



The Voice

19th October 2014

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Psalter Week 1

ORDINARY
time

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Recently deceased:**
Jenny Balicki, Louise Panos,
Robert John Sharp, Zelma Neil,
Denis Glacken, Noel Pyper,
Fr. Bill Wauchope.
- **Anniversaries:**
Leila Speer, Jim McNamee.
- **Remembrances:**
Dario, Caterina and Robert
Burla.
- **Sick:**
Doris Tancred, Sr. Leo Taylor,
Fr. Bill Meacham, Beryl Allen,
Mary Harrison, Lola Proctor,
Michael Wheeler, Renee Glase,
Alan Harland, Grace Williams,
Margaret Woodward,
Brother Michael Knights,
Gada Selim, Evangeline Cusay,
Neil Cameron.

What happened to the Jesuits?

On 27th September, Pope Francis presided at Vespers in the Gesù in Rome, to commemorate the second centenary of the “reconstitution” of the Society of Jesus. (“Gesù” is Italian for “Jesus”, and is the short name for the church of that title on the Via del Plebiscito, the traditional “mother church” of the Jesuits.) As the first Jesuit pope, Francis naturally wanted to celebrate with his brothers, but incidents like this leave many Catholics puzzled: what happened to the Jesuits, that they had to be “reconstituted”?

Religious life has evolved quite a lot down the centuries, and the Jesuits have been part of that evolution. The first stages were those of the monks (mainly outside the towns and the canons regular (mainly urban); the next was that of the mendicants or friars (such as Franciscans, Carmelites, Dominicans, etc.) in the middle ages; then, around the time of the Reformation, emerged the “clerks regular”, with less emphasis on community life and more on apostolic action. The first of this group were the Theatines and the Barnabites; the most famous were the Jesuits, founded in 1534.

The Society grew rapidly; by the time of the death of the Founder, St Ignatius Loyola (1556), there were over a thousand members; by 1600 there were over 8,500.

They founded many schools and foreign missions, and were frequently spiritual directors to rulers and aristocrats. Their influence was envied, and moves began for their suppression. They were expelled from Portugal in 1759, from France in 1764, and from Spain and its colonies in 1767 (5,000 Jesuits were deported). European powers interfered in the appointment of cardinals and the election of popes, in order to secure a general suppression of the Society. This came about under Pope Clement XIV in 1773. (Hence the joking suggestion that the present pope, on his election, should have taken the name, “Clement XV.”)

They did not entirely disappear; they lingered on, in various ways, in Austria, Germany, Prussia, Russia and even England. They still had their supporters, who worked to overturn what was an obvious injustice. Pius finally “reconstituted” them on 7th August 1814, after he was freed from imprisonment under Napoleon.

That is the bicentenary that is being celebrated this year. In his address, the Pope paid particular tribute to Ricci, the Father General at the time of suppression, whose prudent governance prepared the Society for the important role it would resume in the Church after its reconstitution.

FR JOHN HILL, P.P.

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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. *Alleluia!*

Around the Parish

Catholic Mission Sunday: A special collection at all Masses this weekend for our Missions. The need is great and your generosity would be appreciated.

Bus Trip to Pokolbin Village, Hunter Valley. Morning tea at Cessnock. **Please Note: Date changed from 21st to 22nd October leaving 9 am.** Cost \$15.

Also **2nd trip** to Pokolbin Hunter Valley via Cessnock for morning tea, Tuesday, 28th October, leaving 9am.

Trip to St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Chapel Healing Mass, 13th November, leaving 8.30am.

Ph: Susie Casey 4344 1742 or 0403 417 639.

Coffee/Tea/Chat: A group of seniors meeting in the Leo Mahon room this Monday, 20th October, 1.30pm-3pm. If you would like to join us, phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Morning Tea/Coffee Roster 26/10/14 after 9.15am Mass will be our Catechists group.

Parish Pastoral Council: In response to your comments from the Mission Event, the Pastoral Council will put a notice in the Voice to keep you informed of Parish undertakings. So far, we have planned a St. Patrick's Day lunch and will join forces with SJBS for a school/parish Fete in late September, forth coming, so watch this space!

