

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: John McGree, Mary Santamaria, Bob Hawke, Albert Dykes

Anniversaries: Rosario Rojas, Fr Tim Quinlan SJ, Ben Eustasie, Hector Arias, Phillip Pental, Sarah Curran

Sick: Judy & John Kerr, Mary-Rose Webb, Mercedes Ramos, June-Marie James, Karen Ridley, Alison Hancock, Daniel Lackenby, Kasey, Mark O’Neill, Mary Kendal, Jodie McIntosh, Peter Joseph, Patricia O’Hara, Christine Parker, Michael Mitchell, Claire Long, Joe Aquilia

CLERICALISM AND THE LITURGY: WHATEVER BECAME OF THE ‘NEW’ PENTECOST (PART 1)

By Paul Philibert, NCR

For the three years preceding the Second Vatican Council, and all during that council, Catholics added to the prayers after Mass John XXIII's "Prayer to the Holy Spirit" for the council's success. Pope John dreamed that through the council the Holy Spirit's gifts would flow abundantly upon the whole church for the benefit of the entire world, because the Spirit alone has the capacity to change hearts from within. However, today the church is divided over how much of a Pentecost Vatican II turned out to be and is likewise divided over what kind of church we are. **The church's focus:** Now, 45 years after Vatican II this Easter season has reached its climax. We transition from celebrating the new life of Christ's resurrection to celebrating the new life poured out upon the world by the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the church's movement from mystagogy to vocation, from contemplation to mission. The first Pentecost ushered in the age of the church in which the Holy Spirit turned Christ's disciples into missionaries. The Spirit is the church's living memory, anointing believers in faith to allow them to live the events of their salvation in the present. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "The paschal mystery of Christ is celebrated, not repeated. The celebrations are repeated, and in each there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that makes the unique mystery present. Consequently, every one of the faithful becomes a dynamic source for the Spirit's contact with and action upon the world. This is an essentially apostolic vision of the church. We find its origin in the Acts of the Apostles, where the gift of the Spirit immediately led people to bear witness: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." Reflecting on the unmistakable energy of the Spirit revealed in these passages, Pope Paul VI asked, "In our day, what has happened to that hidden energy of the good news, which is able to have a powerful effect on [our] conscience?" The answer, in part, is that our church's leadership has shifted its focus from mission to maintenance, from evangelisation to ritual sanctification. The active players are no longer (or not often) imagined to be the baptised, but the ordained. **The return of clericalism:** Over recent years a type of clericalism has been revived that is subduing the apostolic vision of the church sketched by Vatican II. It is overemphasising the part played by the ordained in the life of the church. Seminarians are in short supply, and officials fear that the generalised secularisation of the culture and particularly the promotion of laypersons to ministries of service in the church will have the effect of discouraging vocations to the ordained priesthood. The consequent demotion of the spiritual dignity of the faithful and a chilling of social relations between clergy and people are all too clear among some church leaders. These details are debatable; they vary from place to place. Far more significant is the underlying vision and practice of what goes on in the local church. These ideas represent not only people's general understanding of what the church is about, but also much in pulpit preaching and in church documents as well. In this popular theology, the priest represents Christ, while the people represent those to whom Christ ministered. We have heard lots about how important the figure of the priest is. However, I have yet to hear anyone echo the clear teaching of St. Paul that each of the baptised is another Christ and has a vocation to share the church's mission through an apostolic life in the ordinary world. In this popular theology, the ordained priest is understood to be the one who is active in the Eucharist, while the people are sacramentally passive as recipients of the priest's sacred action. This reduction of the laity to passive bystanders instead of active participants in Catholic worship is the most characteristic manifestation of clericalism. One additional aspect imagines that if the Spirit is bestowed on the faithful, it will come exclusively through the ministry of the ordained. It presupposes that the faithful are directly dependent upon bishops and priests for their sanctification. This ignores the rich teaching that baptism gives the faithful the power to live and act under the impulse of the Holy Spirit and to be powerful witnesses to God's action in the world.

Continued next week: Read more at ncronline.org

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting	CHILDREN'S LITURGY is on today at the 8am Mass. Suitable for children aged 3 to 8 years.
6pm Vigil Mass	300	2	330	222		
8am Mass	70	15	227	131	Mass of Christ the Saviour	
10am Mass	30	224		152	Our Lady Help of Christians (374)	
6pm Family Mass	119	92	179	70		

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)	
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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PARISH ROSTERS	Please refer to your respective rosters.			
Sanctuary	31 May/1 June	Marina Wong & Rita Lee	7/8 June	Florrie Taviera & Sr Margaret

Calcutta Stations Mission is conducting their annual appeal following all weekend Masses. Please support this Parish endeavour.

