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The Year of the Priest



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - 18th-19th July, '09 - No 28

This Week

SUNDAY 19th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Preparation

MONDAY 20th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 21st

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 22nd

7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 23rd

FRIDAY 24th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine
Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY 25th

6pm Mass (Vigil)

SUNDAY 26th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Sunday 16B
Deanery Youth Mass 6pm

Enjoy your existence I have a question and it may cause me to sound a little selfish. Why do I have to fill my day full of jobs and activity? What is the purpose of all this activity and the stress that results from it? OK that's two questions but I'm sure you get my drift!

There appears to be an underlying ideal that suggests it is somehow wrong to have spare time as if this will result in some awful calamity. Our modern society is finding more and more ways in which we should fill our days and this message is sent our way through advertising, work, peer pressure and even government. We should not waste time. We must be "productive" although nobody has really defined what this means. It probably means many different things to many different people.

Being "productive" all day is fine if you get satisfaction out of it but what if you don't. What if you are living up to what others feel being "productive" means and this does not fit with your own definition. Filling a day with activities that you don't really want to do is, in fact, wasting time. Succumbing to a feeling that you must always be busy and turning it into the belief that there is no alternative ignores the fact that you could spend some time reflecting on where we actually are, and how fortunate we are to be here.

Consider how many planets there are in the universe: trillions I expect, or an even bigger number. Consider the chances of life being found on them - very slim indeed: in fact millions and millions to one. Consider, then, how lucky we are that our atoms have managed to organise themselves into coherent beings, irrespective of how you believe that has happened. Are we not therefore duty bound to spend some time simply enjoying our existence?

So have a lazy day in the back garden enjoying the feeling of the sun on your skin, or listening to the wind rustle in the leaves (if you still have any trees left in your neighbourhood!). Alternatively, simply enjoy being able to daydream. Keep at bay the nagging feeling that you should be doing something else. This takes a bit of training, but I can attest that it is very possible to do. This is certainly not wasting time, despite what others may say.

Spend some time marvelling in the fact that a thin layer of ozone is stopping you being fried on the spot where you are sitting. Be

amazed at how thin the atmosphere really is, and that without its accompanying magnetic field you would be exposed to the solar wind - and die very quickly. Spend some time thinking about the structure of the planet that provides this protective magnetic field. We live a relatively fragile existence and are here against all probability. So forget concepts like being "productive", being "time-poor", or even the whole concept of wasting time, after all it is yours to do with as you wish. Physicists suggest that time might not be absolute after all - so who knows what lies ahead; it might already have happened!

In these times of financial crises, political infighting, environmental changes, terrorism and strife, don't let yourself forget how lucky we are to exist and be able to use our senses to enjoy the world on which we live. Don't get too caught up in the politics, the financial crisis, or even, dare I say it, the environmental challenges we are facing. Life is about more than this, much more. We could be hit by an unknown meteor next year or next month so think about what you can take with you when you go.

Well, actually, you can't take anything with you and that is the point. The only thing that can be of any use when you are lying on your deathbed (other than being able to reverse time - and I'm sure aforementioned physicists are working on this!) is your life's experiences. We only get one go at life, unless you are convinced that there is something to reincarnation. One go, that is all.

So don't get caught up in dreaming about what you want to do if you could only free yourselves of your chains. Use some of your precious time to do that which you want to do (but let your partner know first, they might get a bit of a shock if you suddenly call them from half way up Mount Everest!). Remember, a wasted life is one that you haven't enjoyed ... so enjoy it and put modern society into its proper perspective. There will always be people telling you how you should live your life, but you are the only one that can make the decisions. And finally, remember that old adage - *time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.*

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Parish Calendar, News & Events

July

- 19th 16th Sunday B**
Baptism Preparation
- 21st First Eucharist Family Night 3
- 22nd Teens Confirmation Prep
- 24th Mass at Viewhills Manor
- 26th 17th Sunday B**
Presentation of First Eucharist Candidates
Altar Servers Meeting
Deanery Youth Mass 6pm
- 28th ASRE continues each Tuesday
Confirmation Family Night 2

August

- 2nd 18th Sunday B**
Family Mass—11am
Centacare appeal
Presentation of Confirmation Candidates
- 3rd Vinnies Meeting



First Eucharist:

this weekend we welcome Rachael Thompson and Estelle Fricot who will be welcomed at the Table of the Lord for the first time. Congratulations to you and your families.

St Vincent de Paul Winter

Appeal: Last weekend we only raised \$205.20 for this annual appeal. Thank you to those who contributed. If you did not have the opportunity, please drop off your donations as soon as possible. Perhaps we can fill the baskets in the foyers with non-perishable food items over the next two weeks to top up our Parish St Vincent de Paul group supplies.

Renewal Parish Ministries:

Rosters will be completed as soon as possible.

Thanksgiving—Credit Card

givers: Our credit card on-line payment system requires the expiry date of credit cards. If you receive a new card with new expiry date it would be wonderful if you would let us know—9700 3781 or office@stpaulapostle.com.au.

Thank you to those who do contact us with this information.

