

NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD WAR I

Church services are being held all over Europe to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War. People are praying for the souls of the departed and for peace. The four-year conflict took a toll of more than eight million human lives, and this enormous figure explains the very ambivalent public feelings about it in Europe today. For Australia, of course, it means the mysterious triumph-in-defeat of Gallipoli and raises the question of the relationship we had with Great Britain.

The Catholic bishops of Germany have issued a statement explicitly admitting the Churches' guilt in fostering the climate of warmongering which made the war inevitable. What an achievement it would have been for truth, peace and goodwill, if Britain's bishops had joined in such an admission. A hundred years ago, Cardinal Bourne of Westminster stoked up public opinion, contemptuously ignoring the leadership of Pope Benedict XV who made repeated appeals for peace. The great majority of British Catholics went along with the Anglican Bishop of London who declared at the outset: *This is a Holy War: we are on the side of Christianity against anti-Christ...*

What drove the Pope was the conviction that, whatever the circumstances of the war's beginning, the way it was being conducted was morally indefensible. Whether or not there was *just cause for going to war*, the extent of the slaughter – how the war was actually fought -- failed the test of *justice in war*. He was revolted by the sight of millions being treated as mere cannon fodder – an extent of human suffering and carnage which was grossly disproportionate to any progress likely to be made in the name of justice. History judges him to have been exactly right.

Generals on both sides ordered their troops 'over the top' into battle knowing casualties were likely to be in tens or hundreds of thousands. But they only did so because their governments allowed them to, and governments were riding on a tide of public opinion that the Christian Churches, on both sides, had helped to shape. That is a cause for profound repentance, as the German bishops have acknowledged and as the English-speaking bishops, so far, have not.

The principles of a just war require that it be undertaken only as a last resort and only where there is a reasonable prospect of ensuring a more just outcome than is achievable by any other means. However, war as 'diplomacy by other means' was a widely accepted doctrine. Thanks to the bellicose state into which public opinion had been whipped, by 4 August 1914 'other means' were no longer available. The moral minefield was already sown.

Adapted from an item in The Tablet



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

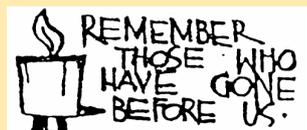
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope, to which we are called.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



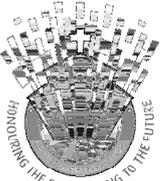
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially John Conde, Sr Anthony Clare Mullany sgs, Sr Annina Bray sgs and Ligaya Rodriguez recently deceased and also for Keith White, Ursula Briggs, Noreen Dunn, Patricia Clements, Ken Searle and the Retchless family, Phillipa Rowan, deceased relatives and friends of the Winter family, deceased Staff Members of Workcover, George and Mary Allen and all the souls in Purgatory.

Please remember the sick in your prayers – Ross Saffioti, Pat Colley, Tom Nagy, Imelda Meeinery, Del O'Dwyer, Sandra Riley, Marijana Jusup, Noel Nicholson, Frances Foley, Matilda Swain, Annette Harvey, Angelo Macardo, David McKeon.



DATE CLAIMERS 2014

Monday 1 September Italian Rosary 9:30am
RCIA meeting 7pm
Tuesday 2 September RCIA meeting 9:30am
Wednesday 3 Sept Young Musicians 3:15pm
Parish Council 7:30pm
Thursday 4 September Playgroup meet at 9:30am
Friday 5 September Drop-In Friday 10am
Mass at Lourdes Hill 5:30pm



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN : Church Restoration

First of all a BIG thank you to all those who made the Black and White event such an amazing success last Saturday. It was an excellent evening with good company, fine food and wine, and a great band! It was also an informative evening and a night of working together for the common good. Twenty five people contributed \$69,550. This follows forty one people who put in an apology but who contributed \$108,756 in advance of the night. A fantastic result! The campaign total now stands at \$720,857, representing the gifts of 112 parishioners. There are no doubt others who are preparing to swing into action as well, and we encourage those who have not yet contributed to be part of this historic project to 'honour the past' and 'give to the future'. ● We have had a first meeting of the design team who will prepare the final drawings. It is made up of volunteers from the parish: Architect Paul Sheppard, Dion Seminara, Melika Davies and Louisa Carter, with Richard Carlile (engineer), John Schick (project manager) and Tom Elich (pastor and liturgist).

INVITATION TO MINISTRY We would like to invite you to take part in a liturgical ministry in the parish. It will mean being on a monthly roster but will deepen your participation in the life of the parish. **Let us know at the parish office!** We have ministry formation sessions prepared for existing and new ministers:

- Ministers of Communion, 10 September 7:30pm with Sr Ursula O'Rourke.
- Baptism Preparation Leaders, 17 September 7:30pm with Sr Mary Franzmann
- Children's Liturgy of the Word, 24 September 7:30pm with Carole Danby.
- Readers, 8 October 7:30pm with Trish Stapleton.

