

THE FEEM – AHOY!

In last weekend's homily, Fr Francis stated that "God's Compassion was a signal for human Change and Growth". This Compassion demonstrates how Jesus thought and lived, as an example for us ALL to follow, in our lives.

Without change and growth in our Faith and Spirituality, we can remain in our comfort zone, become complacent or even stagnate. This need for meaningful and lasting change, is being driven and led by Pope Francis himself, with the recent release of a new Apostolic Constitution.

The intention is to overhaul the Vatican Central Bureaucracy, replacing the Pope John Paul 2, 1988 document titled 'The Good Shepherd', by this new document titled 'Preaching the Gospel', by dramatically expanding the number of leadership roles for lay men and women, under the central priority of Evangelization.

Senior Vatican luminaries are already describing this new Constitution as such a significant document for our future, that they are calling it, 'The Franciscan Reform'.

We all know that change is always difficult, but with sustained prayer, patience and perseverance, we should ALL embrace Pope Francis's lead, and grasp this great opportunity together, to forge a new Faith and Spirituality path for our Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Palmyra, into an exciting future.

(Ugo Landro – Your Acting PPC FEEM Representative)

Pastoral Council News

The opening prayer for last week's Parish Council meeting was a musical interlude in the Church using the AV system. The selected song, by American singer/songwriter John Prine, called "Hello in There" was a simple song with a very powerful message to take the time to acknowledge older people with a simple "Hello." A very simple but important act, along the lines that Francis has been highlighting lately in his homilies. I recommend that you take the time to have a listen on YouTube, link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfwGkpl1BsY>

CHORUS:

You know that old trees just grow stronger

*And old rivers grow wilder every day
Old people just grow lonesome
Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello"*

LAST VERSE:

*So if you're walking down the street
sometime*

*And spot some hollow ancient eyes
Please don't just pass 'em by and stare
As if you didn't care, say, "Hello in there,
hello" Hello in There lyrics © Warner
Chappell Music, Inc*

Please remember the full minutes of the last meeting are posted on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

(Bernard Landro –chairperson)



PROJECT COMPASSION

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and keep their culture alive.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**EVERY MONDAY DURING
LENT AT 8.30AM,**

RECONCILIATION:

Our parish Easter Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday, 6th April at 7.00pm in the parish church. There will be other priests in attendance. Let us come together and make our peace with God and each other.

THE FEEM

AN INCLUSIVE WELCOMING PARISH FAMILY



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Weekend 26th/27th March 2022**

VISION STATEMENT

Christ's Love in Action

MISSION STATEMENT

**Meeting Christ as All in all through: Our relationship with others in creation,
Seeking God in the stillness, Embracing the Good News of the Gospel,
Accepting the challenges of the Cross, The power of the Holy Spirit
and intercession of Our Lady of Fatima**

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THE LENTEN SEASON

PERMANENT FEATURE OF LENT:

Lent is the season set aside by the Church for the faithful to prepare for the passion of Jesus Christ and for his subsequent Resurrection.

His passion is not simply a reference to his suffering and death on Good Friday, but to all his experiences, which involved the joys and the pains of his daily life, his tears and his earnest prayers, in his training to become like his Abba, Father. The **Prodigal Son**, in its own way, points to this feature.

THE PRODIGAL SON

The story of the prodigal son is a simple story about a son, his father and his brother. It is a story, which is meaningful in every idea of human relationship. In this particular case, it is within a family relationship: the son who is reckless in his adventurism, the father whose excellence in fatherly mercy is unrivalled, the brother who is green with envy, the truth of which is that he is inconsiderate and narcissistic.

It is about the prodigal Son, restless and dreaming big, without calculating the risk. He is not a homebody. He likes to do things: help people, assist the weak, the vulnerable, the poor, and so on, even if it leads him/her to a destructive temptation, which he or she cannot escape. If such a person has a good mentor, one day he/she will come to their senses in order to re-learn how to face risks without losing their head as worthy adventurists.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: @ 9.00am & 6.30pm (Vigil).

Sunday: @ 7.30am, 9.45am & 6.30pm.

Monday & Thursday: @ 9.00am

Reconciliation: Available on request

Baptisms: SUNDAYS ONLY @ 11.00am & 11.30am

The father of the prodigal son, for his part, is unique. He understands that you can't punish a man or a woman who either through ignorance or unwittingly human excesses, has already hurt themselves. As the story goes: "you do not gladly kick a man/woman further down who is already in the gutter." Only a father who is like God can understand that only mercy fits the prodigal son's 'worthy adventurism.' This requires every dad, everyone, to train hard to become like that God. But who would want to be the elder son ensconced in his comfort zone, sitting on his hands, twiddling his fingers, and wallowing in self-pity, complaining about his imaginary construction of his younger brother, to the extent of accusing him of cavorting with prostitutes, a brothel lover? It is further his inconsiderate addition to tarnish his brother's image, and deny him their father's mercy. The second son is narcissistic, meaning that he has an inflated opinion of his self-importance. He thinks he should be rewarded for not adventuring.