Catholic Mission – Propagation of the Faith:

Your support of this year's appeal enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$904.60**. Our partnership with local churches in over 150 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of so many. Through your contribution you are engaged in the world of mission in a way that binds people together and strives to bring about a heightened understanding of our call to ve followers of Jesus. THANK YOU!! See acknowledgement on Notice wall.

Sacrament Stoles: Thank you to Janelle and the ladies from their Family Group who have sewed and ironed the stoles on Wednesday nights for the past few weeks.

CanCare: We are very excited to announce that we received a grant of \$1100 from the Casey Council to help fund some of the activities and towards the practical running costs of our group.

"Big Cuppa" - See "Thank you from the Cancer Council for our generous support on Notice Wall.

Entertainment Books: 4 books left. If you would like to take advantage of this good offer, please contact Jen 0418 105 401. You are able to get discounts for all sorts of dining experiences, entertainment, accommodation/weekends away, etc,—the book pays for itself very quickly.

Threat to Religious Free-

dom: The Victorian Bishop's Pastoral Letter on the threat to religious freedoms has been posted on the Diocesan web site at <http://www.cam.org.au/equal-opportunity>

Printed copies will be distributed to parishes in time for next weekend's Masses. All parishioners are urged to read the letter and to make it known to others who share our concerns.

21st July: "How to Care, What to Say": A 2 hour educa-

tion training session for anyone working/living with people with a life threatening illness—families, carers, aged care staff, visitors, volunteers, general community are invited to attend. Venue: City of Greater Dandenong, Civic Centre Meeting Room (rear of Town Hall), 397-405 Springvale Road, Springvale. (Mel Ref: 79 K8). Booking essential, RSVP Mon 20 July. 5991 1300 email:h.promotion@sepallcare.org.au More details in Gathering Space.

22nd July: Teens Confirmation Preparation:

Classes for teenagers in the Parish Centre at 4pm. Contact Sr. Joan.

22nd July: Prayer for Sr Ann

In the church at 6.30pm. All welcome to join us in prayer as a support to Sr Ann.

23rd July: Regional Faith Formation:

'Why do bad things happen to good people?' A series of talks beginning, at Resurrection Parish Keysborough from 7.30 – 9.15pm. Six sessions will be held over eight weeks and will include topics such as 'Losses and Crosses of Life', 'Hope in the Darkness' and 'Hope and Healing'. See the poster displayed on the notice board or contact the parish office for further information.

26th July: Altar Servers

Meeting: All servers old and new are invited to attend at 3pm. Contact Fr James for all enquiries.

26th July: Deanery Youth Mass and Dinner/Forum:

It's St Paul's turn to host this Deanery evening. Starts with Mass at 6pm; followed by free dinner & Forum. All young people aged 16-35 years are invited to attend. The theme for this month is **'Gen Y in loving relationships'**. All Parish youth please come along and support this event.

27th July: Open Evening-

Salesian College: Starts 7pm. Applications are currently being accepted for Year 7 2011 and beyond. Limited positions are available for Years 10 – 12, 2010. For information please contact the College Registrar on 9807 2644. mmenz@salesianchad.vic.edu.au

Parish Calendar, News & Events...Cont.

30th July: Casey Multi-Faith Network Inc. - Annual Gathering 09:

at City of Casey Council Chambers Room 2 at 7pm. "Working together to promote peace, harmony and understanding"- a Celebration of the year's achievements and events. See posters around the Church. RSVP: Pam 9707 2077 or email jackytaylor@bigpond.com

8th August: Invitation-Celebration of the Centenary of the Death of Mary McKillop:

at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

9.30am A celebration of the Story and Spirit of Mary McKillop

10am: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hart followed by BYO picnic in Fitzroy Gardens. RSVP by 29th July. Email: victoria@sosj.org.au Phone: 9861 9500; Fax 9861 9590 Parking around Cathedral not much - 2 public car parks *Metro Parking - Freemasons Hospital, 320 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (Behind

Dallas Brooks Centre) - Melways 2G - D1. 250 spaces - \$7.00 flat rate for Saturday

*Wilson Parking - Park Hyatt Hotel, St Andrews Place, East Melbourne (closer to Cathedral) - Melways 2G - A2. 950 spaces - \$5 per hour, \$15 maximum per day. See notice in Gathering Space and Notice Wall.

12th September: Shopping

Tour: Diarise this date now!! Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to shop cheaply—get more for your money!! Details will follow soon. Contact Denise - 9700 6980

July—A month of Hope: This month marks the official one-year anniversary of World Youth Day 08! Whether you were a pilgrim, a DID08 coordinator, volunteer or Melbourne Stay host - don't miss this opportunity to celebrate July as a month of hope! Catch up with fellow pilgrims and attend the **Catechesis in the Cathedral with Fr Chris Ryan MGL** on Sunday **19 July** and **An Evening of Prayer at St Francis' with**

Bishop Timothy Costelloe on Wednesday **22 July**. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 9412 3300 or visit www.aoy.org.au.

