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FIRST RECONCILIATION CEREMONY



Our parish celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation was held on Saturday 24 June 2017. The priests in attendance were Fr Ossie Lewis, Fr Cyprian Shikokoti and Fr Joseph Kumhtoi. Parents, families and friends of the children also attended the ceremony.

This year, we had twenty eight children join our Sacramental Preparation Program for their First Reconciliation. This is the largest number we have ever had in a single program. The children began their Sacramental preparation in March, and over the next three months they attended classes on Sundays, either during the 8.30am or 10.00am Mass. The catechists who prepared the children were Nola Smith (8.30am) and Marie Tiley (10am).

As part of their preparation for the Sacrament the children attended a workshop with their parents where they decorated a candle for use during their First Reconciliation Ceremony. At the beginning of the ceremony the candles were placed on the Altar but remained unlit. As each child made their First Reconciliation they took their candle off the Altar, lit it from the Paschal Candle and replaced it on the Altar.

When each child had received the Sacrament they were joined by their families for a special family blessing from the priest.

After the ceremony, the children, their families and friends joined Fr Ossie in the Parish Hall where a celebration cake was cut and shared by all.

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MINISTRY TEAM**Parish Priest:** Fr Ossie Lewis**Resident Priest:** Fr Greg Carroll**Parish Pastoral Assistants:**

Nola Smith & Tony Pires

Sacristan:

Joseph Muttupulle

Office Staff:

Cecilia Bray & Maggie Doyle

Safeguarding Officers:

Breda Pires & Jim Phillips

Liturgy Committee Chair:

Nola Smith

Adult Faith Formation:

Tony Pires

Sacramental Preparation:

Mark Ferroa

Sacred Environment:

Megan Phillips

Holy Family Care:

Maggie Doyle

St Vincent de Paul Society:

Mike Cosson

Parish Pastoral Council Chair:

Tony Pires

Finance Committee Chair:

Mary-Jo Sieber

Maintenance Committee:

Jim Phillips

Grounds Committee:

Colin Howarth

Social Committee:

Marie Tiley

Communications:

Nola Smith

Contact details for the above parishioners are available from the Church Office Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm**HOLY FAMILY DIARY****4 – 10 September 2017****MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

- No Mass
- 7pm D'Cantor Choir Rehearsal
- 7.30pm SVdP Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

- 9am Mass
- 9.30am Praying Group

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

- 9am Mass
- 9.30am Craft Group - Mtg Rm1

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

- 9am Mass
- 9.30am-3.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

- 7pm Mass
- 5.30pm Singles for Christ - Hall
- 7.30pm Sto Padre Pio Prayer Group

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

- 9am Holy Family Choir Rehearsal
- 1pm Ukulele Group Hall
- 4pm Confirmation Class Mtg Rm 2
- 6pm Mass

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

- 8.30am Mass
- Children's Liturgy - Mtg Rm 2
- 10am Mass
- Children's Liturgy - Mtg Rm 2
- 4pm Mass - Mandarin
- Children's Liturgy - Mtg Rm 2

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**Annual General Meeting****Sunday 10 September****SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS****Breda Pires: 0422 237 261****Jim Phillips: 0419 964 806****WE THANK THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEKEND**

2/3 September	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	Richard Hennessy	John Newman	Leo Burke
Altar Servers MC	Jarrett King	David Ho	Aaron Richards
C	Carl Dias	Holly Smith	Cameron Richards
S1	Keira Bradley	Kian Sykes	Shenaya Wijeyekoon
S2	Helena Kang	Alexandra Frangs	Kate Bourne
S3	Elisha Seow	Mike Muttupulle	Bryan Chong
Commentators	Theresa Miller	Louise Van Maanen	Colette Shack
Readers	Emily Hwee	Katy Fuderer	Henry D'Silva
		Regina Crothers	Gwen Woodruff
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Peter Quinn Christina Sidi Margaret Hennessy Jill McGimpsey-Evans	Adelene Bird <i>Volunteer</i> Rose Hart Regina Crothers	Izaak Francis Breda Pires Anne Armstrong James Chong
Children's Sunday Liturgy		Bronwen Frangs	Stephanie Johnson
Sacred Environment		Megan Phillips	

Ministers please check your roster for next week.*They are available on the Parish Notice Board or at www.holyfamily.com.au***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER 2017**

