



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA , TERRIGAL

*“ May we Love one Another,
so that all experience a Sense of Belonging ”*

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

29 AUGUST 2021



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6– 8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 14:2-5 **R.** The just will live in the presence of the Lord. The Pharisees and some of the

Second Reading : James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(To pray together or even write your own prayers to pray as a family).

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LEADER

Dear friends, the word of God calls us to live from our hearts and care for those in need. In faith and love let us pray for the needy of the world.

READER

1. We pray for the whole people of God, that they will hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the church in Australia, that this Social Justice Sunday will set us in right relationship with God our Creator, the whole human family and all of creation. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for world leaders, that they will join forces without delay and commit themselves to effective action on the climate crisis threatening the planet. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the people of Afghanistan, especially its young girls and women, that they will be able to sustain their hopes for freedom and justice, even under the Taliban regime. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for Afghani refugees in Australia, that they will be given permanent protection. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

6. We pray for all whose physical and mental health and livelihoods are suffering extreme stress from COVID-19, that community care and cooperation will give them fresh heart. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

7. We pray for the families of veterans who have lost their lives or their health as a result of active service, that they will have the support they need. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

9. We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be the first-fruits of the new creation. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

LEADER God and Father of light, you have brought us to birth in the truth. Help us shed the light of your truth wherever we go. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED
UNTIL THE END OF COVID Restrictions.

Stay strong!

GOD IS WITH US !

*Casting all your care upon Him;
for He cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:7

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT

Catch-up Program at Terrigal Parish

**Enrolling Year 4 and over for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(or Confession) has begun.**

A COVID SAFE PROGRAM

ITS NOT TOO LATE !

**We currently have four students
enrolled and working with their
parents at home with the booklet.**

**This Catch-up Program has been organised
for primary school (Year 4 and over), high
school students and adults who have
missed out on making any of the
sacraments.**

Reconciliation Program

1st STEP : Enrol NOW

The Enrolment form is included in the
bulletin, or download it from parish website.

2nd STEP : Email Form

Scan completed enrolment form to parish
email address—starsea@bigpond.net.au
or arrange to drop it into the Parish Office .

3rd STEP : Collect Activity Book

The Parish will contact you to arrange
collection of the book and welcome you or
your child into the program.

Any enquiries to Janette 0421416555

**Formation will be through the resource book
and personal or group communication via
phone or zoom.**

We will work together !

Celebrating the Word of God at Home

The Word of God is central to our lives. Here are some ideas of how we can celebrate and share God's Word in our homes.

1. Ensure that your home has at least one good Bible

Obtain a good Bible that is easy to read and don't let it gather dust on a shelf. Place it in a visible, accessible spot. Ideally have it open, with a relevant page displayed. Allow its very presence to speak: this is a home in which God's word dwells!

2. Read it often!

Meal times, bed time, special occasions . . . Create regular home rituals for reading from the Scriptures. Involve family members in taking their turn selecting and reading a passage, lighting the candle, etc.

3. Look for biblical connectors in everyday life

Does a long line of refugees making a perilous journey remind you of the Exodus story? Does the TV program about restorative justice in prisons resonate with Jesus' teachings on forgiveness and healing? Look for opportunities in the events of the world around you to bring Scripture themes into family discussions.

4. Let your family see you reading Scripture

Actions speak louder than words. Model the Bible's importance in your life. Perhaps you read Scripture regularly with your spouse, or with a Bible study group, or you like to discuss aloud at home a Scripture passage that you heard or read. This is a great witness to your children (even if your teenagers might roll their eyes!)

5. Encourage Bible storytelling in your home

Everyone loves a good story, and the Bible is full of them. Enjoy the storytelling. Encourage your children and grandchildren to enter the stories, with their imagination and questions. Use "I wonder" questions to open up the biblical stories and to encourage personal engagement.

6. Learn the tools for exploring Scripture

There are a variety of ways of exploring the sacred text – Lectio Divina and the Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation are just two traditional prayerful approaches. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play have particular expertise in reaching the hearts of children. Engage with a good education resource – a book, a leaflet, a podcast, an evening talk or a short course.

