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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**Year A****25th / 26th January, 2020****Australia Day**

Discussion of Australia Day generally focuses on whether the date is appropriate, given the disastrous consequences for Indigenous Australians and cultures that followed the arrival of the first fleet.

This question is important because it makes us ask whether we respect Indigenous Australians today and recognise their unique place in Australia.

This year, however, Australia Day invites even deeper reflection on life in Australia and its history and future. The catastrophic fires are the prelude to an age in which the effects of climate change will dominate the way all Australians will experience and live in Australia. It impels us to reflect on the way in which Indigenous Australians and the European settlers have related to the world and on what we might learn from them for our future.

Threat to Survival

This takes us into the world of Pope Francis' letter on the environment, *Laudato si'*. He writes with great urgency, recognising the threat to welfare, even survival, of human beings posed by climate change. He also recognises the deep change of attitudes required if as nations and a race we are to meet this threat. We must move beyond the ways of living and thinking that we take for granted. For Pope Francis, that begins in wonder and respect for the world that God has given us.

Reflection on the differences between Indigenous and European ways of seeing the world can offer a new perspective. The Indigenous cultures are communal. In them individuals find meaning through assimilating their received place in society and in country. The growth of the individual is tied to the wellbeing of the community which, in turn, is tied to the care of the earth and its flora and fauna. This world-view and the rituals that embodied it have been carefully passed on from one generation to another and have governed people's behaviour. Fire was used to prune and promote growth, but not allowed to destroy it. The effect of this care is to conserve the earth which supports human life.

Land Care Approaches

Western culture as displayed in Australia puts a high value on individual initiative and the amassing of wealth. It is competitive and sees land as something for individuals to take possession of and to exploit, not to preserve and sustain for the good of the community. Central to the public culture is the development of technology to exploit the environment, and of financial systems to underwrite the exploitation. Morality is understood to govern personal and interpersonal behavior, but not to apply to relationships to land or to social justice.

The catastrophic bushfires, part of the disruption to our lives we must expect with global warming, invite us to ask whether the dominant expansionary and individual culture in Australia has reached a point when it will destroy the world that it exploits. And whether Indigenous cultures may offer, not technological solutions, but a more mature way of imagining our relationship to the natural world. These are rich and pressing thoughts for Australia Day!

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

Readings: The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

WE REMEMBER

We remember George Zangerle and Dorothy Bennett. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Joson will be away from the parish from Thursday, January 30th until Tuesday, February 4th. During this time there will be no weekday masses. Regular timetable resumes on Wednesday, February 5th.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 29th at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, January 30th. Volunteers are asked to advise the Meals on Wheels kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, February 3rd please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship from 10:00am. Due to the closure of Kafe Me morning tea will now be at Café Lito (adjacent to the escalator and ramp) in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre. Everyone welcome. Contact Barbara Kerr on 3349 6334 or just turn up.

GOD'S WORD 2020

This is the last week that God's Word 2020 will be available. If necessary you will be able to collect one from the office until the end of the week.

2020 LENTEN PROGRAM

We are planning to run this year's program on Wednesday mornings commencing February 26th at 10:30am in the Parish Centre. Please indicate on the clipboards in the churches if you are interested in attending or would like a book to reflect on at home so that we can purchase the resources.

Parish Diary

Monday, January 27th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, January 29nd

Benediction 5:30pm
Mass 6:00pm

Saturday, February 1st

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Saturday, February 1st

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, February 2nd

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's
Mass 9:00am
St Agnes
Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED URGENTLY – COMMUNION MINISTER TO AGED CARE FACILITY

On Monday mornings for many, many years a volunteer from the Parish has been visiting Esida Court and Esida Lodge (formerly Carindale Court and Carindale Nursing Home). This is a very valued ministry of the parish and is also highly valued by the residents and staff of this facility.

With regret our current volunteer has had to immediately withdraw from this ministry due to health reasons. We are now calling for a new volunteer/s to take communion to the residents on a weekly basis and if possible assisting Fr Joson at a monthly mass which is offered in the morning on the 4th Thursday.

If you are interested and/or would like more information please contact the parish office. Please give it some thought.

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FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ACBC BUSHFIRE APPEAL - JANUARY 25TH/26TH



Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support 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 this 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.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.

RELICS OF ST THERESE PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Relics of St Therese will be touring the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Thursday, February 6th to Saturday, February 15th. If you are interested, the itinerary is available from the Parish Office. Please call or email and a copy will be forwarded to you.

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL – FEBRUARY 15TH/16TH

"The Little King's Movement" once a year conducts a Parish Appeal and a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. Due to the Bush Fire Appeal this appeal has been postponed until the weekend of February 15th/16th.

THE ELIZABETHAN CRAFT GROUP

Would you like a friendly get together with others. Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat. There is also an opportunity to develop your talents (eg. crochet and knitting). You can get to know our group, learn new skills or simply get together for friendship and hospitality. This is a wonderful group with a long history of helping others and providing company to all ages. Men are also most welcome, for activities or simply to get together for companionship and a yarn. If you would like to be a part of our group contact Phil (3349 2809) or Marilyn (0411 226 735) or simply turn up at The Function Room, St John Fisher Church, Messines Ridge Road, Holland Park West each Thursday from 9:00am.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2

- Archbishop Coleridge is standing up to protect confession rights against proposed mandatory reporting laws.
- Wilson Gavin is being remembered by friends as a young man who inspired them back to their faith.
- Qld Law Society has hit back against the proposed mandatory reporting laws around religious confession, warning it could easily spread to other confidentiality privileges like lawyer-client privilege.
- Blessed Peter To Rot, who was killed in 1945 during the Japanese invasion of PNG, has a new shrine blessed and opened at Marian Valley, Canungra.
- Kym Keady reflects on her experiences of motherhood, hard work and leadership in a letter to her daughter
- Alan Edgecomb displays a gallery of photos of Rome's Basilica di Santa Maria and his experience photographing it.
- Marjorie Williams is hanging up the apron at the Cathedral Coffee Lounge after 20 years
- Available in the churches this weekend.



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!"

PRAYER & WORSHIP TALKS AND HEALINGS

.. I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
John 14:6

I am overflowing with the Holy Spirit.
I have been nourished. I am in love with
Jesus".
Nick - Testimony

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