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries this month:

Mike & Elka Zekulich,
Brian & Margaret Jarvis,
Gloria & Eric Armstrong,
Ted & Flo Cue,
Tom & Pam Morshead,
Patricia & John Williams,
Kevin & Betty Mitchell,
Stephen & Mary Tan,
Bernie & Michelle Roberts,
Rudy & Katherine Llanos,
Tony & Cecilia Bray,
Dot & Tony Elder,
Dan & Claire Hegarty,
Adam & Elly Nevin,
Peter & Amy Tsia,
Pat & Kamille Nogoy,
Tony & Breda Pires,
Adam & Jeanette Drury.

God bless you on your special day**HOME COMMUNION**

Do you know anyone who is house bound or new to a Nursing Home and would like to receive Holy Communion? Contact the Parish Office on 9450 5921 or Email como@perthcatholic.org.au

GARDENING GROUP**1st & 3rd Saturday**

The Gardening Group need your help to keep our lovely parish gardens neat and tidy. The next gardening day is: **Saturday 16th September.** Bring your own gloves, a happy smile and willing hands and join in the fun.



Are you new to our Parish?
If you have recently moved into the area and would like information about our Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Ossie and complete a New Parishioner Enrolment Form available in church foyer.

GREETINGS FROM FR OSSIE

Dear parishioners and friends,

With Migrant and Refugee Sunday coming up very soon, I would like to share with you my pastoral experience on my ministry to the migrants and refugees from Burma. Being a migrant myself, my interest in migrant and refugees is inherent in me.

Until recently developing nations have welcomed refugees and have very humane policies on immigration but today as the number of refugees are sky rocketing some host countries that were once very welcoming are not so welcoming. Notably among them is the USA, which was one of the leading nations to host the most number of refugees annually in the past. With the election

of President Donald Trump and his controversial immigration policies an attitude of protectionism is emerging in the US and some other host countries as well. The Tablet, which is the leading voice in the English-speaking world for a living, dynamic and open Catholicism, in its January issue, reported that the heads of the Anglican, Catholic and all Christian Churches in the UK denounced the Executive Order signed on 27 January by Donald Trump saying that, "Those who have the welfare of all humanity, especially refugees, at heart must continue to let President Trump know that his protectionist policies are not the way forward. These policies do not correspond with the rest of the world's attempt to alleviate the hardships of those who are long familiar with violence, fear and impoverishment."

The Catholic Church's teaching is based on love, especially love for the marginalised. My experience working with the migrants and refugees from Burma proves to me that they are the most marginalised group of people by their own government. They are from various ethnic and religious groups and they have all suffered violence, fear and impoverishments at the hands of their brutal military rulers. They have been stripped of their human dignity and self-worth and some have lost all faith in humanity. Most of them arrive at our shores with a lot of fear and distrust. To help them recapture their humanity, protectionism is not the answer. What they need is what we have, a society that welcomes and embrace humanity, attitudes that build bridges not erect walls. We are people of faith, faith in the infinite goodness of our God and in our fellow human beings. We cannot permit the fear of terrorism or financial hardship dictate our attitudes and way of life. With the security in the love of our God and the good will of our fellow citizen, we are encouraged to develop an attitude of openness and welcome towards the marginalized, the Refugees.

God bless,

Fr Ossie Lewis PP



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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The Pastoral Council has met each month through the last year and worked through various parish issues with Fr Ossie. There have been a number of decisions made, and most in the parish are aware of these. I would like to comment on the situation of our Community in this report.

Are we growing and flourishing as a Church Community and so continuing to build God's Kingdom?

Spiritually – When considering the quality of our Prayer and Celebration of Mass we, the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council), believe our Services are enabling parishioners to celebrate their union with Christ in a meaningful way. The Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Children's Liturgy Team, Sacred Environment Team, Liturgy Committee and Fr Ossie of course, need a special mention for their committed work. Small Christian Communities meet regularly in homes to share and develop their faith. Care for individuals in our Nursing Homes has also improved with weekly communion services conducted by EME's and monthly Masses celebrated by Fr Ossie.

Preach the Gospel
at all times and
when necessary,
use words
- St Francis of Assisi

Socially – Our Community Spirit is Building; Events like the Parish Dance; Family Fun Days; Fundraising Quiz Night and various Morning Teas are providing opportunities for parishioners to interact and get to know one another a little better. The Social Committee leads very well in this area.