WHEN DIGNITY MEETS COMPASSION – A CSM STORY

Rod Pereira, CSM Founder

Every time I go out on the food program, I always remember the young girl who inspired me to start CSM. I'll never forget her face. At the time I was a volunteer for another charity. I remember seeing this young girl - she was no older than fifteen. She looked very unwell. I knew being a nurse, that she was critically ill. I physically picked her up off the platform and took her to one of the hospices for the dying and destitute, founded by Mother Teresa. Later that day when I came to see her, she was washed, dressed, and her wounds attended to. She looked up at me, smiled and spoke some words in Hindi. The lady next to her translated. She said, "Thank you for not leaving me on that platform. I was very scared, no one even looked at me. I was like one of the stray dogs." Later in the week I returned to visit, but her bed was empty. The lady next to her said she passed away last night. When I saw one of the nuns, they told me she had passed peacefully. They could see the sadness in my face and said, "Don't be sad, you did all you could. Thank you for taking the time to bring her here so she could die with dignity rather than leave her on those cold platform floors." As I said the image of her face is always with me. It brings me joy, not sadness. It's a constant reminder to look outside my comfortable life here in Perth. She was my inspiration for starting Calcutta Stations Mission. *Our mission is about bringing joy. In knowing that we are restoring dignity by showing compassion, whether it be in one's final hours, providing education or delivering a kind word with a warm meal, we are bringing joy to all.*

SEEKING NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

The Salvado Schola Cantorum choir is recruiting for new members. All training is provided with rehearsals each Tuesday evening with the choir singing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and special Masses. For more details please contact: Michael Peters, Director of Music, on 041 429 4338 or stjosephsmusic@live.com.au.

VOLUNTEER WEEK: MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

20-26 May

During National Volunteer Week, Vinnies acknowledges the generous contributions that their 3,500 volunteers make in the WA community. As a volunteer-based organisation volunteers are at the heart of all Vinnies do. Last year SVDP volunteers provided 550, 908 hours of volunteering with \$16,692,513 value of hours contributed. The SVDP Subiaco Conference, attached to St Joseph's, has 15 active members who make approximately 400 home visits each year to the less fortunate in our local area, and have another 10 volunteers who assist with various appeals and fund-raising activities. Without volunteers and staff SVDP could not provide services to over 40,000 West Australians living in need each year. Please take time to thank these remarkably generous and dedicated volunteers.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE APPEAL

1-31 May

Pregnancy Assistance provides compassionate care and emotional and practical support to pregnant women and new mums facing distressing circumstances. For the month of May a box will be left in the Church foyer for donations of **nappies (newborn and infant), formula and toiletries for baby and mum**. Donations are greatly appreciated and will be passed on to our families in need. If you have any queries, please call Pregnancy Assistance on 9328 2929.

24:7 SUBIACO YOUTH GROUP

Last week our focus was relationship building within the group. Don't forget: every Friday, 6.30-8.30pm, Subiaco Parish Upper Room for all youth in Years 6-12. Need more information ... please call Aidan Walsh 0487 403 456.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

27 May – 3 June

This week aims to celebrate and build respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all Australians. Beginning on 27 May (50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census), and ending on 3 June (25th anniversary of the Mabo decision which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special, a relationship to the land, a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title). National Reconciliation Week recognises that if we want to foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth.

LORETO PAST PUPILS' FREE EVENT

7-8.30pm, Thursday 6 June, Loreto Primary, Webster St, Nedlands

The Loreto Past Pupils' Association is holding a Wine and Cheese evening to foster friendship between past pupils and partners. Mike Kerrigan, Winemaker at Hay Shed Wines, will be in attendance to introduce and discuss the wines being served. Sister Elizabeth -a Loreto Past Pupil – will be delighted to accept donations for the Loreto Mission in Zambia. Enquiries to Lorraine Dibden on 9382 1082.

PARISH DIARY				
Sunday 26 May	12.15pm 4.45pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter Baptism: <i>Amelia Dirksz</i> Upper Room: <i>Confirmation Preparation</i>	<i>Father Andre Nahhas</i>	<i>Calcutta Stations Mission Appeal</i>
Monday 27 May		Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter <i>Optional: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		
Tuesday 28 May	9am 5pm 6pm 7.15pm	Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Church: <i>Mass with Anointing of the Sick</i> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Monique Van Den Elzen & Luke Muscedere</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>	<i>Father Sean Fernandez</i>	
Wednesday 29 May	10am 5.30pm	Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter <i>Optional: St Joseph the Worker</i> Upper Room: <i>Women's Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>		
Thursday 30 May	4.30pm	Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Cayla Gillies & Thomas Wedge</i>	<i>Father CJ Milne</i>	
Friday 31 May	6.30pm	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast Upper Room: <i>24:7 St Joseph's Subiaco Youth Group</i>		
Saturday 1 June	1pm	St Justin, Martyr, Memorial Wedding Service: <i>Monique Van Den Elzen & Luke Muscedere</i>	<i>Father Sean Fernandez</i>	