

**Let us remember in our prayers ...**

**Recently deceased:** Noel Garry, Dorothy Gugich, Tony Rennick, Ron Hawkins, Con Schneider, Fr Bryan Tiernan, Lillian Lawrence, Maria Egan

**Anniversaries:** Domenica Cannavo, Paul Carmen, Brendan Jarvis, Stan Given, Shane Paltridge

**Sick:** Chris Lee, Rob Ferreira, Graham Bessell-Browne

**FROM THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER, JANUARY 2018 (Part 1)**

Cardinal Pietro Parolin this week put his finger on the single most important issue that has become the driving force of the small, but tenacious opposition to Pope Francis and his pontificate. It is the full-scale 'paradigm shift' the pope is working so diligently to bring about within the global Catholic Church. That's not exactly how the pope's Secretary of State articulated it in a video-taped interview posted Thursday on the Vatican News website. But looking at the many changes and *processes* for change that Francis has set in motion since being elected Bishop of Rome in March 2013, the paradigm shift is well underway. And this has caused some very influential people – both inside and outside the church – to be extremely worried. So what did Cardinal Parolin actually say? He used the word 'paradigm' three different times in the recent interview conducted by the Holy See's Secretariat for Communication. The first instance was in reference to the creative approach the Vatican is taking to prepare for next October's meeting of the Synod of Bishops, which will discuss issues regarding today's youth. "I believe the most innovative aspect to this approach is the search for a new relationship between the church and young people, based on a paradigm of responsibility that excludes any form of paternalism," the cardinal said. The other two instances were in reference to how the pope's apostolic exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, has been received by Catholics. "Here, too, I would probably use the same term that I used before; that is, ultimately, *Amoris Laetitia* came about from a new paradigm that Pope Francis is carrying out with wisdom, prudence and even with patience," he said. The cardinal said critics of that document might have problems with "some aspects of its content," but their difficulties are "really due to this change of attitude that the pope is asking of us – a paradigm shift." He said this shift is "inherent in the text itself" and demands "this new spirit, this new approach."

Cardinal Parolin then alluded to the fact that this "paradigm shift" – though he did not actually repeat that phrase – is also at the heart of the reforms the pope has slowly been trying to bring to the mentality and structures of the Roman Curia. But what the cardinal did not say is that Christianity itself has gone through a number of paradigm shifts throughout history. The most recent one, and the one we are experiencing right now, began unfolding well before the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) ever got underway. The Council Fathers tried to discern the signs of the times and the promptings of the Holy Spirit and, with near unanimity, re-articulated the principles of ecclesiology, theology, ecumenism and ecclesial-civil relations to help prepare the Roman Church for this major constellation shift. But each and every pope that was elected during and after Vatican II – through excessive prudence and, sometimes, reticence – sought to carefully harness or even curtail this process. That is, up until the arrival of Pope Francis.

The 265th Successor of Peter, and fifth of the post-Conciliar era, has not just unleashed the stifled energies of Vatican II that were meant to help the church enter the new paradigm. He is leading the effort. This is something completely new. For while a paradigm shift has been underway at the grassroots in many parts of the Catholic world for decades, it has never been fully embraced or encouraged by the Bishop of Rome or his aides at the Vatican. Quite the contrary!

The Church of Rome has fought mightily for more than a millennium and a half to protect specific prerogatives, privileges and powers that it accrued, not through any divine mandate or in fulfillment of the Scriptures, but through the benevolence and political calculations of worldly rulers. Most specifically, it has clung to the early post-Constantinian paradigm of Christianity and the monarchical structure and protocols it adopted from the collapsed Roman Empire. As global Christianity continues to be recast in the current ecumenical paradigm, the Roman Church, in its outdated, unevangelical and historically anachronistic structures and ethos, is imploding. "The only way Pope Francis can help save the Church from its ongoing implosion is by making structural changes that will:

- foster a doctrine of shared governance between him and all the bishops, as well as
- heighten the awareness of the church as a *communio* of all the baptized and ensure their full participation in the liturgy and the Church's mission,"

I wrote in March 2013 for an article in the *Tablet* in the first days of the new pontificate.

