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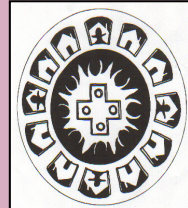
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2020



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Liturgical Jottings

Names for the Eucharist

Three weeks ago this column gave nine titles for the Eucharist listed in the Catholic Catechism (1328-32). Here are ten more from Catholic Hymnody: The Body of the Lord, the Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven; Sweet Sacrament Divine; Blessed Sacrament; Heavenly Food, Living Bread the Life, Bread of Life Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels), Living Bread of God, plus many more referring to the Last Supper, the heavenly banquet, Communion Cup and the Blood of Christ. These names and titles carry some the meaning and mystery of the sacrament as well as express our belief, spirituality and love of and devotion to the sacrament.

Looking at the Readings

A wedding banquet or feast is a great image of the kingdom of heaven. Isaiah and Our Lord Jesus present this image as the eschatological event – that is the activity in heaven at the end of time. Preparations are made, the menu organised, the invitations are sent, and the experiences are anticipated: the end of sadness and death (Is 25:7), the place filled (Matt 22:10); and “we shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.” (cf Ps 23:6)

Today's parable is the third in a row addressed to the chief priests of the Temple, the Pharisees and the elders of the community. Christ is warning his listeners then and now that all are invited, but not all respond accordingly. His warning adds the consequence the invitees may find themselves out in the cold and the dark. We need to make life choices based on what is good and right, physically, morally, socially, spiritually and finally. Jesus' invitation is in the form of his grace and love; our reply is by our life of integrity and love.

Prayer of the Week

God, of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet, and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. (*Collect 28th Week of Ordinary Time ICEL 1995*)

Plenary Council News.

Our journey to the Plenary Council continues! The postponement of the first session of the Plenary (originally scheduled for this month in Adelaide) is not so much a setback as a graced opportunity to continue our prayerful discernment. Sandhurst responded enthusiastically to the first phases of discussion and reflection. We now have the opportunity to keep the momentum of preparation going by participating in the diocesan program of prayerful discernment around the six thematic papers of the Plenary. That diocesan program outlining our preparation between October 2020 - May 2021 can be accessed here.

Let's continue our prayerful involvement!

https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=1433-discerning-the-way-to-the-plenary-council-sept-2020&category_slug=diocese-of-sandhurst-publications&Itemid=830

October—The month of the Rosary



Marian Festival - Sunday, October 11th - 10.30am

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be streamed online so people can participate from the comfort of their home. It will take place at St Liborius Church, Eaglehawk on Sunday, October 11th.

To watch online or to find out more, go to www.bendigofatima.com.



Recently Deceased: Barry Hinton, Keith Calder, Brian Vincent Larkin (brother of Mary Heneghan).

Anniversaries: Michele (Mick) Villani, John Howlett.

God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

~ Marriage Matters, www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Melbourne Cup Sweep 2020



We are going ahead with our Annual Melbourne Cup Sweep fundraiser and are working toward making this a successful fundraiser for the parish and fun for everyone.

Tickets are \$2 each & can be ordered in one of two ways:

1. Place cash in an envelope in the office mailslot with your name, phone number & number of tickets required.

2. Deposit into the parish bank account—BSB 083543, account number 483593006, reference "Surname—Cup"

Please email the office once you have made the deposit and advise the number of tickets required.

We will announce prizes later on.

Women's Group

gathering will be held on
Friday 16th October 7.00pm
for 7.15 start on ZOOM.

Women's Group meet on
every third Friday of each
month. Everyone is welcomed.

For more detail contact:
bozena59@yahoo.com or
phone 0426 867 647.

Blessed be These Hands

Blessed be these hands that have touched life.

Blessed be these hands that have felt pain and tiredness.

Blessed be these hands that have lovingly embraced others with compassion.

Blessed be these hands that have been clenched in anger, or been withdrawn in fear.

Blessed be these hands that have drawn blood and administered medicine, written policies, protected patients, made progress notes, and cut through red tape.

Blessed be these hands that have cleaned bodies and beds, and disposed of wastes.

Blessed be these hands that have anointed the sick and suffering, offered blessings and prayers.

Blessed be these hands, some still smooth with youth - some that have grown stiffer with age.

Blessed be these hands that have comforted the dying and held the dead.

Blessed be these hands and all the creativity they engage.

Blessed be these hands, for with them we hold the future.

Blessed be our hands, for they are the work of your hands, O Holy One.

~ Clair Hochstetler



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Carers Week Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 October 2020

- National Carers Week is about recognising and celebrating the outstanding contribution unpaid carers make to our nation.
- There are over 2.7 million family and friend carers in Australia providing 36 million hours of care and support every week* to a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail.
- The replacement value of that unpaid care is \$1.1 billion per week.
- Anyone at any time can become a carer. National Carers Week is an opportunity to educate and raise awareness among all Australians about the diversity of carers and their caring roles.

Source: All About Carers: <https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/storage/all-about-carers-factsheet-sept-2018-update.pdf>