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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**Year A****18th / 19th January, 2020****The Lamb of God**

If I saw Jesus, would I recognize him? If he came towards me, would I bow down before him or would I run away from him - turn my back on him? This question is not so hypothetical. In fact, it is easily answered by the choices I have made in the difficult times of my life. Have I chosen God over myself? His Will over mine; his selflessness or my selfishness? This is a question we can all answer.

John saw the Lord coming towards him and immediately recognized him. He told his disciples, the gems of his hard labour, to no longer follow him but to follow the Lord. Saints do not give to the world themselves; they give to the world Christ. John, like Mary, gave to the world the Son of God. Lord, let there be light, and there was Light!

A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me. What does it take to be a disciple of the Lord? Humility - what does it mean to be humble? To accept myself for what I am. I am a speck of sand – in time and in space! I am a dot in the universe – in length and in width! Our planet is not even in the centre of our solar system! Copernicus pushed us off to the side! Hubble kicked us out of our unique galaxy! And I think to myself...How comforting this is. Nothing I do makes any difference. I can do whatever I want.

But in reality, in the eyes of all that can see, I am a spiritual giant! Taller than any redwood, more conscious than any existing matter, more intelligent than our sun, more nurturing than Mother Nature, more loving than all the precious stones below, and much more forgiving than the Universe! I belong to my Creator in a unique, singular way! I belong to the Lord who is my Father, my brother, my God. Only man and woman can look up into the sky and say, "What a beautiful night." No animal, no-thing can do that! Only man and woman can say, "I am here", and no one can take my place. And what is truly remarkable is: My God knows me. "To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God." Now I know who I am. I can make a difference! "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will!"

Now I must accept who the Lord has made me to be: his child. I will not run away from the Lord. I will run to the Lord and embrace Him. He has given me depth and length, purpose and meaning. He who ranks ahead of me is coming to me! I am his and he is mine. I am not an insignificant speck. I am a drop of God's infinite love, capable of making another smile, of bringing joy to another, of opening heaven to those sunk into despair.

This power to become children of God means to rise above the existing confusion of this world and set some order to it! We have been called to bring some light; to open the skies and discover the heavens above. To see life for what it is: an overflow of God's love. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I will not succumb to the greatest lie ever! That is, "I'm so sorry. I can't help you."

May I never be comforted in thinking that I am a speck! May I be terrified in knowing that I am a drop of love – infinite love – from God! This drop makes all the difference in the world.

(Taken From Daily Meditations with Fr. Alfonse)

Readings: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

WE REMEMBER

We remember George Zangerle, Gail Mustey and George Ehlers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

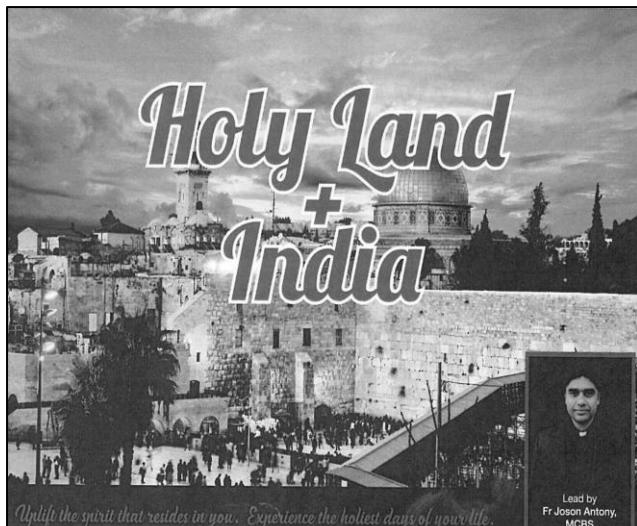
PARISH HAPPENINGS

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, January 21st. See noticeboard for roster.



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Parish Diary

Monday, January 20th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, January 22nd

Benediction 5:30pm
Mass 6:00pm

Thursday, January 23rd

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, January 24th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, January 25th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 25th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, January 26th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes



Carol Borromeo-Zangerle wishes to thank you for your tremendous show of support and love on the demise of her husband George Ludwig Zangerle.

Likewise, her nieces, nephews, cousins and sisters-in-law say from the Philippines & USA "you are indeed a Great Community. Thank you All"

The Eucharist ... is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

Evangelii Gaudium (2013)

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ACBC BUSHFIRE APPEAL - JANUARY 25TH/26TH

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally. Parishes across the country are taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

While a collection will be taken up at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to donate online at:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

or if you specifically wish to donate to Queensland victims please go to:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-qld/vinnies-disaster-appeal-qld>

If you make a donation through the parish collection and require a receipt for tax purposes please place your donation in an envelope with your details and a receipt will be arranged by this office.

If you require any further information please ring the Parish Office.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 January 2020.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON WORLD LIVING LAUDATO SI.....THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

"The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Ch 2) You are invited to share in this Community Forum on Saturday February 15th 2020 from 9.00am-1.45pm at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford. We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'. At the community forum we will look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from government, non-government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home. Expressions of Interest: Please Contact Stafford Parish Office by email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or by calling 07 3356 7155

POSITION VACANT - GENERAL ASSISTANT & PASTORAL CARE DUTIES

Centacare Pastoral Ministries - Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is part of an international mission for seafarers. The purpose of the Apostleship of the Sea is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed. The seafarer's centre is open 12 hours per day, Monday-Friday. The main objective of the role is to be able to perform administration duties for which a good working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel are required, and to provide pastoral care on-board the vessels berthed at the wharves and support for seafarers whilst at the Centre with shop sales and phone card issues. Transporting of seafarers in a 12 seat van is also an essential requirement of the position.

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For enquiries, please contact Judy Norris (Director of Pastoral Ministries) 3324 3193.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

COST: \$2

- Timorese Catholic Community opens a new shrine to Our Lady of Aitara at Marian Valley, Canungra on January 11.
- Iraqi archbishop pleads for rival US and Iran powers to 'leave us alone' amid escalating tensions in the region.
- Young Brisbane firefighter Michael O'Donovan prays for protection, calling on God to stand by him and others.
- Flowing between Bribie and Kilcoy, amalgamated Living Waters parish formed at the start of the year.
- PM Scott Morrison joins debates about doing more on climate action after bushfires devastate Australia.
- Townsville Bishop Tim Harris urges Indonesian officials to send the remaining Bali Nine home after 14 years.
- Family of 34, including a newborn baby dodges raging fires on New South Wales southern coast.

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