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Newsletter of St Joseph's West Brunswick WELCOME

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PRAYING AT HOME

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — A

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Dear Parishioners

Most major companies, such as airlines, have 'club' or 'loyalty' or 'frequent flyer' points. Members of the club get brochures online with many gadgets and products that one can exchange for points earned by being loyal. I know, when at the supermarket, if I go to a 'check out' person with my trolley they will ask me if I am a member of such a scheme. I sometimes think that some people imagine belief in God is such a scheme. In other words if you are good and loyal to God, you will get rewards and be free of pain and suffering. Perhaps if God was a firm, if you got pain and suffering instead of gadgets and products, you could ask for your money back or maybe take God to the Small Claims Tribunal!

Last week in the Gospel, Peter named Jesus as "The Christ" and was praised and promoted by Jesus. Then Jesus continues the Gospel by saying... now I am going to Jerusalem to suffer, be rejected, to die and to rise again. Peter says... hang on, this is not the scheme I signed up for. This is a bad idea. Perhaps Peter felt he was tricked in to being the leading disciple. Perhaps similar to the complaint the Prophet Jeremiah uttered in the first reading; *you have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced.*

This the twist of the Gospel, if you follow Jesus then you have to face up to the question... *if God loves me, why do I have to suffer and die?* It is a question that arises at every stage of our lives and the answer is different at each turn and rise along life's road. It's a similar question Jesus asked in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Before travel restrictions were imposed, I walked the Camino, a famous pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain. It is a walk of several hundred kilometres, it guarantees pain, blisters, discomfort, exhaustion, thirst, hunger, heat and cold. People, who are not mad, walk for many reasons but a popular reason people give is along the lines of 'finding myself' or 'to make myself vulnerable'. The strange thing about the pain of the journey is that it is an experience that often frees the person. Typically, people begin the journey carrying many problems. Rather like carrying the Cross. But the grace of the walk often relieves the heaviness of personal burdens. People find themselves by losing themselves. At the end of the journey, people feel they have lost something they no longer need and have gained a newness; a freshness for life which they need and welcome. I understand that people happily pay much money for the experience of a painful journey that leads to a resurrection. People do not seem to ask for their money back. I wonder why?

*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.
For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.*

With God's blessings.

Fr Linh

Fr Greg



FIRST READING : Jeramiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

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

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ephesians 1:17-18

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!**

GOSPEL: Matthew: 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven

preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We seek from God what is good and acceptable. In these prayers of intercession, we strive always to discern the will of God.

We pray for Pope Francis and his fellow bishops. By the witness of their word and example, may they encourage us to take up our cross every day and follow Jesus.
Lord, hear us.

We pray for our civil and political leaders. May God grant them the gift of wisdom to equip them to serve all people well. Lord, hear us

We pray for all people who are suffering because of their belief in Christ. May they remain steadfast in their faith in the knowledge that other Christians are praying for them as they carry their cross.
Lord, hear us.

On this Social Justice Sunday, we pray for all those who carry heavy burdens of mind or body. May they be blessed in companions who help them to carry their crosses.
Lord, hear us

We pray for the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently especially Nicholas Eyles, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, we remember Mario Sirotic. May they rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.
Lord, hear us.

God of compassion, listen to our petitions on behalf of all those who are in need of your mercy and healing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

La maggior parte delle grandi compagnie, come le compagnie aeree, dispone di punti "club", "fedeltà" o "frequent flyer". I membri del club ottengono opuscoli online con molti gadget e prodotti che si possono scambiare con i punti guadagnati. Quando al supermercato vado alla cassa, mi chiedono se sono un membro di un tale programma fedeltà.

A volte penso che alcune persone immaginano che credere in Dio sia una cosa simile. In altre parole, se sei buono e leale verso Dio, riceverai ricompense e sarai libero dal dolore e dalla sofferenza. Forse se Dio fosse un'azienda, se tu avessi dolore e sofferenza invece di gadget e prodotti, potresti chiedere indietro i tuoi soldi o forse portare Dio in tribunale per le piccole controversie!

