

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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Food for thought.... Last week, after the announcement that Mary MacKillop will be canonized as saint on 17th October 2010, I started to wonder, how many saints there are in the Catholic Church. After my research, I still don't know the exact number. However, there is something I want to share with all of you. In the Catholic Church there are over 10,000 named saints, but no definitive head count. The Catholic Church teaches that it does not, in fact, make anyone a saint. Rather, it recognizes a saint. The title of 'Saint' refers to a person who has been formally canonized by the Catholic Church and is therefore to be in Heaven. By this definition there are many people believed to be in Heaven who have not been formally declared as saints but who may nevertheless generically be referred to as saints.

In his book, **Making Saints: How the Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't and Why**, author Kenneth Woodward notes the following:

"A saint is always someone through whom we catch a glimpse of what God is like -- and of what we are called to be. Only God 'makes' saints, of course. The church merely identifies from time to time a few of these for emulation. The church then tells the story. But the author is the Source of the grace by which saints live. And there we have it: A saint is someone whose story God tells."

According to the Catholic Church, Divine Worship is properly reserved only for God and never to the saints. They can be asked to intercede or pray for those still on Earth, just as one can ask someone on Earth to pray for them.

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DAY	SAINTS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH <u>SCHEDULE 8-14 MARCH 2010</u> THIRD WEEK OF LENT
MONDAY	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Youth Holy Hour—All welcome
TUESDAY	9.00am Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass
THURSDAY	9.00am Mass
FRIDAY	12.00noon Mass 7.00pm JPYM Stations of the Cross (follow on this miniature pilgrimage and walk in Jesus' footsteps through His mother's eyes as she watches her only Son walk to His death.) Open to all
SATURDAY	9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 6.30pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)
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Rosa Pasquale (9332 3813)

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John Paul Care
Co-ordinator: Betty Thompson (9457 4991)

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In our Catholic Church tradition, a person who is seen as exceptionally holy can be declared a saint by a formal process, called canonization. Formal canonization is a lengthy process often taking many years, even centuries.

The first step in this process is an investigation of the candidate's life, undertaken by an expert. After this, the report on the candidate is given to the bishop of the area and more studying is done. It is then sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

If the application is approved, the person may be granted the title of "Venerable". Further investigations may lead to the candidate's beatification and given title of "Blessed." At a minimum, two important miracles are required to be formally declared a saint. These miracles must be posthumous. Finally, when all of this is done the Pope canonizes the saint.

Let's pray that we will all see each other in Heaven and hopefully some of us might be canonized as universal saints for the Church. *Fr Thai Vu*

Messages from Orana....

Our Project Compassion fundraising has started magnificently! During the first week of Lent the children donated a total of **\$310** into their classroom boxes. Most children have been doing small jobs at home to earn the money or have been sacrificing some of their canteen money which has been lovely to see. Next Thursday, 11 March we will be holding a mini-fete from 12.45-1.30pm and each class will be making food to sell or running games for the other children to play.

The Year 4 children's preparation for their First Holy Communion has begun as the first of the parent information sessions was held on 4 March. Thank you to all those that took the time to attend.

Andrea Moyses, Assistant Principal Religious Education

Holy Hour for All....

The monthly Holy Hour will be held on Monday, **8 March 2010 from 7.30pm-8.30pm** in the church. Please come along and spend an hour with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for ourselves, our children, young people, the sick and all of the parish community during this time. The hour will consist of Benediction, quiet time for reflection, hymns and prayer so come along and bring others as well.

CHARLES RYDER, RIP The sincere sympathy of the parish community is extended to Eileen and family on the loss of Charles on 24 February. His Funeral Mass was held at Ss John & Paul on 3 March.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)....

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
2nd Reading: Apoc 7:9, 14-17
Gospel Reading: Jn 10:27-30

“In A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life’s Purpose, Eckhart Tolle emphasizes: “You do not become good by trying to be good, but by finding the goodness that is already within you, and allowing that goodness to emerge. But it can only emerge if something fundamental changes in your state of consciousness.” Lent offers the opportunity to recover that goodness, to allow it to surface in thought, word and action. I, too, need the strong call to make amends and start anew. Hurry, Jesus, come and stay at my house today.”.....Joyce Rupp

We are now well and truly immersed in the Lenten season and John Paul Care is supporting many in the community “in thought, word and action”, thanks to our very generous volunteers. Emergency meals have been one of the more popular tasks that have been undertaken by volunteers for many years. However, last year the demand in this area was quite low. In the Lenten spirit of “starting anew” and because the current trend for emergency meals is low, we would love to be able to utilize the **John Paul Care** volunteers in a slightly different capacity in the parish. As you are aware, we are hosting the **Catholic Guy Lenten Mission** from Monday, March 15 to Friday, 19 from 7.30-9.30pm and we will require volunteers for this 5 day period to assist with the following tasks:

- platters of savoury food for the supper (2 platters per night)
- serving the supper
- assistance with setting up and cleaning up
- childminding for the creche (activities are provided by the Catholic Guy organisation)

If you haven't been called on over the past 12-18 months and would like an opportunity to volunteer for something special, then **this is for you!** This exciting Parish event promises to be a very rewarding and energizing experience made even more so by being involved in the fellowship afterwards. If you would like to assist in any of these areas please contact the parish office or me at home on 9457 4991 A/H. Your enthusiastic response is much appreciated.

