

**"I have heard their cry....I know their sufferings....Come, now!
I will send you.....I will be with you" Ex 3:1-12**



Caring for Creation at St Greg's



Some parishioners were able to attend the Caring for Creation conference organised by Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin on 17 September. They joined the Archbishop and around 100 people from different parishes in the Archdiocese for a day of sharing, prayer and reflection. There was an inspiring talk on the challenge in Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, that "the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us". This is the call for an ecological conversion, which was first made by St Pope John Paul II, and continues to be an imperative for all Catholics, indeed all Christians, today.

The conference also featured small group discussions, where people shared their challenges, achievements, hopes and ideas as individuals, families and members of a Parish community. It really brought home to us that this was both an individual and a community endeavour, and that there are ways we can all engage with this teaching no matter where we are right now. Jesus meets us in the messiness of our lives, and this is as true here as elsewhere.

Resources were offered at the conference, such as the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, a wealth of information at the Australian Catholic Earthcare website, and an upcoming movie exploring these themes, which will be accompanied by reflection questions to guide a group discussion. It was heartening to spend time with so many other people in the Archdiocese who are at different points on the same journey, knowing that they will be there to support and encourage us as we take steps to put this important teaching of the Church into practice in this parish.

Father Troy has already advised that we would be combining the Social Justice and *Laudato Si'* groups in the Parish into a single Caring for Creation group, and everyone is invited to a meeting of this group **at 6pm on Tuesday 18 October.**

The heart of the Pope's encyclical ***Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home*** is found in Chapter 4. Pope Francis describes Creation as an "integral ecology" which is made up of multiple elements: environmental, economic, social, ethical, human and cultural. All these different elements are intrinsically connected. Integral ecology is not only concerned with the environment but also humanity in creation, such as the poor and marginalised. Today we are faced with one complex and interrelated crisis and in attempting to solve it we should consider not only the complex relationships involved, but also the relevance of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching e.g working for the common good, solidarity, human dignity and subsidiarity. "Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." (139) We are also reminded that any decisions we make today will affect our children and future generations. Pope Francis urges us to consider the following questions: "What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us." (160) The encyclical is available at the Catholic Bookshop, with an electronic copy also available at the parish ***Laudato Si*** website www.Care4OurCommonHome.org

The Canberra Raiders have inducted their chaplain, Canberra-Goulburn priest Msgr John Woods, as a life member, becoming only the 10th life member in the club's history. Full story at Daily Voice website [Msgr Woods announced the 2022 Raiders Life Member Inductee - Catholic Voice](#)



St Gregory's Parish Faith Community

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St Raphael's (main church), St Gregory's (no weekend services),
and St Patrick's Michelago.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

1 & 2 OCTOBER 2022



SEASON OF CREATION



Listen to the Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Christian prayer in union with creation

We thank you Lord

We thank You, Lord, for the perfection with which You created our mother earth. For filling her with beauty, goodness and generosity. For looking at her with love, because by contemplating her You reaffirmed that everything created was very good.

We thank You, Lord, for the trees, plants and flowers that speak to us through Your silence, for the song of the birds that in their diversity sing a beautiful melody to their Creator, for the air that gently caresses us.

We thank You for all the Universe that in constant movement renews, recreates and transforms itself, elevating our being to You and making us contemplate Your greatness, praising You for all that You have created, as Saint Francis and Saint Clare did one day.

We thank You Lord for so many men and women who throughout history have loved, guarded and cared for our common home, raising their voices as brave prophets, denouncing the injustice, misappropriation and exploitation of our sacred natural resources, accepting persecution and even martyrdom.

We ask for their intercession, along with Mary, our Mother, for all the people throughout the world who respect our sister mother earth, who contemplate her and feel as one with her, who work for good and who go throughout the world as messengers of peace and consciousness, praising You for having created her.

Amen.

