Robert.

John found it difficult to read the newspaper but he had faith that there was some purpose in his life. Robert felt that his life was finished since he was told that his activities would be restricted even if he recovered.

'Why do you bother?' Robert asked as he watched John talking with the nurse about his family.

'There's always hope, and that gives me the courage to go on,' John spoke softly as he pulled out a book to read. 'You always fear the worst is going to happen, Robert. Why do you keep going over the bad times? Can't you forget?'

'Can't forget or forgive!' Robert returned loudly.

Many months went by and John was told that he was sufficiently medically fit to be discharged but would always be in danger of relapse. Robert had died only the week before.

Some years later, as John was getting his young family ready for church one Sunday morning, he recalled his time in hospital and the War that now seemed a lifetime away. John eventually met the enemy that he had fought. He confided to his wife that they just seemed like ordinary people caught up in the politics of the time. As he reflected on his new job, his busy family life and his plans for the future, it seemed that any restrictions he experienced were not so important. (Bill)



church below the rooftops

Happy you who weep

Come, child. It's evening. Come to me
And sit with me once more.
Let's rock here while the others sleep.

Let's see – your sister's four;
The baby is three months today;
Your little brother's two,
And I have not decided if I'll tell them
about you.

And you, you would be eight this year.
I do not know your name,
The colour of your eyes, or hair,
Or where, or how, to blame.
The fear was all, the fear of change,
For I saw change as loss.
Against my dreams, my plans, my life
You seemed so small a cost...

...Oh! My little lost unknown,
My first and neverborn,
Forgive the ignorance that sent you
To the dark, unmourned!

And no, it isn't every day
I find your shadow here;
Most times I'm far too busy
For reflection or for tears,
But sometimes, when the children sleep
And I have time alone,
I sit down in the dark, and rock,
and bring my baby home.

(Amanda Lewanski)

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Readers' contributions welcome.

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

Response to the psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.