



Pius News

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

14th May 2017

**MOTHER'S
DAY**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH
ALL MOTHERS A VERY
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

AN EXTRAORDINARY BOOK (CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

This isn't a story that follows the classical genre for the lives of the saints, where form is often exaggerated to highlight essence and the result is an over-idealization that paints the saint into an icon. Hennessy highlights that Dorothy's faith wasn't a faith that never doubted and which walked on water. What Dorothy never doubted was what faith calls us to: hospitality, non-violence, and service to the poor. In these things, Dorothy was single-minded enough to be a saint and that manifested itself in her dogged perseverance so that at end she could say: "The older I get the more I feel that faithfulness and perseverance are the greatest virtues – accepting the sense of failure we all must have in our work, in the work of others around us, since Christ was the world's greatest failure."

That being said, her life was messy, many of her projects were often in crisis, she was forever over-extended, and, in her granddaughter's words: "She was fierce, dictatorial, controlling, judgmental, and often angry, and she knew it. It took the Catholic Worker, her own creation, to teach her her lessons."

This is hagiography as it should be written. It tells the story of how a very human person, caught-up in the foibles, weaknesses, and mess that beset us all, can, like St. Brigid, cast her cloak upon a sunbeam and see it spread until it brings abundance and beauty to the entire countryside.

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Marian Procession and Peace Rally

The Marian Procession and Peace Rally will be held on Sunday May 21, 2017 in the Pilgrim Peace Park (next to Veale Gardens in the South Parklands). *The location is bordered by South Terrace, Peacock Road, Greenhill Road and Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue and is directly south (behind) Veale Gardens. Adequate parking is available in the above streets. The eastern side of Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue is reserved for buses and disabled parking. Parking in the parklands itself is **not allowed**. Ready access to the area is available by tram stopping at the corner of South Terrace and Peacock Road (King William Street).*

The Procession commences at 2:00pm and you are asked to assemble behind your parish or community notice by 1:30pm at the starting point adjacent to Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue. The event is expected to end shortly before 4:00pm.

Remember to wear a hat, and bring an umbrella. Siebert Funeral Directors will kindly provide water on the day. Should the weather be so inclement that a decision is made to cancel the event, every effort will be made to broadcast on local ABC radio 891 during the morning.

Modbury Parish are running a bus \$13, contact office 82647590 to book a seat.

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

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■ **Thank you to the parishioners who came forward with donations last weekend** ■
■ **for the priests vestments. Further donations are still required and will be much** ■
■ **appreciated. Please contact Fr Mathew.** ■
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Mass Counts

For the next 3 Sundays, we have our yearly Mass counts. This will happen during the 1st collection, all those under 16 will be asked to stand while the counters move through the church.

LADIES EVENING

This Wednesday 17th May 7pm in the Church hall.

This invitation is to all the ladies of the parish to attend an evening of conversation over a cuppa so as we can get to know each other by name.

Please come and join us.

Further information phone Janine
0415 507 729.

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. **For Eucharistic Ministers and readers please indicate which session you are attending on the clipboard in the foyer.**

Vinnies Winer appeal

A leaving collection will be taken up this 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

St Bernadine of Sienna

Saturday May 20th

Orphaned young, St Bernardine received a solid classical education before entering the Franciscan Friars Minor in 1402. He was the great promoter of the reforms of the Observant Franciscans, and authored treatises on ascetic and mystical theology as well as writings on the Blessed Virgin Mary. A powerful preacher, St Bernardine spread devotion to the Holy Name: "The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers, because the shining splendor of that name causes his Word to be proclaimed and heard. And how do you think such an immense, sudden, and dazzling light of faith came into the world, if not because Jesus was breached?" St Bernardine died in 1444.

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 6th Sunday of Easter Year A: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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

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

| MINISTRY ROSTER 20/21 May 2017 | 6.30pm | 9.30am | 5.30pm |
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| Ministers Please Note: | C Anna Szczepanik | C Jos Hensing | C Amy Bartjes |
| This roster follows the original roster. If you have made any changes they will not be reflected here. Please check the notice board at the back of the church for updates. | R1 Jean Canil R2 Martyn Pearce EM1 Dennis Rodrigues Em2 Terrance Cheah Em3 Hilda Cheah Em4 Marie Smith M James Lloyd | R1 Bernadette Davies R2 Thelma Weber Em1 Joe Colangelo Em2 Brigitte Colangelo Em3 Sue Griffith Em4 Doris Taylor M Peter Roberts | R1 Kathy Nicholls R2 Christine Clift Em1 Heather Hier Em2 Terry Roberts Em3 Jijimol Poulouse Em4 Philip Matthews M |
| Church Cleaners: Team B: Nappa/Colangelo | | | |
| Altar Linen: 21st May: Lucy | | | |

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19.

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'