

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Igino Dei Giudici, Massimo Devoto, Colleen Francis, Marie Murphy, Lynn O'Hara, Angie Foley
Sick: Judy Kerr, Fiona Carr, Ruby Johnson, Anna Barrett, Ray Warren, Barbara Mitchell, Sergio Amadio, Billy Tang, Patrick Sweeney, Sr Clare Sciesinski PBVM

MY PILGRIMAGE TO 365 CHURCHES ON FIVE CONTINENTS IN 365 DAYS

By David Heimann, in the NCR Soul Seeing Column

For many years, a wild idea scrambled around in my head like a squirrel living in an attic. I had a desire to seek out God's presence in God's sanctuaries around the world. I knew the famous quote from St. Augustine, 'The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.' I thought to myself, "God must be over there, too." And so I went. I didn't choose to walk the rugged 68-mile Camino toward the Shrine of Santiago de Compostela where thousands of pilgrims have felt the breath of God in the warm breezes of northern Spain. Nor did I go on a luxury cruise to sites where St. Paul once preached or take a five-star trip to Jerusalem to observe the site of the crucifixion in total comfort. I wanted to follow the example of the squirrel that runs around everywhere and finds a home in the trunks of trees as well as its tallest branches, in forests and parks and cities and sure, suburban attics. So I set out to experience church by visiting 365 diverse churches throughout the world in 365 days. Friends said I could have just flown to Rome, eaten a lot of pasta and found 365 churches to visit there. I wasn't against going to Rome, but I knew the Spirit doesn't blow only in museums of Christendom. As if foreshadowing the sentiments of Pope Francis, I knew the church lived in field hospitals of hope scattered throughout the world. I would try to find churches in the richest and in the most average, and more often, the poorest lands where Christianity has spread. I might even follow the pope's lead and stop in a mosque or synagogue along the way. It was the year 2007. My journey took me through 38 countries on five continents in one year. It is a treasure that only now do I appreciate. A little older, I can savour the significance of walking in the footsteps where Jesus lived and also in the footsteps of the Jews in the concentration camps of World War II. My heart is still moved by the healings at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France and the prayer meetings in Dakar, Senegal, for those facing death after a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS. Once, outside a Syro-Malabar Catholic parish in Bangalore, India, I paused to meditate in the prayer garden as a lotus flower bloomed in the sunlight on a sparkling pond. I began to wonder if "enlightenment" was limited to the stories of Eastern religion. Slowly touching the words of the Hail Mary with my lips, I looked up to see an image of Mary adored in an Indian sari with a halo and a bindi. In the exhale of the prayer's breath, I contemplated that such distinction is only a diversion. A few weeks later, I found myself in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Holy Land and in a whimsical pause I realised that for much of my life, I grew up around Catholics who thought the "Holy Land" was Ireland. A few months later, I was in a landscape that resembled thousands of photos of Ireland with amazing detail, but it was actually Oaxaca, Mexico. I went with a missionary priest to the church he served on a misty hill in a village where people sang in the streets their novena to Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. It was no surprise to me that I felt the same sacredness there as in the tomb of Christ. People ask me if God was in the cathedral walls of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and I nod, surely. Beautiful. Breathtaking. But as I savour the memory of St. Peter's in Rome, my mind jumps to St. Peter's church in the outer districts of Meru, Kenya. It is a little hut built with cow dung. If you want to hear music that will stir your soul and leave you changed, go there. Some of the churchgoers had walked 3 miles from their homes to be there on the scorching and humid Tuesday afternoon I visited. It was the only Mass they could attend that week. Their main parish is 15 miles away, and there are no means of transportation in the rainy season. They sing — wow, do they sing! They sing, and God is alive, and I am awake. In wondrous, soul-searching smiles, they ask me, "Is God over there? In America?" In that moment, I am trapped, seeing my soul's quest for the beyond in those I had sought out. I travelled across the ocean only to find the question that began my quest echoed back. I nod with serene resignation to the truth about God that I did not discover but that found me. "Yes. God is there. And God is here. God is truly everywhere! "God's most holy sanctuary is everywhere we go and everywhere we are. Perhaps Augustine got that part wrong. If you are given only one page of the world to read, but that singular page reveals to you the love of God, then that page is enough. If you share my condition of perpetual curiosity, I cannot object. It is amazing to experience God "over there," in holy sanctuaries enshrouded with mystery. But when you find God there, your most blessed realisation will be that God has been with you all along and remains with you when you return, in the blessed sanctuary called home.

Read more at NCRonline.org/blogs/soul-seeing

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	No Music at this Mass				
8am Mass	60	294	176	127	St Joseph's Mass (385)
10am Mass	Hymn Sheet				
6pm Family Mass	60	275	165/124	166	Rivers Youth Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 Children's Liturgy is on **TODAY** during the 10am Mass. Suitable for children 3 to 8 years.