7. Read widely

Don't just keep rehashing your favourite Jesus stories. Read widely. Dig into the text and uncover the fascinating and delightful gems buried both Testaments. To take one example, do you know the dramatic story of Esther, the beautiful young Jewish woman who became Queen of Persia and risked her life to save her people from a murderous plot? (See the Book of Esther)

8. Short verses count

Reading the Bible doesn't have to be a lengthy exercise. Pondering a single word or phrase (e.g., "Listen" or "Do not be afraid") is a form of prayer with a time-honoured place in our Catholic tradition.

9. Decorate your house with Scripture

We decorate our homes in many wonderful and creative ways. Why not add illustrated Bible texts or paintings of biblical scenes to your walls – whether they be created by recognised artists or by your own children.

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10. Play inspiring worship music at home

Another lovely way to share and absorb Scripture is through music. Enlist your family's favourite musical artists, fill your home with their beautiful worship melodies and Scriptural lyrics, and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

11. Memorise Scripture

This is an important tip. Teach your children to memorise short Bible verses. Start slowly and gradually build up a repertoire over time. Memorised verses are one way of permanently having the Word of God with us, especially when we most need to hear it.

12. Make memories

Scripture is ancestral story-telling. In the Bible we find the stories of our faith family handed down from generation to generation. It is a bit like a family that tells stories of Great-Uncle Gino's famous hamburgers and Nanna Gray's love for music. In the same vein, a Catholic family can tell stories about Abraham and Sarah setting off into the unknown (Gen 12:1); or about the dramatic moment at the Red Sea just before it split (Exodus 14); or the courageous travels of St Paul (Acts) which saw him stoned, imprisoned, shipwrecked; and of course the stories about Jesus – many of which involve him living, ministering and dining among families.

13. Include a Scripture verse in a birthday card, lunch box, or on the fridge door

Affirming notes, birthday cards, reminder memos . . . on those occasions when we write a note to our child we might also include a short Bible quote as extra inspiration, motivation or to express how we feel. Some parents have been known to slip a Bible verse into their children's lunch bags, much to the amusement of their friends! Fridge doors are great for all kinds of messages, why not

God's Word too?

14. Enjoy the Bible!

Teaching Scripture is serious business, but that doesn't mean it's all work and no play. As a family, create some fun and devise your own Bible Bee or Scripture Quiz. Play charades and act out Bible passages. Enjoy Bible-themed comics, songs, jokes and playful youtube clips, as appropriate.

Adapted by Fr Vince from:

[Twenty Ways to Share Scripture at Home](#) (Parent tips – CSO Broken Bay Diocese)

A Message from Bishop Anthony

The Bishop wrote to the clergy during the week with a message to get vaccinated.

"I urge you to be vaccinated. I have now been fully vaccinated myself, and I encourage you to do so also. Pope Francis, various Vatican dicasteries, and Bishops Conferences internationally, have conveyed the morality in respect to this. Our own example of being vaccinated also gives leadership to our people. We must keep in mind that our ministry in aged care and hospitals may soon well require evidence of our vaccinations."

As I must be vaccinated to do my ministry, and, as we come out of lockdown, we may all need to be vaccinated to minister at Mass, in schools, nursing homes etc.

Fr Vince.

**On Tuesday Sally again picked
Terrigal Parish 's Donations.**

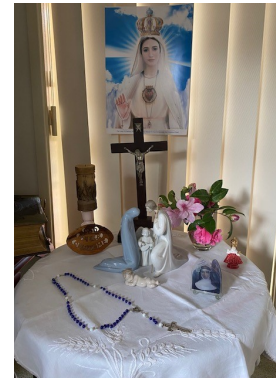


**We are still making a
difference in Covid
times for Mary Macs
at Woy Woy.**

**Thank you to our
parishioners
and Georges Fruit Barn
for their generosity.**



**Thank you Joan and Tim , Marie & Mac, and
Maureen for sharing this week your Sacred
Space in your domestic church.**



We are printing a copy of all the photos to place in the church, a symbol to show we are praying together, even though apart.

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR PHOTO NO MATTER
HOW SIMPLE—it is a joy to see them,
we know you are out there.**

We will eventually send a photo of all the home shrines and sacred spaces in one big collage.