Outreach / Service - Care for the disadvantaged around us is of special importance: The St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Community is growing with a number of new, younger members joining recently. They support many families in the area financially, and in other ways, every week. Holy Family Care is another avenue designed to support those in special need in the community. Parish Appeals – Eg. Caritas (Project Compassion); Missions; Lifelink; etc support others in the wider WA, National and International communities. These appeals are well supported at Holy Family.

Evangelisation – Our Sacramental Preparation Program continues to provide support to those seeking to grow in their commitment to the Catholic faith. Children, Parents, Catechists work together as the children prepare to receive various Sacraments.

The Parish also provides adult sessions through the year to help parishioners nurture their faith.

Parish Management – Parish Leadership structures enable the Parish to function well; Fr Ossie Lewis works with Nola Smith, Tony Pires and the Parish Pastoral Council seeking decisions that benefit the whole community.

Our Office Staff – often the first contact people have with the Parish – work together to welcome and inform parishioners and others regarding Parish events and activities. They support Fr Ossie and Nola in managing day-to-day activities; giving very generously of their time and talents.

Of special note in these times is the Safeguarding Project whereby we are seeking to build procedures and a culture that will keep children and vulnerable adults safe. New structures and directives have met with approval and are being adhered to across the Parish.

Mary-Jo Sieber and the Finance Committee ensure our parish finances are managed responsibly. Maintaining the Parish Buildings & grounds is of particular importance and significant work has been completed these last 2 years; the latest being the upgrade of the church sound system. The Gardening Group meets regularly and keeps the grounds in top order.

So, in a spirit of faith and service, we are striving to bring people closer together and closer to God.

And the question always remains; where/how can we improve; what can we do differently?

The Parish Pastoral Council is always willing to receive suggestions along these lines; do you have any thoughts to share with us?

AS EACH HAS
RECEIVED A
gift
USE IT TO
serve
ONE ANOTHER
AS GOOD
stewards
OF GOD'S
VARIED GRACE:
PETER 4:10



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POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

In 2015 Pope Francis asked Catholics to join with the Orthodox Church to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is celebrated on 1 September. As Pope Francis explains, it is a "significant occasion for prayer, reflection, conversion and adoption of appropriate lifestyles"

Now Pope Francis is asking Catholics to join in the Season of Creation.

The season embraces the four Sundays of September before the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October and Pope Francis asks us all to take the time during this season to appreciate the beauty of creation. Whether it is a high mountain or a humble dandelion, all of creation reveals the Creator.

The Season of Creation Calendar follows the 3 year Liturgical Cycle.

2017 is in Year A - The Spirit in Creation and each Sunday celebrates a different element of nature:

September 3	1st Sunday in Creation - Forest Sunday
September 10	2nd Sunday in Creation - Land Sunday
September 17	3rd Sunday in Creation - Wilderness / Outback Sunday
September 24	4th Sunday in Creation - River Sunday

At Holy Family Parish we invite you to fulfill the Pope's intention that we create art to celebrate creation. Take a photo of something in nature that inspires joy in you. The view from your front door, a flower in the sidewalk, an awe-inspiring view from your travels... the more creative, the better!

Bring your photo to church where it will be displayed in the church foyer. The photos will have a number attached (no name) and parishioners will be asked to vote for the photo that inspires them the most.

Your image could inspire other people to give thanks for the good gift of creation.

- ◆ We will celebrate Creation Sunday on 16/17 September.
- ◆ We will have a guest speaker presenting the Homily.
- ◆ Votes for the photos will be collated and a winner announced.



SOCIAL EVENTS

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Fr Ossie often speaks of the importance of community. He says building a community is the first step towards effective worship, ministry and service. This community can begin with a smile and an extended hand as you meet a new parishioner or a friendly greeting uttered to a familiar friend. We would all agree that the pace of everyday life is hectic. To pause for a moment to think of others affords us opportunities to see people in a different light and enjoy the friendships that surround us. Social gatherings within the Parish are about coming together. Friendship is a true blessing.

We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves.

Rick Warren

As a social committee we aim to build and nurture this sense of community within the Holy Family parish. To do this we hold regular morning teas and most months we have a special event.