YOUTH MINISTRY REHEARSAL – a reminder for young musicians, a rehearsal will take place in the Church on Wednesday 3rd September at 3:15pm.

VOCATION VIEW "O God, you are my God whom I seek." As St. Augustine recognised, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God. Pray for vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please telephone the Vocations office on 3336 9203.



HUMOUR – Two monks were walking along the monastery cloister reading their breviaries. The older monk was smoking a pipe. As they passed, the young monk stopped and said, 'I am surprised to see you smoking. I asked Father Superior if I could smoke when I was reading my breviary, and he said "No!"' The old monk replies: 'Ah, yes, of course! You see I asked him if I would be alright to read my breviary while I smoked. And he said "Yes!"'

"REACH OUT FOR PEACE" MINI-MARKET DAY – Sts. Peter and Paul's School Year 6 and 7 students are once again preparing for their annual Mini-Market to be held Thursday 18 September. The children have been busy making their own crafts but need some help with jams and relishes to sell on the day. Donations of homemade jams, chutneys and/or relishes would be most welcome. If you can assist, please label all items with an ingredient list and drop them to the School Office by Friday 12 September. All money raised is donated to Catholic Missions. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity. If you have any queries please contact Yr 7/6 Teachers (Michelle Hammill, Sheree Shelton, Heather Mazlin, Erica Willcox or Emilia Michieletto).

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON and fundraiser for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation will not be long in coming – Tuesday 4th November 2014. As always we are calling on you and your friends to support us in this venture. Pre-Melbourne Cup Day Activity - Sr. Mary will have books of raffle tickets available after next weekend's masses.

Our Fantastic Raffle with great prizes include:
1st prize – a delightful \$500 to save!
2nd prize – a very useful \$300 to spend!
3rd prize – a handy \$200 to enjoy!
4th prize – framed painting 'Poppies Aglow' by Sr Margaret Ann Kelly SGS

We encourage you to take a book or two of raffle tickets and return when sold to the Parish Office.

DROP-IN-FRIDAY Come and enjoy morning tea with some friendly people on the first Friday of each month in the Parish Hall 10am-12 noon. Play cards, join the knitting table or join in the conversation. Next date is 5 September. All welcome

CALLING ALL KEEN BAKERS – the Parish Cake Stall is scheduled for next weekend. All proceeds go to Sr. Mary Randall who uses the money to support those in need in our local community. Please ensure that your baked goods are packaged and labelled with a name and list of ingredients. All items can be dropped off to the school office before 2.45pm on Friday 5th September or to the stall at the church prior to the Saturday night or Sunday morning masses. Any questions please contact Maureen Coorey (cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au) or Brooke Power (brookepower5@bigpond.com).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – "The Blue" is on again Friday night 5th September. Get excited for fun, faith, and fellowship, with lots of games, food, other young people to meet. Sts Peter and Pauls Parish Hall, kicking off at 7:30pm.

SHOEBOX APPEAL - Just a reminder of our ongoing Shoebox Appeal for Operation Christmas Child. Families who would like to contribute are asked to have the filled shoebox completed by the end of the school term. This allows for arrangements to be made to have them shipped to a child in need in time for Christmas 2014. They can be left at the Parish Office any weekday morning.

NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church

PARISH ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers
Team 1 - please arrange a substitute if you are not available.

Children's Liturgy Roster
7 September – Anne Victor, Libby Graham, Asha Quigley, Brooke Smith, Adriana Silvey, Georgia Owens.
14 September – Catherine Sutton, Dina Nardone, Tara McCarthy, Madalena Lopez-Lottering, Mia Pafumi

Hospitality Roster
7 September – David and Kaylene O'Farrell, Brett and Amelia Robinson
21 September – Erica Willcox and Sita Prendeville.

+Liturgy this Week 1 September – 7 September 2014

MONDAY	7:00am		Mass
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm	St Gregory the Great	Mass
THURSDAY	-		-
FRIDAY	9:00am 5:30pm		Liturgy with Years 1, 2 and 3 Mass at Lourdes Hill Convent (50 Hawthorne Road)
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Sat); 8:00am; 6:00pm		Mass: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:00am Mass
	<i>Readings – Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20</i>		

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
MEDITATION	Tuesday at 7:00pm (Lourdes Hill Convent) and Wednesday at 9:30am (Parish Hall)
ROSARY for peace	Saturday before 9:00am Mass
ANGELUS for vocations	Friday and Saturday before 9:00am Mass

ENTRANCE HYMN

TABLE OF PLENTY

CHORUS Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money:
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood
the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil.

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GLORIA *Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
We glorify you we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

CHORUS
Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground
and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live with
him;
If we hold firm we shall reign with him.

CHORUS

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;
Wherever I am my servants will be.



CHORUS

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
Those who remain in me bear much fruit.

CHORUS

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
Then you will be my disciples.

CHORUS

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
We shall be with them and dwell in them.

CHORUS

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
Peace which the world cannot give is my gift.

CHORUS

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

REFRAIN *We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another;
To walk humbly with God!*

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!