Originally written in Spanish by the Order of Poor Clares of the Monastery of San Damiano. Planes de Renderos, Panchimalco, San Salvador, El Salvador. Creation Care Prayer Network

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9.00am Mass
Sunday 5.30pm Mass
now at Googong

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
5.30pm Mass

Wednesday
12noon Mass

Thursday 22 Sept
9am Mass

Friday
12noon Mass
11.00am-11.55am Exposition
and Adoration

Baptisms
St Raphael's Church
Sundays 10.30am

Marriages
by appointment
Reconciliation
by appointment

Michelago 2nd Saturday of
the month 5.30pm or 6pm
during Daylight
Savings time

VISION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.
MISSION: To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. **We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus;** sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for our sick:

Phillip Roy Anderson
Carmelo Bautista
Florence Bowell
John Church
Elaine Cliff
Emmanuel Corpuz
Fr Mark Croker
Juliet and Rommel Estabillo
Helen Fraser
Cora Fulcher
David Goldsmith
Corazon Guemo
Antonietta Laria
Baby Atlas Lozev
Anthony McGlynn
Gywen McIntyre
Patricia McMahon
Loretta & Geoff Percival
Regina Paredes
Trishy Mary Rankin
Nathan Reynolds
Elisabeth Smyth
David Smyth
Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)
Rosario B Surmielida
Ljubica Vricic
James Wells

May they rest in peace:

Clive Corey
Sr Roberta Robertson RSM
Giuseppe (Joe) Fadini
Amparo Francisco (Philippines)
Silvia Cobau
Stephen Millard
Gilberto Serafin
Daphne Brown
Karen Yap (Anneta's daughter)
Amalito Cura
Bev Marks
Luz Consuegra
Hilary Harrison
Stephanie Simpson
Jane Spiteri

Anniversary of Death:

Jim & Pat O'Malley
Verba family members
Stephen Paterson



We welcome into our parish through Baptism.

Kaylee and Archie Chase

Adult initiation

Scott Corr
Harold Ryan

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

ALL: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

ALL: Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

ALL: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake

of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

© liturgy help



Here are next weekend's Mass readings: 28th Sun Ord time
Kings 5:14-17
Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19
Let's prepare before we come to Mass.

REMAINING CAUTIOUS: Please remain cautious as flu and Covid continue. Face masks encouraged during Mass. Thank you for your continued efforts.

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of October we will be collecting for St Vincent de Paul

Collection for St Benedicts Community Centre was \$155
Total running balance for this year is



Many thanks for your continuing generosity!

- ◆ **Anointing Mass** - Friday 7th October, Midday. Please note parking is available in the school grounds as it is school holidays.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO INNER PEACE** – This gathering is to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus through Christian Meditation. The next gathering will be on 11 October 2022 (7.30pm in the Church) **Please remember that this is a fortnightly gathering.** Contact Tony Carey on 0455 231 057 tony@ticonsulting.com.au
- ◆ **St Gregory's Parish Faith Community is supporting Vinnies Queanbeyan.** The most needed items are now **school snacks, pasta, microwave rice, noodles, cordial & deodorant. Thank you for your support.**
- ◆ **Pre-Christmas Scratchie Raffle** - We are having a Pre-Christmas raffle to raise funds for our parish. The prize is \$100 worth of Scratchies ranging in value from \$1 to \$10. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They will be available for sale after Mass.
- ◆ **2023 Daily Mass Book** - If you would like to purchase one, an order will be going in by the end of this week. The cost is \$22 and a list is available in the events hub to place your name.
- ◆ **Advent preparation-** Heart of the Disciple a 28 day reflection resource book. Will be available for \$5. We will only be ordering 50 copies so please place your name on the list if you would like a copy.
- ◆ **Mosaic Classes** - Wonderful news - expressions of interest are being taken for the return of the Mosaic Classes they are to happen on the 15th October and the 3rd December. If you would like to attend please place your name on the sheet which is in the events hub. Cost of class will be \$20 - \$25 and this will go to a nominated charity through the church.
- ◆ **Wine & Cheese** will recommence after the 5.30pm Saturday night mass on 29th October. Gold coin donation would be appreciated. This will coincide with Fr Troy celebrating his 60th birthday. There will also be a morning tea on Sunday 30th to extend the celebration.
- ◆ **ACCOMMODATION NEEDED** - A parishioner new to Australia is looking for a 3 bedroom house to rent; If you can help, please contact Mark Udentia Phone number 0404031098
- ◆ **BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH** - We are currently booking baptisms for 2023. If you wish to have your child baptised, please call the parish office early to avoid disappointment.

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