We have moved: Please be informed that the Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) has moved office. Our new address and contact details are:

Thomas Carr Centre
278 Victoria Parade, Melbourne
T: 9412 3300; F: 9415 9867
E: info@aoy.org.au; www.aoy.org.au

Dandenong Deanery

26th July: Deanery Youth Mass and Dinner/Forum:

See details on Pg 2.

Cyrene Centre: Board of Management Nominations

The Cyrene Centre is an initiative of the Dandenong Deanery to support and assist families touched by addition to alcohol and other drugs.

Nominations are called from within deanery communities for two vacancies on the Board of Management. Board members serve for a 2 year period with at least 8 monthly meetings each year. The Board oversees the financial and strategic operations of the centre.

Nomination forms are available in Gathering Space, and completed forms must be returned to the centre by 6th August. For more information

contact the centre on 9574 6355.

Annual General Meeting: Cyrene Centre

When : Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm

Where: St Anthony's Small Hall, 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park. All welcome

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Heinz Weninger, Pablito Teves, Paul Hoareau, Sr. Ann Halpin, Shoiseeh Younan, Vicky Angeles, Don Nelson, Leslie Thuraisingham, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alyzée Dromart, Joseph Alevedo, Manuel M Guinto, Robert Kilmartin, Maria Sepulveda, Dorothy de Souza, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar and Tyler Karunaratne

Those who have recently died

and those whose anniversaries occur this week.

Kenneth Stewart, Albert Batchelor, Alfredo Gonzaga, Maria Mercedes Muñoz, Francisca D'Souza, Olivia Rabot, Melvin Daly, Agapita Montalban, Steve Aarons, Paul Morin, Camilo Dizon, Maria Buttigieg, Carmillo Tucci, Maria Do Ngog Nguyen, Vincent Reale, Isabel Berdejo-Dominguez, Jennifer White, Ruby Rasquinho, Hermogenes Calunsag, Luigi Iudica, Raymond Gherxi, Clement Adolphe, Alfredo Gonzaga, Clarence De Sylva, Nigel Almeida, Yvette Varney, Anthony Hien Vu

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK (16th Sunday B)

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

NEXT WEEK (17th Sunday B)

2 Kings 4: 42-44
Ephesians 4: 1-6
John 6: 1-5

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Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP
 Parish Priest
 Fr James Fernandez CP

Pastoral Associate

Sr Joan Smith CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Bev Cresswell (Pastoral & Sacrament Support)
 Mrs Liz Spear (Administration & Finance)

Passionists in Community

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
 Fr Brian Gleeson CP
 Br John Auram CP
 Sr Anne Cunningham CP

St Paul Apostle North School: 9700 6068

Principal:
 Mrs Christine White

St Paul Apostle South School: 9700 3663

Principal:
 Mrs Helen Greenhill

St John's Regional College

9791 3366

Principal: Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: - (3rd Week)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	P Miller	S McGuire	Volunteer	K Jayasinha
Readers & Commentator	R Young, M Ryan, Q Max	J Callery N Dimitrakis H Godilano	K Rolfe, A Astin C De Silva	D Candido C. White
Communion Ministers	J Baskett, P Negri P Miller, A Dang M & I Whiteman S Miller	E & W San Giorgio, A Nadarajah M Boissezon M La Blache D Vaifale	G Harrex, G Johnson W Barr S Pietrosanto D Kearney Z Carlow R O'Connor M Dawson	D Candido E Rebeiro V Hassett P Carvalho M Meerwald K de Alwis D Schumacher
Servers	S Dang J D' Souza K Maillard	M Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis	J Cerqueira A Del Socorro K Mehes	K Le, C Olds

Rosters for Next Weekend: 25th - 26th July, 2009 (4th Week)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Sacristan	M Maillard	K McArdle	L Forkgen	S Jayamaha
Readers & Commentator	A Rosario, L Flood G Lorenz	A McArdle M Anthony	H Greenhill L Newman	R Albuquerque
Communion Ministers	S Stone S Fernandes G Akom, H Lorenz S, B & J Herbert	M Anthony B & E David J Aldag, F Price F Hall	N Augustus F Lucette J Khoshaba J Solari Y Sherwin C De Souza J Foenander S Jayamaha E Foulze H Greenhill	B & M Keating K Jayasinha R Mathias J Catania G Calixto N Sangalang
Servers	K Fernandes J D' Souza	M Harper K Dimitrakis S Jayasuriya	D Thevanesan N De Zilva B Goncalves	E. Schumacher C Bird
Cuppa after mass	F & R Martyn	S & D McGuire K McArdle	A Ruiz S Pietrosanto M Ferdinands	B Bonett
Communion to the Sick	A: C De Silva	B: S Tranquille E Foulze	C: W & J Duyker (fortnightly)	
	Church Prep. Team 3 O & M Trindade B & T Lobo S & C Quinless	Flowers D Mariette	Counting P Negri, B Lock S Quinless	Rosary

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes: (326 pledges)	\$3323.70	\$2081.65 (145 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit		\$1859.38 (121 pledges)
Cash		\$ 552.80
Total		\$4493.83
Priests (2nd)		\$1158.25

Thank you

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course. Information Forms at the Parish Centre.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. Registration forms and Information from the Parish Centre.