



Pius News

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

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AN EXTRAORDINARY BOOK

Dorothy Day is alleged to have said: Don't call me a saint; I don't want to be dismissed that easily! A new biography on her by her granddaughter, Kate Hennessy, *Dorothy Day – The World will be saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of my Grandmother*, will, I believe, go a long way in preventing anyone from turning Dorothy Day, soon to officially canonized by the church, into what she feared, a plaster-saint who can be piously doted-upon and then not taken seriously.

We're all, I'm sure, familiar with who Dorothy Day was and what her life's work was about. Indeed, Pope Francis in addressing the US Congress, singled out four Americans who, he suggests, connected spirituality to a life of service in an extraordinary way: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, and Dorothy Day. This new biography gives us an honest picture of who this remarkable woman actually was.

This book is extraordinary for a number of reasons: Kate Hennessy is a very good writer, the book is the product of years of research, she's Dorothy's granddaughter and had a very close and special relationship with her, and she manages in telling Dorothy's story to keep both a healthy critical and aesthetic distance. Her insight is both privileged and rare, privileged because of her intimate relationship with Dorothy and rare because most authors who are that intimately tied to their subject cannot maintain a balanced critical distance. Hennessy admits that doing this was no easy task: "That is the danger of holiness on your own doorstep, in your own family. Either you cannot see it for the view is too close, or if you do, you feel you haven't a chance of being the person she was. You feel it is a sad mistake that you are related."

And that combination makes for an extraordinary book that lets us see a side of Dorothy Day we would never see otherwise. Beyond this being a close-up of Dorothy Day, Hennessy shares stories about some of the key people surrounding Dorothy: Her relationship to the man who fathered her child, Forster Battenham, with whom she maintained a life-long friendship. Hennessy's biography shatters the myth that upon her conversion Dorothy coldly and forever turned her back upon this man. Not true. They remained close their whole lives and Foster, until her death, remained an intimate companion and a faithful supporter.

Central too to this biography is the story of Dorothy's daughter, Tamar, who, while vitally important in Dorothy's life, is unfairly absent in virtually everything that's known about Dorothy in the popular mind. Tamar's story, which holds its own richness and is not incidental to the history of the Catholic worker, is critical to understanding Dorothy Day. There's no understanding of Dorothy without understanding her daughter's story and that of her grandchildren. To understand Dorothy Day you also have to see her as a mother and grandmother.

Hennessy shares how, when her diaries were opened some years after Dorothy's death, Tamar initially was bitterly resistant to having them released for publication and how that resistance was only lifted when, thanks to the man who transcribed them, Robert Ellsberg, the family and Tamar herself realized that her resistance was rooted in the fact that Dorothy's diaries themselves were unfair in their neglect of Tamar's story and the role of her story within the bigger narrative of Dorothy's life, work, and legacy.

The book is a story too of some of the people who played key roles in founding the Catholic Worker: Peter Maurin, Stanley Vishnewski, and Ade Bethune.

(To be continued next week)

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Marian Procession May 21st, 1:30pm for 2pm start Pilgrim Peace Park

(Taken from the Archbishops Letter last weekend)

At the Marian Procession this year in Adelaide we will be celebrating the Centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to three young children in Fatima, Portugal, 1917.

Having researched those events and the documentation associated with it, I have decided that this year the Marian Procession will be a Peace Rally as well as the normal pattern of procession. I want the Diocese to gather in substantial numbers to pray for peace throughout the world.

Therefore, I want the celebration this year to be a very meaningful commitment on the behalf of the Archdiocese to pray and work for peace.

During the celebration of the Marian Procession, in order to honour Our Lady, there will be a little ceremony where a simple crown will be placed on the statues head, a crown made by the students at St Patrick's Technical College. At the same time, I would like us to raise money in order for us to work for peace, by committing ourselves to more justice and development projects. So, on the day of the Procession, as well as taking up a small collection to help with the Procession costs, we will also take up a major collection to raise money to be given to Caritas Australia to be used for world peace projects

Vacancies for Volunteers:- We are looking for volunteers to join the RCIA team and the sacrament team. If you would like to volunteer for any of these teams speak to one of the priests.