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	23 November	Ogilvie Family	30 November	Conor & Izumi Mallen
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ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

3 & 17 December, 6pm, Upper Room

An Advent Discussion Group with Monsignor Kevin will be held following 5.30pm Mass on both 3 and 17 December. At the first session you will be provided with a book. Please register your interest on 9381 0400 or enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au.

TEENS PIZZA AND GAMES NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to Paul Curtis and Elaine Eng for organising and supervising the Teen Event on 9 November. From all reports a good time was had by all! Time was even set aside to discuss the Plenary Council with Paul facilitating and Elaine taking minutes, and this feedback has been shared with the *Listening and Dialogue* group facilitators. Watch this space for more events next year.

SENIORS' MORNING TEA THANK YOU

A large contingent of seniors and helpers congregated in the Upper Room for the final Seniors' Morning Tea for the year. Lots of chatter and laughter could be heard throughout the room, and Sister Marie was able to meet more parishioners and arrange some visitations. Many thanks to all who attended. A special thanks to Chris, Margaret and Jillian for their assistance and to all who provided the scrumptious food. The next Seniors' Morning Tea is scheduled for 26 February 2019 so add it to your diary. Hope to see you there.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Our new Pastoral Associate, Sr Marie Fitzgerald RSM, an active member of the parish, is beginning her new ministry visiting the sick, elderly and housebound of our parish offering spiritual and social support. Sr Marie will work in collaboration with Monsignor Kevin. If you know of anyone who would be interested in being visited or assisting Sr Marie, please email enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au.

FREE EVENT: COME AND SEE

Saturday 24 November, 11am, Upper Room

St Joseph's Subiaco and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd WA invite Parents and interested adults to **Come and See**, an **Introduction to the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and a **Personal Day of Reflection** leading up to Advent. The complete agenda is available on request. Starts at 11am and concludes with the 6pm Vigil Mass. Lunch provided. Registrations close on 19 November. **Registration:** Contact Veronika on 0433 283 227 or book online at trybooking.com/ZCBC.

The **ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK** is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. If you did not collect Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Mass last weekend, **please collect one as you leave**, and read his message, **or** use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided today. We urge you to give support to help the work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies. You can mail your donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided, return your envelope and donation to the Parish or donate (securely) online by credit card at lifelink.com.au.

FRESCO RESTORATION

The St Joseph Fresco in the Church foyer has been repaired. A Perspex cover will shortly be installed to protect against future damage.



All available at foyer table

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL Please help people in need with non-perishable food (nut free) and non-alcoholic drinks for Vinnies Christmas hampers. Take a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer and return it with the selected item to the basket provided.

Christmas Appeal envelopes for a financial contribution are also available.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS on sale each weekend (while stocks last) throughout November and December. Pack of 5 cards: \$2.50. Calendars: \$9.

SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT - THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK: Bargain price only \$2. Great reading. A daily spiritual stimulus for all the days of Advent and Christmastide.

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

This book is available on the lectern at the right of the Sanctuary. Please enter names of deceased relatives and friends.

L'ARCHE COMMUNITY PERTH

This not-for-profit organisation offers relational, spiritual and accommodation support to those community members with intellectual disabilities and is currently seeking new board members. For more information, visit larche.org.au/larche-communities/perth.

PARISH DIARY			
Sunday 18 November	4.45pm	Sunday, Week 33 in Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Reconciliation Preparation</i>	Monsignor Kevin: IBVM Mass
Monday 19 November	10.30am 6pm	Monday, Week 33 in Ordinary Time Requiem Mass: <i>Angela Foley</i> Plenary Council Group Celebration	Monsignor Kevin
Tuesday 20 November	6pm 7.15pm	Tuesday, Week 33 in Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>	Monsignor Kevin: NDA Trustees Meeting
Wednesday 21 November	10am 5.30pm	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial Upper Room: <i>Women's Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	Monsignor Kevin: NDA Trustees Meeting
Thursday 22 November	3.30pm 5pm	St Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Ashley Raphael & Anthony Skorich</i> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Rebecca Laing & Tarquin White</i>	Father Brian Limbourn Father John Jegorow
Friday 23 November	7pm	Friday, Week 33 in Ordinary Time Optional: St Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St Columban, Abbot Upper Room: <i>Scripture Study</i>	
Saturday 24 November	11am 1pm 3pm 5pm	Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Memorial Upper Room: <i>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</i> Wedding Service: <i>Ashley Raphael & Anthony Skorich</i> Wedding Service: <i>Rebecca Laing & Tarquin White</i> First Reconciliation	Father Brian Limbourn Father John Jegorow Monsignor Kevin