So far this year we have held:

- ◆ **January** - Holy Family Feast Day Luncheon
- ◆ **January** - Australia Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **February** - Family Movie Night
- ◆ **February** - Fr Ossie's 70th Morning Tea
- ◆ **April** - ANZAC Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **May** - Mother's Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **July** - Dinner for Eight
- ◆ **July** - Family Fun Day
- ◆ **August** - Pasta & Peroni Night

Family Fun Day



On Sunday 9 July several young families from Holy Family Parish gathered at McDougal Park for a lovely afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The day was a wonderful success with the children running around, playing and making new friends and the parents learning names of faces they had often seen in church.

It is very important that the parish offers opportunities for families to gather and share so in October we are planning to present Family Movie Night 2. Currently we are seeking suggestions for an appropriate movie title to be screened.

Still coming this year are:

- ◆ **September** - Father's Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **September** - Pizza & Peroni Night
- ◆ **October** - Family Movie Night 2
- ◆ **November** - Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- ◆ **December** - Christmas Carols

Morning Tea

First & Third Sunday
of the month
after 8.30am & 10am Mass



Pasta & Peroni Night

Following a very successful Dinner for 8 evening in July, a 'Pasta & Peroni Night' was organised for Saturday 19 August. The food was lovely (and there was lots of it), the Peroni was appreciated and the entertainment was enjoyed by all. The evening was so successful that a 'Pizza & Peroni' night is being organised. Stay tuned for further details.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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Quiz Night

A great night was had by all. Many thanks to Tony & Cecilia Bray and their team of helpers who ran the night so well. Thanks to the many generous supporters who donated wonderful prizes and to those who attended, had fun and gave so generously on the night. The princely sum of **\$2500.00** was raised and put toward the new sound system.

The Fundraising Committee has been formed for the purpose of organising events to raise money for parish needs.

The final event for 2017 is:

◆ **22nd October – International Lunch**

We are always looking for new ideas so if have any suggestions for Fundraising Events in 2018 please see Fr Ossie, Rose Hart or Vince Scanlan.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The 2016-2017 Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement is entitled 'A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an ageing society'.

The statement celebrates the value, dignity and significant contributions of older people to the life of the community. At Holy Family Parish we have embarked upon an ongoing celebration of our ageing parishioners by creating a "Memories Book". We are interviewing our ageing parishioners and recording their stories which will be stored digitally and in a hard-bound book that will be available for anyone to read. Excerpts from their stories are published in our @HOME Newsletter. In this edition we will share Mary Haydock's story...



Born on 6th March 1924 in her maternal grandmother's home in Rosebery Avenue in South Perth, Mary was the first of 11 children. Mary Haydock has been a member of Holy Family Parish for 51 years which makes her one of the founding parishioners and she is still a regular at weekday morning Mass and at the Sunday 8.30am.

Mary's life is peppered with adventure, a desire for fresh challenges, a love of music and above all, a deep and sustaining faith which was grown from the seeds sown at home and supported and developed through a Catholic Education in WA.

In addition to growing up in a deeply religious home, Mary's childhood home was filled with music. Her parents had met while singing in Gilbert and Sullivan and the family would sing 'rounds' after a meal. This inspired Mary's lifelong enjoyment of music and she was a founding member of the Julian Singers in Perth. They sang for 40 years (up until a couple of years ago) at weddings, funerals and Masses and most notably, for Pope John Paul II's visit in 1986.

At the start of The Great Depression, Mary moved back to her grandparents' home in South Perth, attended St. Columba's Primary School and made her First Holy Communion at St. Columba's Church. This Church remains very close to her heart as she and her family watched it being built, and there is in fact a pew in her grandfather's name, William Philpott.

After The Depression, Mary moved to Geraldton where she attended Stella Maris College. She learned the viola to be in the school orchestra and was a keen student with a particular interest in maths. Had sciences been offered, Mary would probably have considered a medical career on leaving school but in her utterly realistic and pragmatic

way, Mary used her aptitude and interest in mathematics to move initially into book keeping and accountancy. Mary's early working life included working for the Public Works Department, the Water Authority and the Perth Apple and Pear Marketing Board. She loved to keep busy then as now and attended night school to keep on learning.

Still hungry for challenge, Mary relocated to Melbourne around 1946 and worked in the correspondence division of the RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.) People returning from the war were looking for jobs and were keen to secure qualifications. Mary became responsible for setting up an examination system for those who had studied via correspondence.