So please keep them coming !

Fair by the Sea

Unfortunately, due to our ongoing Covid restrictions, the decision has been made that it is no longer possible to plan and hold Fair by the Sea in October (or even November) this year. So, we have decided to cancel the event for 2021. We will continue to explore the opportunity for an online raffle later in the year.

We thank you for your efforts and involvement to date and wish you and your families a safe passage through the remainder of the year. Please remember that our community is ready and willing to help anybody that is in difficulty.

You are never alone.

Matt, for the Planning Group

Pope Francis recently urged Catholics to get vaccinated

The Pope has launched a powerful appeal urging people to get vaccinated against COVID-19, calling it "an act of hope" and "an act of love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples".

Copy the link to see the Pope's video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5dbCpmv8Mc>



Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of

regular activities to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commences on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

• **THE CHOSEN MONDAY**

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of *The Chosen*, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

• **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

• **HUMPDAY HANGOUT WITH BR BERNARD**

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

• **FORMATION FRIDAYS**

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

Zoom Basics Course

Zoom has emerged as a key tool for online engagement today. Another opportunity is being offered to the Diocesan community to learn how to use Zoom, including how to schedule meetings and how to make the most of the features offered. All are most welcome.

Date: Thursday 2 September

Time: 11:00am – 12:15pm

Registration: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMldeCpqDgvGt3dY3Eb-COa7z63otEoiUMoZ>

Enquiries: Pina Bernard

pi-na.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

432 682 239.

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Divine Renovation Australasia is planning a National Conference on 19-21 November 2021. Titled 'Called to Discipleship', it will be held in-person at the Campbeltown Catholic Club (Covid restrictions permitting).

This bi-annual conference gathers people from parishes and dioceses around Australia who are enthusiastic about parish renewal. This year's Conference will offer keynotes from Fr James Mallon and Dr Ralph Martin, talks from Deacon Peter Pellicaan and Alpha, workshops focusing on a range of topics, times of prayer and adoration, opportunities for networking, and Holy Mass.

Please save the date and spread the word to others who may be interested.

If anyone is considering attending and would be able to assist with some of the organisational aspects, please contact Pina Bernard on pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

When Covid restrictions are over !

Please consider.



Our Parish will need more Catechists and Catechist helpers to teach or help in the state schools.

While in lock down with more time to reflect, this may be something you may like to do for the end of this year or for 2022.

Any enquiries please contact one of the catechists listed.

Cheryl Ryan, Primary Catechist Coordinator

0403 123 220 or bondi-two@bigpond.com

Graham and Maria Sproats
mariasproats@yahoo.com.au

Elias Bastoli Catechist, 0459 220 408 or
stolibas@bigpond.com

Safeguarding Month; September



Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month.

(We will keep you updated, as we hear more).

STOP EUTHENASIA IN NSW

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw

While churches are still closed Live streaming and TV Masses are available.

With the NSW Government extending the Sydney lockdown, our churches in Broken Bay remain closed. Some parishes are live streaming Mass. Please [click here](#) for all the details.

Mass For You At Home

“Mass for you at Home” is broadcast on Channel 10 at 6.00am Sunday, and is available to watch on [YouTube](#).

The Mass is also available on YouTube from 7.00am on Sunday <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

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- **COVID-19 Updates on the Intranet** •
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- The latest COVID-19 updates on
- restrictions and the Diocese of
- Broken Bay's response can now be
- found at:
- [https://intranet.bbcatholic.org.au/](https://intranet.bbcatholic.org.au/resources/covid-19-update-for-parishes)
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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August:

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

At this time, due to COVID-19, we are not able to have our usual August appeal for Pastoral Works Broken Bay. However, we sincerely appreciate any support that might be afforded – no matter how big or how small. The ministries the fund supports continue to operate and provide vital services. Donations can be made:

- through the “donate now” button on our new parish website
 - at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks
 - directly to the Terrigal Parish Account BSB: 062784 A/C: 10001661
- or leave an envelope in the slot in the door of the Parish Office

THANK YOU

New collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes reopen.



KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A HAND UP

St Vincent de Paul - help available

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to assist with food vouchers and other items. Although some Support Centres may have their doors closed at the moment, they are still taking calls and arranging for food vouchers or food items to be delivered to those in need.

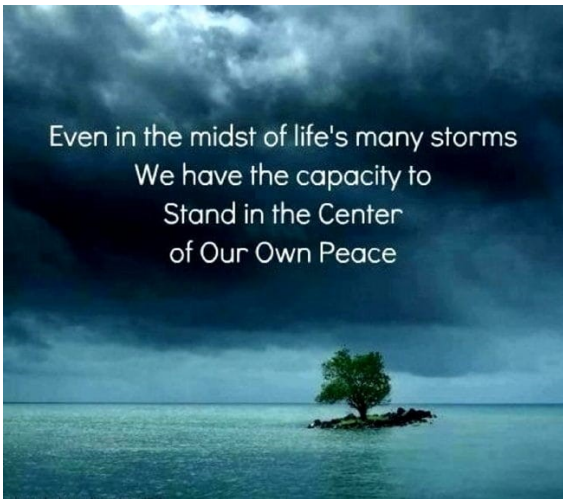
Parishes have always supported Vinnies in the past, and Vinnies would like to support people in your Parishes now. We just desperately need to have the message sent out, that people can simply call our **Support Centres** for help.

Gosford, 273 -275 Mann St. Ph: 4322 5861

Woy Woy, 41 – 413 The Boulevard. Ph: 4341 7535

Wyong, 47 Howarth St. Ph: 4353 5614

Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4.30pm



Even in the midst of life's many storms
We have the capacity to
Stand in the Center
of Our Own Peace

Some words from the wise.

“When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened.” —Winston Churchill

“Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.” —Mahatma Gandhi

“Be patient with yourself. Self-growth is tender; it’s holy ground. There is no greater investment.” —Stephen Covey

Home Improvements

During Covid one of the busiest places has been Bunnings ! Many have used this time to build, renovate or paint, a time of improvement for their living space at home.

I can’t help but think that this is what is happening to many Christians also, renovating **the** room (the sacred space within us). May we use this time well, and work with all the tools that THE carpenter has given us. JB



We pray for :

Recently Deceased

Anne Cuthbert Donald Holmes Marcia Harris Christo-
pher Richards Karen Scali Yvonne Vane John Casey
Margaret Sunners Ivan Kopecky Frank Sprakel
Grace O’Flynn Helen Fletcher Grace O’Leary

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Leon Maher Jacquai Maher Richard Bell Geraldine
D’Aarcey Allan Grant Stephens Family Anne Smith and de-
ceased members of her family

Sick

Anthony Wallace Maree Arundell Ken White Noel Nacua
John Goodwin Sue Southwell Sue Rolles
Noleen Sherwood Daphne Beasley Jenny Imbruglia
Sandra Tagliabue John Schipp

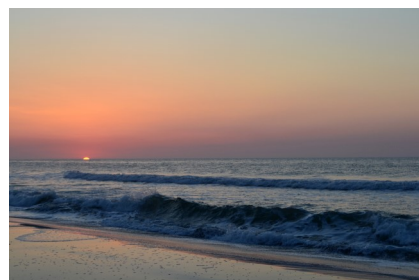
Prayer APP for each day !

Download the free BREAD4TODAY app from the App Store or Google Play, and take a moment to reflect each day.

From Magellan Family Newsletter

Pour out your grief in prayer.

“Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief” (Psalm 31:9). My heart is broken, my mind exhausted. I cry out to you and hardly know what to ask. All I can do is tell you how I feel and ask you to “keep track of all my sorrows ... collect all my tears in your bottle ... and record each one in your book” as I pour them out to you (Psalm 56:8). Amen.



Cremation and the Catholic Church

The Apostles' Creed, the ancient summary of Christian belief, expressly states that Catholics believe in "the resurrection of the body." St Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians emphasises this belief in the resurrection of the dead: "... for if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile."

For many centuries then the Church forbade cremation as contrary to Christian belief. Early Christians practised burial facing Jerusalem expecting their body to rise as the body of Christ rose. Yet the Church, like everyone, has always known that the body disintegrates if it is buried, and cremation is simply a faster means of disintegration. However, burial was seen as an expression of Christian belief and cremation as an expression of denial.