Help !! We are looking for donors to Make a donation towards new priest vestments. If you are in a position to donate please contact Fr Mathew.

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Anniversary Services at Cathedral

For the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began November 27, 2016, and will end November 26, 2017.

In order to offer the faithful the opportunity to receive the Church's store of grace, there will be services offered on the 13th of each month from May to October 2017 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

For Saturday, 13th May, there will be Mass at 11.30am, followed by Rosary and Confessions.

Other services have been planned for the 13th of each month until October 2017. Please note the Cathedral Public Parking is only available on the weekend.

Call to Ministry

Thank you to all the parishioners who over the last few months have volunteered for various Ministries with in our parish community. Training will commence in June. Eucharistic Ministers training either Tuesday 13th or Thursday 15th at 7pm – 8pm, Readers training either Tuesday 20th June & Thursday 22nd 7pm – 8pm. Training for Computer operators for power points at Masses will be advised at a later date.

Vinnies Winer appeal

The theme for this year's Winter Appeal being launched this weekend is:
"Together we can do heroic things."

You can help us rebuild lives by donating to the Vinnies Appeal.

Envelopes will be available at all Masses this weekend.

Your financial contribution will help the needy in our area with not only food and clothing, but also other expenses of daily life such as rent, medicines, heating and power.

A leaving collection will be taken up next weekend.

Prayer for Oblate Province Gathering in May

Loving God I pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the Oblates gather for the Provincial Congress in Melbourne from 21st until 24th of May. Under the patronage and care of Mary and St Eugene may they continue to find ways to leave nothing undared for the Kingdom of God. Amen.



St Vincent de Paul Food Bank

This week—**WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE,** Cans of Tomatoes, Jam, Milo, Vegemite.

Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool. Items can be left in foyer.

This weekend—launch of the Vinnies winter appeal.

Feast day of the Week

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday May 13th

One hundred years ago, on May 13th, 1917, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Frightened by her appearance, she calmed them by saying: "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." In addition to her call for conversion, penitence and prayer, Our Lady of Fatima calls us to live a life free from all fear. St John, in his First Letter, reminds us: *In love there can be no fear, but fear is driven out by perfect love; because to fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love* (1 Jn 4:18). The children at Fatima were comforted by Mary saying, "I come from heaven". Hopefully, we are comforted as well, since that, after all, is where we hope to live in love for ever, free from all fear. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

North Eastern School Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm in the parish hall.
All welcome

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Vaughn, Marie Kelly, Mary Meatheringham, Tony Petrie.

Please Note:

The parish sick list has recently been updated. Names will now be left on for a maximum of 6 weeks. If you would like to be added some one from the parish please contact the parish office on 82612428 or dernancourt@oblates.com.au

Mass times at St Pius X

Saturday vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm
Tue & Wed 9.15am
Thurs 9.30am
Fri 9.15am

Daily Morning Prayer:

Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40am
Thurs 8.55am
Rosary: Tues, Wed & Fri 8.55am
Thurs 9.10am

Reconciliation: Sat 11.30am—12 noon



Next Week's Readings 5th Sunday of Easter Year A: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



Parish Prayer Network:

Prayers for any need.

All you need to do is call one of the following:
Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906
or Beth 8396 2079

MINISTRY ROSTER 13/14May 2017

6.30pm

9.30am

5.30pm

Ministers Please Note:

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This roster follows the original

R1

R1 Roderick Essery

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roster. If you have made any changes

R2 Hughette Rignanese

R2 Betty Vowles

R2 Amy Bartjes

they will not be reflected here. Please

EM1 Roman Szczepanik

Em1 Charlie Baldacchino

Em1 Philip Matthews

check the notice board at the back of

Em2 David Lloyd

Em2 Tommy Morrison

Em2 Stuart Feirclough

the church for updates.

Em3 Anna Szczepanik

Em3 Bob Powell

Em3 JEsma Gagliardi

Em4 Jim Kelly

Em4 Marian Powell

Em4

M James Lloyd

M Peter Roberts

M Michale & Tim Carter

Church Cleaners: Team A: Mohan/Augustyn/Zammit/Caruana/Golding

Altar Linen: 14th May: Marie

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6.

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'