Betty Thompson

PROCLAIMERS WORKSHOP EVERY MONDAY, 7.30PM (See “What’s On” for Venue). The coming weekend’s rostered Proclaimers who are to attend are:

Saturday, 13 March 2010

6.30pm Maria Gomes, Gloria Heuer

Sunday, 14 March 2010

7.30am Pat Bonser, Tom Branch

9.00am Antonia Johnstone, Paul Kain

10.30am Pat Ching, Paul Jones

Facilitator: Neicha Sequeira—9332 0563

JOHN PAUL CARE

This parish pastoral organisation offers, through its volunteers, short term (up to 3 months) emergency care to anyone who lives within the parish. Assistance is offered in the areas of bereavement/grief support, visiting the sick and the elderly, **mental** health, support for parents, cooking, transport, gardening and handyman. To enquire about these services, please contact the following:

- Parish Office (Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm) 9332 5992
- FAMILY SUPPORT: Betty 9457 4991
- MEALS: Mary 9310 2426
- MENTAL HEALTH: Bob 9332 3528
(Information only)
- GARDENING: Greg 9456 1747
- BEREAVEMENT: Geraldine 9456 2985
- (or Betty: 9457 4991)
- TRANSPORT: Reena 9310 4173

The John Paul Care brochure is available in the foyer of the Church. It offers the opportunity to volunteer or to request assistance. **Please feel free to take one home. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED AT ALL TIMES**

LOSING A LOVED ONE may be the most difficult time in your life, but you need not be alone. The **JOHN PAUL CARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** welcomes you to our meetings which are conducted in a friendly, relaxed and confidential setting. Meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

WHAT'S ON

8 MARCH 2010:

- 7.30pm SVDP—Meeting Room 2
- 7.00pm Personal Advocacy Integrated Group—JP Centre
- 7.30pm Proclaimers' Preparation Session—John Paul Centre

9 MARCH 2010:

- 7.30pm RCIA—Large Meeting Room— John Paul Centre

10 MARCH 2010:

- 9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room—John Paul Centre
- 9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the BS—John Paul Church
- 2.00pm Legion of Mary—Meeting Room 2
- 7.30pm JP Prayer Ministry—John Paul Church—All welcome

11 MARCH 2010:

- 11.00am-12.00noon Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church
- 7.00pm Personal Advocacy Advocate Preparation—JP Centre

12 MARCH 2010:

- 10.00am Parish Team—Meeting Room 2
- 10.30am Growing Vine—Large Meeting Room—JP Centre

PROJECT COMPASSION—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT...

To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within ourselves and our community. This week's story takes us to East Timor where Domingas is being supported in a Caritas-funded Family and Community Violence Prevention Program. Domingas, like many women in her community, was the victim of violence and abuse. The program has provided her with ongoing counselling and a small grant to enable her to build a business and give her economic independence. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to support women survivors of violence and to work for just relationships.

THE CATHOLIC GUY LENTEN

MISSION.... Join Bruce Downes and "The Catholic Guy" team for a 5 night event in preparation for Easter. The Catholic Guy team is known for presenting a weekly Catholic television program as well as numerous events at parishes around Australia and overseas.

Each night of The Catholic Guy Lenten Mission will include talks, music, multimedia and an opportunity for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. This event is guaranteed to be an excellent experience for both regular parishioners and those whom you may wish to bring with you. No matter your age, young or old, you're guaranteed to enjoy this experience. This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish and explore our faith and reconnect to God as a truly Eucharistic community.

DATES: 15 to 19 March 2010 inclusive. **TIMES:** 7.30pm-9.30pm each night (with supper). **MORE DETAILS:** Flyers available in the Church foyer.

God's Farm Retreat.... Fr Tony Chiera, Vicar General, Bunbury Diocese will lead a prayerful weekend retreat on God's Farm, 40 km south of Busselton. The topic will be Walking with the Saints, Lent 2010. For hired bus bookings, return trip Perth to Farm phone Yvonne 9343 1897. Other bookings phone/fax Betty Peaker sfo 9755 6212 or Mary.

St Vincent de Paul....

Each week the St Vincent de Paul Call Centre receives many calls requesting Emergency Relief (phone: 1300 794 054). During the month of February, 25 of these calls were passed on to the conference at Sts John & Paul. Adrienne Tennant is the conference contact for these requests and she then passes them to one of the members. The assistance required varies from food and furniture to financial help with utility bills. Being the start of the school year a number of calls were for assistance with school expenses. Funds were available from the St Vincent de Paul's School Support Program where clients may have been eligible for financial assistance up to \$250. If you would like to join the parish conference, please contact me for more details.

Brendan McKernan (9332 3636), President

THE JOHN PAUL PLAYGROUP is a fantastic group within the Willetton parish community where families with young children can meet on a weekly basis. Our aim is to provide a relaxed environment where children can learn skills such as sharing, co-operation and interaction with each other whilst also having lots of fun. Parents/grandparents also enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat!

We currently have spaces available at both our Tuesday and Thursday sessions which run from 9.30am-11.30am. If you are interested or for more details, please phone **Lisa Davies on 0433 333 979.**

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

(Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9)

I don't expect a tree to bear fruit unless I water and fertilise it.

Do I have the same understanding of my faith?