In 1963 Pope John XXIII commenced a process of reform in the Church by allowing Catholics to be cremated. Priests were permitted to officiate at cremation ceremonies if they took place after the funeral service. In 1997 this law was changed to allow the funeral service to take place after the cremation is completed. In these cases, the ashes are placed next to the altar.

Cremation is now widespread in Australia and it is estimated that approximately 70% of deceased people are cremated. Many Catholic cemeteries now provide columbarium niches for housing cremated remains and, in some cases, columbaria have been built within the church structure, for example the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles has niches in the crypt mausoleum.

In addition, many churches have columbaria attached. This is the case in our own area where St Patrick's, East Gosford and Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance have a columbarium in the church grounds. One problem which has concerned Church authorities in relation to columbaria being attached to churches is what happens if the church closes or decides to replace the current building.

This problem is not confined to the Catholic Church, of course. Many cemeteries are overcrowded and expensive, and many others need relocation because of urban development. Accordingly, in 2013 the New South Wales Parliament passed the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act* which allows for relocation of both gravesites and niches providing this is done reverently and in an appropriate manner as laid down by the Act. The new law was supported by all religious groups including the Catholic Church.

In 2016 Pope Francis authorised new guidelines in respect of cremation and the disposal of ashes. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued *Ad Resurgentum cum Christo* which emphasised that cremation of the body does not affect the person's soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. However, the ashes must be treated with the greatest of reverence and should be kept in a sacred place. For this reason, the church condemns the scattering of the ashes or keeping them in the domestic residence. Nor should they be divided among family members or used as in jewellery. The ashes should be retained in whole and either buried or placed in a niche.

Chris Hartcher

Please keep in your prayers and support where possible our families who own their own businesses, and all who are struggling with loss of work and balancing family life.

No act of kindness is ever wasted.



Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donations to www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Spiritual Corner: Feasts and saints of the week: **(Our extended family in Heaven).**

Monday 30 Richard Martin born in Yorkshire and was an English martyr—a layman who was charged with being “a receiver and maintainer of priests” , because he provided food and shelter for priests. Richard was hung, drawn and quartered. He was beautified in 1929

Tuesday 31 St Aidan of Lindisfarne was an Irish monk and missionary credited with converting the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity in Northumbria. He was a bishop and was known throughout the kingdom for his knowledge of the Bible, his learning, his eloquent preaching, his holiness, his distaste for pomp, his kindness to the poor and the miracles attributed to him.

Wednesday 01 St Anna the Prophetess “She was very old; she had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage and then was a widow until she was eighty-four” (Luke 2:36–37). Anna had been married only seven years when she became a widow, and she remained a widow for the rest of her life. Most translations indicate that Anna was eighty-four years old when she met Jesus. But it is also possible to translate the text to mean Anna had lived eighty-four years *after* her husband died. That would mean Anna was at least 104 years old—if she had married at the age of thirteen. Either way, she had spent the vast majority of her life without a husband and was ministering before the Lord in the temple.



Thursday 02 St Ingrid of Sweden of Skänninge was a Swedish abbess venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. She founded Skänninge Abbey, a nunnery belonging to the Dominicans, in 1272.



Friday 03 St Gregory the Great , pope and doctor , was the Pope of the Catholic Church between 590 and 604 AD. Gregory was well educated and excelled in all his studies. He also became an expert in law. He excelled so much that he became the Prefect of Rome, just as his father had been. Gregory was only 33 years old. After Gregory's father had died, Gregory had the family villa in Rome converted into a monastery. Today the monastery still stands as the San Gregorio Magno al Celio. This famous monastery fell into ruin in the following centuries but was restored during the 17th and 18th centuries. As a monk, Gregory was hard and strict. When a monk on his deathbed confessed to stealing three pieces of gold, Gregory ordered he be left to die alone and his body buried with the three coins. Then, in a turn of heart, Gregory offered 30 Masses for the deceased monk. Some people today ask for Masses for 30 consecutive days - (Gregorian Masses) !Pope Gregory was well known for his alms to the poor, and he gave quite generously of the riches donated to the Church by the wealthy people of Rome. Pope Gregory made many changes to the Mass, some of which remain today, The position of the Our Father in the Mass remains where Pope Gregory placed it. Pope Gregory may have also established "cantus planus," known in English as plainchant. Most today know this style of singing as Gregorian Chant. The melodious, monophonic music is known throughout the Church and closely associated with medieval monasteries. Gregorian chant gives us the oldest music we still have in the original form, some dating to the centuries just after the death of Gregory.