La scorsa settimana, nel Vangelo, Pietro ha chiamato Gesù "Il Cristo" ed è stato lodato da Gesù. Poi Gesù continua il Vangelo dicendo ... ora vado a Gerusalemme per soffrire, essere rifiutato, morire e risorgere. Pietro dice ... aspetta, questo non è il programma fedeltà a cui mi sono iscritto. Questa è una cattiva idea. Forse Pietro si è sentito ingannato nell'essere scelto come primo discepolo. Forse è simile al lamento che il profeta Geremia pronunciò nella prima lettura; *mi hai sedotto, Signore, e io mi sono lasciato sedurre.*

Questa è la svolta del Vangelo, se segui Gesù devi affrontare la domanda ... *se Dio mi ama, perché devo soffrire e morire?* È una domanda che sorge in ogni fase della nostra vita e la risposta è diversa ad ogni svolta e sorge lungo la strada della vita. È una domanda simile che Gesù fece nel Giardino del Getsemani.

Prima che venissero imposte le restrizioni sui viaggi, ho percorso il famoso *Camino* di pellegrinaggio a Santiago, in Spagna. È una camminata di diverse centinaia di chilometri, provoca dolore, vesciche, disagio, spossatezza, sete, fame, caldo e freddo. Le persone, che non sono pazze, camminano per molte ragioni, ma una delle ragioni principali è sulla falsariga di "trovare me stesso" o "rendermi vulnerabile". La cosa strana del dolore del viaggio è che è un'esperienza che spesso libera la persona.

In genere, le persone iniziano il viaggio portando molti problemi. Un po' come portare la Croce. Ma la grazia della camminata spesso allevia la pesantezza dei fardelli personali. Le persone si ritrovano perdendosi. Alla fine del viaggio, le persone sentono di aver perso qualcosa di cui non hanno più bisogno e hanno acquisito una novità; una freschezza per la vita di cui hanno bisogno e accolgono. Capisco che le persone paghino felicemente molti soldi per l'esperienza di un viaggio doloroso che porta alla risurrezione. Le persone non sembrano chiedere indietro i loro soldi. Mi chiedo perché?

Se qualcuno vuole essere un mio seguace, rinunci a se stesso, prenda la sua croce e mi segua. Chiunque voglia salvare questa vita, la perderà; ma chi perde la vita per causa mia, la troverà.

INVITATION 'ZOOM' MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners

We would like to invite you to a 'zoom' Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, this Saturday 29th August at 5:00pm.

One of the sad things about this time of lockdown is that we miss one another especially sharing our faith through the Eucharist.

If you have experience with using zoom you will know that it is a good substitute when it is not possible to gather together as family, friends, work colleagues or as parishioners.

If you are able to join us, please let us know and we can send you a copy of the readings beforehand.

If you do not know how to use zoom, please let us know and we can organise a 'trial run' before Saturday.

In the meantime, please know you are in our prayers. Please see the link below.

Wishing you every blessing,

Greg Bourke

Linh Pham

Zoom Mass, St Joseph's West Brunswick

Time: 29 August 2020 05:00pm
Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

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LINK FOR MASSES

The 10am Sunday Mass will be a virtual Mass and you can attend from your home using ZOOM by clicking on the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/99355766687>

Please note the following to assist you:

- Just click on the link, there is no need to download anything
- MUTE will already be switched OFF once you access the link no need to click mute off on your device eg: computer/laptop/iPhone etc.)
- The link will be open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass so you can get on early to ensure you are ready.

11am SUNDAY MASS AT ST FIDELIS

Mass at 11 am will continue to be streamed on the parish Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Fidelis-Parish-Moreland-183834618311776/>

Or on You tube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm7GEgt-p2odZexFuLSq92Q>

APPEAL FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

During this COVID time the use of digital devices have proven to be very beneficial. The Parish Office would benefit greatly if we could communicate with you via email and mobile phone. If you are agreeable could you send your email address, mobile phone number and any other updated information to the parish office. It would be greatly appreciated.

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

St Joseph our Patron Saint and Pilgrim Guide, walk with us as a community of faith at West Brunswick. You are the Saint of Dreams, the one who welcomed the gift of your Son, with Mary Our Mother. Saint ever faithful, saint of integrity, show us the way to walk in your steps with hearts full of trust, openness and hospitality. In our moments of fear, anxiety and worry lead us to stillness as we ponder the gift you received in the Eternal Word, Christ Jesus. At this uncertain and anxious time for us, and all our brothers and sisters of the world, we ask you to intercede for us, together with Mary Our Mother, that we will walk in the way of peace, build communion with one another and remain united through the gift of prayer. Hold close to your Son, all those who are sick, alone and afraid. Strengthen our doctors, health and aged care workers, as they strive to bring comfort and healing to those in their care. Guide those entrusted with the wellbeing and common good of our nation with wisdom, justice and mindfulness of the most marginalized among us.

St Joseph, pray for us!

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