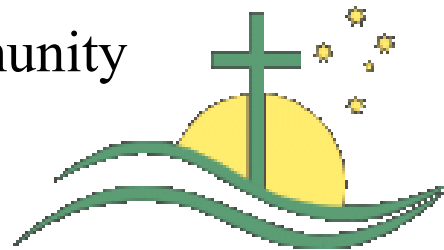




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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 13-14 August, 2022

Being moved to love: discerning God's will for our lives

One of the most common questions I face on a university campus is, 'How do I know God's will for my life?' The short answer I generally give is: 'If you want to do God's will tomorrow, do God's will today!' That obviously needs some unpacking. It hits on a central nerve of the Christian life: our everyday relationship with Jesus Christ.

In order to do God's will, we need to learn to recognise his voice, his invitations and his interventions in our everyday lives. That takes knowledge of God, of ourselves and of our relationship. Do we know him enough to know what he loves and desires? Are we interiorly free enough to love what he loves? How does he most often let me know what that is?

Our souls conform to what we love. This is a shocking reality. On a physical level, we are what we eat, but on the level of freedom, we are what we think, love and choose. Drinking petrol is a fast way to destroy our body. What we have more difficulty realising is the power of ideas, images and manipulated affections to reshape our interior landscape.

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your minds.' (Romans 12:2)

A diet of sound-byte news, fads, opinions, advertisements and gossip cripples our ability to think, manipulates our emotions and slowly reorients our desires. This is the slavery from which Christ has come to set us free; the slavery of attachment to things that steal our joy and darken our intellect, rendering it helpless to guide us along paths that lead to that fullness of life that Christ came to bring.

'Veritas!' The clarion call of the man whom the Church calls 'Lumen Ecclesiae' ('Light of the Church') resounds even more forcefully today after 800 years. St Dominic called his followers to study. We need to have studied the Truth to recognise it when we see it. Study in an atmosphere of prayer and humility re-educates our will and emotions to love Truth as something good for us, so that we can embrace it fully. The reality is that God is speaking to each of us on a personal level all of the time. When at times we do not hear him, it just might indicate the need for some interior renovation.

Transformation is possible. Actually, Baptism is a call to ongoing transformation. Four key means to ongoing transformation are prayer, study, friendship and service. Each of these needs a permanent place in our everyday lives, but this article is a call to be open to the light that Christ wants to bring into our lives through study.

First, we can study the gospels, daily setting before our minds the wisdom of his words, the beauty of his virtues, the desires of his heart, so that we might long to unite to them more deeply every day.

We can study what the Church says about our vocation. What does she say about married life, about religious life or the priesthood? When we read the beauty of the call to each of these states of life, we experience a resonance with the Lord's personal call to us and are also freed from fears or mistaken perceptions that might be holding us back or creating sky castles.

The Catechism is another wonderful treasure, packed with the wisdom of the Fathers and testimonies of the saints. Stepping through it slowly and prayerfully will ground us in the faith.

Finally, we can study great literature. The masters of literature raise before us the drama of the human condition. Through their craft, they play a vital role in educating our affective life by moving us to love the good and detest evil. With mind and heart constantly nourished by the light of the Word, we ready ourselves, like Mary, to say the word (fiat) and to receive the Word (Jesus) into our lives. Saying 'yes' to God's will today shapes us to be able to hear and say yes to his will tomorrow

By Sr Mary Helen OP (taken from Melbourne Catholic)

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/G68saKLIQGY>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Monday, 15 August

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses are: 9am and 7pm



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you wish your child to be a part of this year's program please contact the parish office to obtain the registration form. You may also download it from our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills>. Completed form must be returned by **Friday, 2nd September, 2022**. The child must be at least in grade 6 this year and have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. If you have any queries, please contact us by email office@stpaulapostle.com.au or call us on 9700 3781. Cost is \$20 per child. The following dates are the important sessions which you must attend:

Tuesday, 4 October – First Family night in the church at 7pm.
Follow by 3 sessions/ class either at the schools or after school RE class

Tuesday, 15 November - Final Family night at the church at 7pm

*** Children are required to attend both Family nights with their parents*

Thursday, 17 November Meeting in the Church with the Bishops at 2.15pm

- Notes:
- This session is only for children (no parents)
 - You need to drop off your child at Church around 2pm
 - Please make sure you sign them in when you drop them off
 - Session will end around 3.15pm

Saturday, 19 November

Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation at 1.30pm or 3.30pm

(you can only choose a time after the First family night and entry based on first in first served)

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE

The NEW SET of thanksgiving envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the foyer of the church. They are arranged in STREET ORDER. Therefore, if you wish to find your envelope, please look under your STREET'S NAME (eg. If your name is

'SMITH' and lives in 'RAVENHILL CRES', please find it under 'R') We would also appreciate if you could help to deliver those who lives in your street, so that we can minimise the mailing cost. If you are not in the thanksgiving and would like to take part in it, please fill in a form that are available in the foyer and drop it off in the Parish Office so that we can include you in.

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

Our next gathering is on **THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST**, in the Church starting at 7.30pm with some reflection and followed by a cuppa. All are welcome

CREATING A JUST, SYNODAL CHURCH

In this, its 50th year of Theological Education, Yarra Theological Union – along with the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Garratt Publishing – invite you to attend the series of zoom session on 'towards a just, synodal Church.'

WHEN: Wednesday Evenings – August 17, 24 & 31

TIME: 7:30-9:00pm (AEST)* Online via Zoom

COST: \$22.00 incl. GST (covers all four sessions). *Excludes TryBooking fee.* BOOKINGS: via TryBooking
Concessions may be available, contact sales@garrattpublishing.com.au

Register Here (You only need to register once for all sessions, as the link is the same for all four webinars. A link to a recording will be sent to all registrants after each session.)

For more information, [click here](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

We, Isabelle, Nick and our 6 kids are hoping to go on the Pilgrimage to Vietnam 2023 with the Passionist community.

We are seeking sponsorship to get there. If you would like to contribute we have a bank account setup for donations:

BSB: 063 103

Acct no: 1039 5996

Or you can chat with us after 9am mass.

Thank you for your consideration!"

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Monica Evans, Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Robert D'Silva, Logotuli 'Henry' Peteru, Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or home-bound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Andre Machado, Vicky Robin, Ivan Patrick D'Cruz, Marivic Sarto, Francis Pacheco, Carlos Alberto Monteiro, Christina Quigley, Alfred Hili, Arlette Cabon, Brian Schellebeck, Theodore Cabrera, Cynthia Macleod, Sydney Platcher, Gregory Platcher *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace



Readings:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10;
Heb 12: 1-4;
Lk 12: 49-53

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 18-21;
Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13: 22-30

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