Mary left the RMIT in the early 1950s for another challenge.... to train as a nurse at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in Melbourne which the time was a new training school.

After Melbourne, Mary worked in Broome for a year. She holds very special memories of this beautiful place and on days off could enjoy swimming, picnicking and playing golf on the beach with red golf balls in order to be able to see them!

Mary continued her nursing career back in Perth for a while and did a course in Tuberculosis and topped the State in her exam results for that. At this time the Heidelberg was needing to recruit personnel and she applied to go back to Melbourne. While there, Mary had the opportunity to apply in 1955, under the banner of the Colombo Plan, for a senior nursing position in Malaysia. Malaya, as it was then, had been decimated during the war and the Colombo plan sought to invite nurses, doctors, teachers etc to Malaya to 'build up' the country. Mary went to be part of the team that established a TB hospital in Malaya.. the Lady Templar Hospital, named after the wife of the British

High Commissioner of the time, General Sir Gerard Templar.

Mary left Malaysia reluctantly after her four year contract and went to the Cocos Islands to nurse before returning to Hollywood Hospital in Perth. Mary left Hollywood Hospital in 1961 to do further nursing studies in the Eastern States and later returned to WA to continue her career in health education and paediatrics until retirement in 1984.

Mary has lived a life that has responded to the challenge of the Gospels that asks us that where we see a need, we respond. Whether it was as an office worker or health professional or the parishioner who offered lifts to Mass or as a reader at Mass or, as she is now, a Dame Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre... an order which seeks to support the Holy Land, Mary responds with immediacy, courage, conviction and faith. Even Mary's choice of seat in Holy Family Church was a response to a parishioner who used to sit there (front row, left hand side, aisle) and who was struggling with the thought of an inevitable move to a nursing home. Realising the parishioner's distress, Mary's response was that she would, from then on, sit in that parishioner's seat and pray for her.

Mary's days begin with Mass and are then filled to overflowing with helping others, dealing with the practicalities of life such as car maintenance and bills, crosswords and reading, letter writing and music... and I haven't even mentioned her love of cricket! Mary does not sit still and do nothing. Perhaps that is the secret to living so well and ably at 93! May God continue to bless you Mary and give you challenge and reward in equal measure. Thank you for giving a glimpse of your 93 years and sharing so generously for "@HOME with Holy Family."

As told to Colette Shack.

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

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Our Small Christian Community used this prayer during some of our meetings this year:

Lord, We place our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire,

we respond to Your call to discipleship

by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ.

We pray for one another and the group as a whole;

enable us to cherish our community and tend it in a responsible manner.

Bless every member of our growing team, fill each of us with a care and love that seeks only to build and nurture.

May our service of each other – and those in need around us - serve to enhance your Kingdom.

Continue to bless our ongoing formation, strengthen the bonds between us,

and bring success to the work we engage in - may it enhance life in all its richness.

We pray for special needs tonight...

We meet each fortnight or month

to speak of our lives and struggles,

to pray for ourselves, and those we know are in special need,

to tell stories, laugh

and eat too much!



Discussion and sharing of our thoughts and attitudes takes place in an atmosphere of respect and care – although the air becomes heated at times. We are organising a 2-day retreat in Safety Bay later in the year and attend movies and other events together from time to time.

Our faith has grown as we listen to one another,

question aspects of faith and church we don't understand,

express our thoughts and attitudes

real
spirituality
for real life
faith in process

*Want more information about SCC's
or would like to come along and join us – even for a few sessions
or would like to start your own Community:*

Ring Tony Pires

COLOUR IN THIS SPECIAL FATHERS DAY PICTURE

Thank You Lord...



Mandy Groce '10

<http://ministry-to-children.com>

REFLECTION

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me". (Matthew 16:21-28)

The 'tough' journey of following Jesus...

Today confronts us with the gap between Jesus' painful fate and our own modest discipleship. Jesus' verbs say it all.

'Deny the self, take up the cross, follow Christ'.

Moreover, only in losing one's life - may one save it. At this moment we are hearing Matthew's distinctive voice: Salvation is not only about calling Jesus "Lord", but also doing what he says (7:21-29).