Save the Date! It's back—St. Patrick's Day lunch!. The Parish Pastoral Council, in reply to your requests for more community gatherings will host this event. The lunch returns to Walter Baker Hall on Saturday, March 15th.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta: Members of the Rosary Making Group are selling tickets after all Masses this weekend, 18th/19th October. Tickets 50c.

Family Ministry meeting Thursday, 23rd October, 1pm in the Riley room of the Ethel Cox Centre.

From the Parish Nurse: Just as we are encouraged to make our wishes known regarding our funeral so there is a need to make our wishes known about our health care needs and treatment preferences. An information session on advanced care plans will be held in the Leo Mahon room, Wednesday, 22nd October at 10.30am, repeated at 7.30pm.

Sympathy: St. John the Baptist Parish family extends prayerful sympathy to family, relatives and friends of Jenny Balicki who was buried from our church last week.

Catechists Please Note: There will be no monthly meeting this Thursday, 23rd October.

Volunteer Church Cleaning 24/10/14: Don Anderson, Warren Sparrow, Judy French, Maria Wickens.

Children's Liturgy Roster 26/10/14: Mary Wood (L) and Geraldine Baxter (L).

The Just Word

Campaigns for Economic Justice: Jubilee Australia, among other focal areas, shine a light on the Australian government's role in financing and supporting Australian extractive industries overseas through its Export Credit Agency, EFIC.

In focusing on the Asia-Pacific region, Jubilee produces quality research to show the effects of some mining projects on the poor and the environment e.g. In Papua New Guinea and currently in Bougainville. Rio Tinto and Bougainville Copper, with

the a support of government, want to re-open the disastrous Panguna mine.

In order to allow the voices of the affected people to be heard, Jubilee will soon be releasing the results of on-the-ground research.

Jubilee USA, of which the US Columban Centre for Advocacy and Outreach is a member is campaigning to have an immediate moratorium on Phillipine's debt in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan. Even as they struggle to rebuild using the

generous donations given them at the time of the disaster, the government still has to repay loans to the tune of US \$6.7bn for the year.

Jubilee USA was recently praised by the Vatican for bringing together Muslims, Jews and Christians to work on debt, taxes and financial reform in order to end poverty. On May 20, Jubilee USA led a delegation to the Vatican where they met with Pope Francis.

Columban Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice.

From the Diocese and beyond

Nourish Your Soul and Your Body - Join the sacramental coordinators of the Diocese as Fr. John Frauenfelder challenges our knowledge and speaks about the Sacraments of our Church. Thursday 6th November, 10am-2pm. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Rd. The Entrance. RSVP 31st October. To register phone Colleen/Leanne on 9847 0448 or 4332 9825 or email registratons@dbb.org.au

2014 Annual Hospital Pastoral Care Seminar Day: "Francis Effect" Fr. Noel Connolly and Fr. David Ranson: 22nd October, 9.30am-3.00pm. Caroline Chisholm Centre.

Building 2, Level 6, 423 Pennant Hills Rd. Pennant Hills. Enq: Joy 0417 591 900. To register email: joy.bowen@dbb.org.au More detail on notice board.

"Should Christianity still have a Voice in the Public Square?"

Presenter John Cleary. Sat. 1st November, 10.30am-12 noon. Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd. Pennant Hills. (vehicular access via City View Rd.) RSVP 30 October to 9847 0448 or 4332 9825. John Cleary is the presenter of Sunday Nights on ABC Local Radio and is best known for his years with Radio National as presenter of *The Religion Report*. RSVP 30th October to

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St. Patrick's Parish East Gosford will host the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Paul R. Gallagher, who will be the main celebrant at 9am Mass next Sunday 26th October followed by a talk on the nature of the Church at 10am.

World Community Day Friday, 31st October. 10 am Service followed by morning tea. St. Paul's Anglican Ministry Centre, Avoca Drive, Kincumber, at the roundabout with Maitland Drive, Kincumber. Guest Speaker: Mrs. Dawn Bickford.