(A very interesting liferead more in catholic.org angels and saints online)

Saturday 04 St Boniface 1 pope of Rome 418– 422 whose reign was markedly disrupted by the antipope Eulalius. Boniface's reentry into Rome ended the 15-week schism. Thereafter his pontificate was noted for his peaceful, yet firm, diplomacy and for his zealous support of Bishop St. Augustine of Hippo, particularly in the fight against Pelagianism (*q.v.*), a heresy that denied original sin.

(an interesting time in history).



We learn so much from the saints. Why not google and find out more about the saints mentioned—something extra to do for our faith building in our “isolation” !



Plenary Council 2021

“If we want a different world then we must be different people.” *Pope Francis.*

On Thursday 26 August a national webinar hosted what was termed the second convocation on the ‘Future of Catholicism in Australia’. A report on the actual convocation will be published later. The theme of the webinar was to bring together perspectives on the current state and future prospects for our church in Australia. Pope Francis has repeatedly stressed the engagement of all Catholics, beginning with local communities, is integral to Plenary Councils and to the World Synod of Bishops on Synodality in 2023.

The purpose of the convocation was to set down markers for a Synodal way seeking fresh vision and new directions. When Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 he called for *aggiornamento* – an updating of the Church. He said the purpose of the Council was the... “modernisation of the Church after twenty centuries of life.”

The 2023 World Synod Bishops and the 2021 Plenary Council are instruments for the continual updating of the Church. Times constantly bring change and the church like all institutions and all humans must adapt and respond to them. Failure to do so is the path to extinction.

The stated aim of the convocation was to emphasise the importance of a successful Plenary Council for all Catholics in Australia. It sought to place a particular emphasis on church governance and the inclusion and engagement of all Catholics with special emphasis on the role of women and justice with regard to minority groups both racial and sexual, such as LGBTI people. To see the Church as Christ articulated in the parable of the lost sheep – God’s instrument to call all and to seek the salvation of all. “If a man has 100 sheep and one of them gets lost what will he do? Won’t he leave the 99 others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over 99 others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away.” (Luke 15:3,7 and Matthew 18:12-14).

To become different people, to echo the parable of the lost sheep is easy to talk about but difficult to practice. The Pope is asking all of us to seek pathways, both as a church and as individuals, to progress reform, not as a criticism of the past but as a gateway to the future.

Constantly one hears people bemoaning the fact that their children, despite a Catholic upbringing, have given away the practice of the faith. They give it away because the church is simply no longer relevant to them. Updating the church is the only pathway to relevance.

Prayer: God is a Trinity of Love

“The three-person God is a Trinity of love. Every creative act and every part of creation emerges from this divine interplay of love.” *Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*

Creator God,

Creative Word,

Creating Spirit,

instil in us the humility of creatures and the wisdom of co-creators.

May we act and speak and breathe as if within your dance of divine love.

Open us to marvel at the wonder of your handiwork.

Enable us to see your spirit within all things.

Teach us to respect all that is created.

Humble us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Empower us to respond with all our heart and mind and spirit.

In Christ and through the Spirit

we seek to be the carers within your creation,

Creator God. Amen.

Terrigal Social Justice Group

Invitation to check out these social justice websites this week.

laudatosi'movement.org thecatholicpetition.org.au The petition for a 'healthy planet, healthy people' has been launched by **laudatosi'.org** previously called Global Catholic Climate Movement.

socialjustice.catholic.org.au The Australian Bishop's Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace have co-signed a letter urging the Federal Parliamentarians to protect and support Afghan citizens.



As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour”.

It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information and resources: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

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