

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate: Not an Outsider but an Insider

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism recreates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle *in* them the fire of your love.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon

<u>Anniversaries In July</u>: Tom Dundon. Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael Parsons, Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnel, Tom Delaney, Perc Dwyer, Alice Craven, Mary Mc.Dowel, Jayne McMeel, Gaye Arnold, Louis Reinen, Peter Reinen, Bridgie Allan, Ann Dodd, Olive Savage, Margaret Savage

<u>Recent Deaths</u>: Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg, Jo Vogels, Jesse Davidson (President of the Catholic Women's League. Played the organ and led the choir. Aide to priest and nuns at Timboon)

Vinnies Winter Appeal: The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 23, 2023

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Day is marked near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Resources to celebrate this day are available from the diocesan website <u>https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/</u>

Pope's intention for July - for a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their sisters and brothers. Lord, hear us.

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Giraiwurrung lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Sunday 9th July

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1 (R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.
 I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
- 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
- The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

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Second Reading:

Rom 8:9.11-13 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord...All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

See Mt 11:25 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-sprituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on the first Sunday of August will be in Timboon

Sea Sunday - July 9, 2023

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-

appeal/ Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean, guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea. As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, work and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?" Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! Bright Star of the Sea, guide us! Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

CatholicCare Victoria Winter Appeal:

At CatholicCare Victoria we help individuals, families and communities access the care and support they need, when they need it most. We believe everyone deserves the safety and comfort a home can provide. This winter, you can support people in need of a place to call home. Donate now! <u>https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/</u> <u>campaign/donate/16/winter-appeal</u>

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Timboon 2023	9th July Assembly W & C 9:00 a.m.	16th July Mass 9:00 a.m.	23rd July Assembly W & C 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregea	K Currell
Leaders	A Vogels E O' Connor		C Bullen P Nicholson
Statue	M Turner	T O'Connor E O'Connor	D Moloney M Moloney
Reader	K Currell	R Hoffmann	J McInerney
POF	P Nicholson	L McInerney	A Vogels
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		E O'Connor
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00am