What Catholics Do (Part 3)

Cecelia P. Regan

In this final instalment we explore how we pray the Mass.

Gestures, postures, language

The manner in which we conduct ourselves during Mass is a very important part of our prayer. We are embodied spirits, and the physical manifestation of our prayer helps us connect with God and each other. Over the centuries traditions have developed to aid and remind us that we are in the holy presence of God whenever we enter church. Our gestures, postures, and traditions express what we believe.

As Catholics we believe in the real presence: Christ is objectively and really present in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. We profess this belief with reverent and respectful actions every time we enter a Catholic church. It is most appropriate to dress modestly, neatly, and respectfully. No hats for boys and men. Silence shows we understand that God is really present in the tabernacle. Turn off cell phones and electronic devices so prayer will not be disturbed. Holy water fonts are located at the doors of our churches. By dipping our fingers in the blessed water and making the sign of the cross every time we enter and leave, we are reminded of our baptism into the life of Christ and our membership in the family of God, the church. We kneel briefly on our right knee (genuflect) before entering the pew and when leaving church. A person with physical limitations may make a simple bow toward the altar or the tabernacle. We kneel in the pew to pray each time we enter church. This helps us to focus and prepares us for liturgy.

As we begin Mass with the sign of the cross, we profess the suffering and death of Jesus. During the penitential rite, we prepare ourselves by asking for forgiveness for the sins we have committed against God, ourselves, and others. Listening, responding to prayers, and singing help us to totally enter the celebration of Mass, communicate with God, and listen to what God has to say to us. Hymns reflect the season of the

church year, the Gospel reading, and the action of the Mass.

We sit and reflect on God's word during the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), response, and second reading (usually an epistle from the New Testament). We stand to call our attention to the Gospel and for other prayers and actions that are most important during Mass. Before the Gospel reading, we make a small cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart, asking that God's word will always be on our mind, in all we say, and in our hearts.

During the consecration, the priest says the words of institution; by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ. Kneeling shows we are humbled to be in the Lord's presence and that we pray and worship God only. It is inappropriate to talk or leave your pew during the consecration, because it is a most sacred time of the Mass. When the host and chalice are raised, a simple prayer of adoration should be said silently.

As Jesus commands, we open our hands and hearts to the Lord to pray for forgiveness and for what we need during the Our Father. While there is no prescribed posture aside from standing, many people have adopted the *orans* position of prayer (opening your hands to God) or join hands with others during this prayer to show solidarity. During the sign of peace, we shake hands with those around us and say, "The peace of Christ be with you." We make peace with our neighbours before we approach the table of the Lord.

We process as a community in holy communion to the altar; the hymn we sing joins our hearts and reflects our oneness as the body of Christ. Before we receive, we show our respect and love for the Eucharist by bowing slightly and answering "Amen" to "The Body of Christ." If receiving from the chalice, we bow again and answer "Amen" to "The Blood of Christ." "Amen" means "So be it" or "Yes, I believe." After receiv-

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Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

See Matthew 22:21



Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula

Woy Woy, Woy Woy South, Umina, Umina Beach, Ettalong, Ettalong Beach, Koolewong, Blackwall, Booker Bay, St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay, Horsfield Bay, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy Bay, Daley's Point, Phegan's Bay and Wondabyne

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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

PARISH CHOIR— Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m. Enquiries: 4341 3367.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

CATHOLICCARE Counselling and Family Relationships 4356 2600.

MARY MAC'S PLACE Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

CASH HOUSIE every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990818.

What Catholics Do (Part 3)

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ing, we come back to our pews, giving thanks to God for our gifts – especially that of Jesus being with us in this most intimate way. We rest in God's love when the door to the tabernacle is closed.

After the final blessing, we take God into our daily lives at home, school, and work. We are Eucharist for others: we become what we receive!

For reflection:

- At Mass, do I conduct myself in a way that reflects that I am in the presence of God? Where do I need to be more attentive?
- Do my actions mirror my prayer?

- How does attending Mass influence my life during the week?
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