(Part 2 next week)

MASS TIMES	
Monday	5.30pm
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	9am
Friday	7am
Saturday Reconciliation	5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	8am, 10am, 6pm

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**JANUARY WEEKDAY MASSES****22-26 January**

Mon 22	5.30pm	
Tues 23	9am	
Wed 24	9am	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor, <i>Memorial</i>
Thurs 25	9am	Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, <i>Feast</i>
Fri 26	9am	Australia Day

**29 January – 2 February**

Mon 29	5.30pm	
Tues 30	9am	
Wed 31	9am	St John Bosco, Priest, <i>Memorial</i>
Thurs 1	9am	
Fri 2	7am	Presentation of the Lord, <i>Feast</i>

**OVERSEAS OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Our parish overseas outreach program in India, CSM, enters its 13th year. At each of next weekend's (27 and 28 January) Masses come and hear from founder Rod Pereira about the life changing work our parish supports. It will change your life too! The following weekend (3 and 4 February) there will be a leaving collection for the mission. (As we had for the Little Sisters of the Poor)

**AUSTRALIA DAY**

**On Friday 26 January, there will be no 7am Mass. Mass will be at 9am – the only Mass in our church on that day.**

**LENT AT SAINT JOSEPH'S**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** (14 February): *Masses* at 9am and 5.30pm.

**TUESDAYS: Adult Lenten Group** with Monsignor Kevin in the Upper Room; 20, 27 February and 6, 13 and 20 March between 6-6.45pm. Enrolments need to be received by Ash Wednesday, 14 February. Registrations are limited to 15. Please send expression of interest to

[lbrandon@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:lbrandon@stjosephssubiaco.org.au).

**WEDNESDAYS: Centering Prayer**, Upper Room 5.30pm – 6.30pm, 'Growing Where You Are Planted'.

**FRIDAYS: Stations of the Cross**, 5.30pm from 16 February.

**CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT****Term One Daytime Program**

- **Exploring Faith:** 10am, Wednesdays, 14 February - 4 April
- **A Journey Through the Gospel of Matthew:** 10am, Fridays, 16 February - 23 March
- **Walking the Way of the Cross:** 10am, Tuesdays, 20 February - 27 March
- **An Introduction to the Sacraments and Spiritual Life:** 10am, Thursdays, 1 March – 5 April

**Lenten Sessions**

- **Rediscovering the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation:** 9.30am-12.30pm, Thursday 15 Feb with Fr Vincent Glynn
- **Initiated and Sent: How Sacraments Transform Us:** 7-9pm, Wednesday 14 March with Fr Greg Donovan

For further information, visit [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au) or program leaflets are available in the church foyer.

**CMFS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services is seeking expressions of interest from individuals willing to serve on the Committee of Management. A commitment to marriage and natural family planning is required. Also, attendance at board meetings which take place every two months at the Agency's office in Doubleview.

The Committee of Management is responsible for the governance of the agency and general oversight of the mandate of the service. The Committee of Management is accountable to Archbishop Costelloe who authorises all appointments. Please email [derek.boylan@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:derek.boylan@perthcatholic.org.au) for further details.

**DIGITAL DISPLAY: ILLUMINATING THE WORLD OF THE ROTHSCHILD PRAYER BOOK****The Nook at the State Theatre of Western Australia**

**9am-5pm, 24 January – 25 February 2018**

Discover the secrets of the Rothschild Prayer Book, one of the world's most important medieval illuminated manuscripts. The illuminations are presented page by page using the most detailed digital reproduction techniques. Accompanying the interactive digital display will be a showcase of handmade books and printed publications, with several very early printed bibles from the State Library's collection. Proudly presented in partnership with the Kerry Stokes Collection. Free exhibition.

For more information visit: [www.slwa.wa.gov.au](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au).

**PARISH DIARY**

<b>Sunday 21 January</b>	11.15am	<b>Sunday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b> Baptism: <i>Mikaela Corrie</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i>
<b>Monday 22</b>		<b>Monday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	5pm 6pm	<b>Tuesday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Linda Piazza &amp; Leo Franchina</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	8.30am 5.30pm	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor, Memorial</b> Upper Room: <i>Holy Cross College</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>
<b>Thursday 25</b>		<b>Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast</b>
<b>Friday 26</b>	9am	<b>Australia Day</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 27</b>	1pm	<b>Saturday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b> Nuptial Mass: <i>Linda Piazza &amp; Leo Franchina</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i>