So we face the chasm between Jesus' call to discipleship and our own lives as 'part-time volunteers' for the Gospel. Few Christians abandon everything for the Gospel's sake. Most of us simply fit our Christianity into the open spots on our calendars. But, in this passage Jesus links the life of discipleship with his own path.

This year, Mark and Katharyn Richt sold their second home, a lakefront property valued at just below \$2 million. Best known as head football coach at the University of Georgia, Mark Richt has earned more than \$25 million dollars since taking that position in 2001. He also openly professes his Christian faith and engages in a variety of ministries. The Richts sold this property so that they could give to anti-poverty work. Mark Richt attributed the decision to the dynamic book "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns, the president of World Vision. Named the "Christian Book of the Year" for 2010, this resource introduces readers to the harsh reality of global and local poverty, pressing the question of how Christians should respond to human suffering in the light of the Gospel.

Today's Gospel moves from a focus upon Jesus and his vocation to his demands for disciples. Jesus has just congratulated Peter for his recognition that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Moreover, Jesus' language has intimated authority and privilege: Peter the Rock provides the church's foundation, he receives the keys to the realm of heaven and his earthly authority carries heavenly significance. But now **Jesus begins a process of reinterpreting what 'being the Messiah' really means – and what following that Messiah entails for the disciples.**

Whatever the threat posed by the 'prosperity gospel', a more insidious assumption definitely lurks among us: that God wants us to be happy. We often celebrate how much Jesus loves us, how much we love Jesus and how great God is. This 'happiness assumption' has sunk so deeply into our collective psyche that even the words of Jesus can hardly challenge it. **Are we even capable of hearing that God might call us to radical sacrifice, even to danger and fear?** Can Jesus' words get past our ears?

Peter has just been congratulated as the rock on which Jesus will build his church. He is comfortable in a theology of grace and glory. Suddenly that rock looks sandy and unsafe. Jesus calls him abruptly out of his comfort zone into the real world where suffering must be faced



Taking the cross is accepting and living with pain, suffering of any sort, and the griefs of life we can do nothing about. Crosses may be inflicted on us by others. We know of people who have accepted a heavy burden in life and who lived tough, through no fault of their own. They have been helped often by the example of the one who carried the cross to the end. Help often came to them also from family, friends, Church community and neighbours.

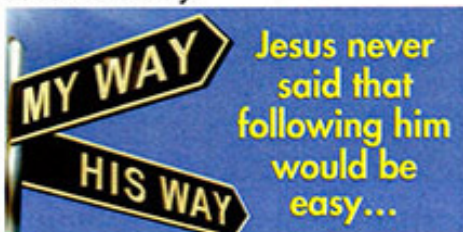
Lord, I love to see you in nature, people and beautiful churches. Let me recognise you too in pain, loss and insecurity.



For our children...

22ND SUN ORDINARY TIME

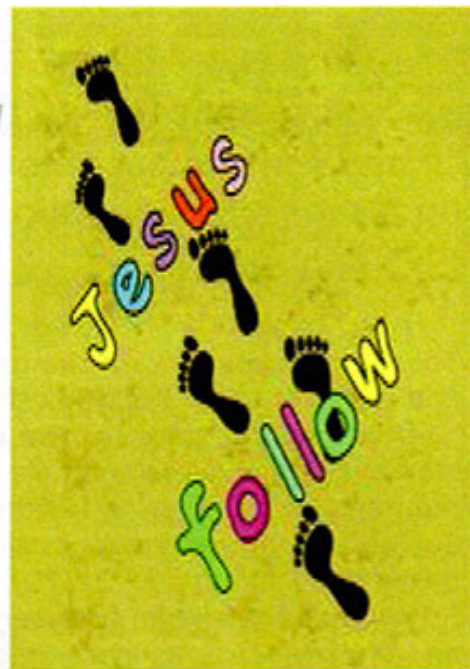
No-one likes to do something difficult when there is an easier way! Sometimes it is hard to do what we know is right, but today Jesus tells us that we should not try to take the easy way out but follow his way.



LET US PRAY

Lord, we pray for people who are suffering difficulties: the homeless and unemployed; the sick and the lonely; the hungry and the poor.

Share your courage and strength with them and surround them with your love.



Liturgy of the Word 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry weary land without water.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds my fast.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ord Time Yr A

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9,

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

From that time Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord' he said, 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour. I tell you solemnly, there are some of these standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming with his kingdom.'