STORY TELLING

We all love telling and listening to stories. People have been telling stories for thousands of years. It's in our DNA. You can imagine in pre-historic times tribesmen telling stories about the day's hunt around a camp fire.

For the sake of future generations we too should not only tell but also record our personal and family stories.

What has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told" is the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It's all faithfully recorded in the gospels.

The gospels are so rich in detail, describing miracles performed by Jesus, listing his teachings and recounting his parables such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. This Great Story is filled with fascinating characters who appear and then disappear just as quickly. For example, the Magi at the birth of Jesus, the blind Bartimaeus, the little man Zacchaeus who climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, the woman at Jacob's Well, Simon of Cyrene

who helped Jesus carry his cross.

What Jesus has given to us is an amazing set of values (by which we can live our lives) and also the hope of our future with God.

He has spoken with such authority that we cannot ignore him.

No wonder that since Jesus walked on the Earth billions of people have become his disciples and have tried to put into action the love that he taught. However, despite all the rich abundance of stories, miracles, sacrifice, lessons and characters from the New Testament it can all be simplified (as Fr Francis keeps reminding us) in the basic teaching: "Love God, love your neighbour as yourself". (Dick Finucane)

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS AND PARISH BUILDING FUND

They help us to pay our bills, our Insurance, meet our Archdiocesan financial levy for seminaries, and they also go towards the maintenance of our Parish structures. As we say, each person their taste: we are giving a little thought to the needs of those parishioners or visitors who might prefer donating through bank transfers, to cash donations in situ.

For this choice, please find below:

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 086 006:

A/C NO: 551882724

A/C NAME: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth Our Lady of Fatima Parish PALMYRA PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 086 006

A/C NO: 670197711

A/C NAME: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth Our Lady of Fatima Parish PALMYRA PARISH ACCOUNT

PALMYRA PARISH BUILDING FUND:

BSB: 086 006

A/C NO: 867962448

PARISH FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTIONRIES:

FEEM - Portia de Guzman/Ugo Landro

Choir - Ormond Waters

Church Cleaning - Andrena Inopulos

Fatima Care - Mary-Kate Muir

Finance Committee - Joe Terribile

Flowers - Kath Neesham/Peg Clunies Ross

Media/Online Parish Events Calendar/Rep

School Advisory Council - Carl Carcione

OLOF PARISH SCHOOL - Jacinta Petersen

Parish Bulletin - Andrena Inopulos

Parish Hall Use - Volunteer required

Readers/Commentators - Volunteer required

Rosary Devotion - (Wednesday Evening) - Tania Herbert

Sacramental Program - Lorraine Szefczyk

SVDP - Ben Ziegler

100 Year Celebration - Stefano Zagami

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY DEVOTION:

"Say the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world" Our Lady of Fatima

This is how Wednesday evening Rosary came to be: In September 2020, my friends Doreen, Marilyn, and I went to the Innaloo cinema to watch the latest movie, "Fatima". We were accompanied by memories of the movie "Miracle of Fatima" (1952), and our own devotions to Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady's resounding request through Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco was to 'pray the Rosary everyday for peace'. On the drive home the thought of evening Rosary came to my mind. Knowing Rosary is prayed before each morning Mass, may be an evening timeframe would create another opportunity for parishioners and friends to pray the Rosary.

Wednesday evening Rosary started in October 2020, with Father Francis' blessing. Sr Lucia of Fatima said *"There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve, by praying the Rosary"*. Padre Pio also said *"In times of darkness, holding the Rosary beads, is like holding your blessed Mother's hand. Pray the Rosary everyday, abandon yourself into the hands of Mary. She will take care of you"*.

One of my most vivid childhood memories is of my grandmother, "Baba", praying the Ro-

We hope you can join us whenever you can, on a Wednesday evening. Rosary commences at 7.30pm and we finish by 8.00pm. Please know that we pray for you and your intentions, for Pope Francis, for Father Francis, the Parish community, the sick, your families and world peace during these moments of prayer and contemplation on the life of Jesus and Mary, and Joseph. (Tania Herbert)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our local Palmyra St Vincent De Paul Conference is looking for some new helpers for 2 jobs. Mary manages our pantry, and she is seeking a new friend to assist with the weekly shop and keeping our pantry well stocked for the 10 to 15 visits that our conference makes each week to those in need. We also need some new members to assist with visits. Members visit in pairs, and make visits once per fortnight. New members are paired with an experienced member. What makes a good Vinnies member? Being able to accept people where they are at, having a friendly disposition, and time to make visits once per fortnight with your experienced Vinnes buddy. Vinnies is a great way to meet some new people, and share in a practical expression of our Christian values.

Call **Ben Ziegelaar 0499 322 233** for further information.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell