

ABOUT THE ESTRUARY - Merops Ornatus

NATURALLY MARKING TIME

Our beautiful **Rainbow Bee-eaters**, *Merops ornatus*, seen gathering at Alfred Cove in large groups in March were noticeably mainly juveniles, lacking the streamer tail feathers, the black neck tie and the brighter colours of their parents. They were readying for their journey of thousands of kilometres to the north, and were just one of the distinctive signs that our Noongar seasons of Birak and Bunuru, time of the young and of adolescence were coming to an end.

Coinciding with their departure, we notice the growing numbers of returning Musk Ducks (*Biziura lobata*) floating around in the calm waters of the Cove, staying throughout the seasons of Djeran & Makuru from April through to July. They will progressively display their bizarre courting behaviours as time passes,

with the male inflating its throat pouch to call with a distinctive 'ploink, ploink', and spinning furiously to create as much splash as possible with its stiff erect tail, all to win over the demure female. These are some of the signs that the

Noongar seasons of adulthood and courtship have arrived. Then marking the turn of the season the Musk Ducks fly off to nest beside the now full inland lakes, and we know that Djilba has arrived – the season of conception. The bushland and waters of the Marine Park come alive with the mating calls of bush and water birds and we watch the pairs of handsome Australian Shelducks (*Tadorna tadornoides*) seeking out their nests in the tree hollows of the old river gum of the old river gum trees (*Eucalyptus rudis*), while the

tiny Red-capped Plovers (*Charadrius ruficollis*) in their bright breeding plumage will scrape a nest in the sand at the highwater mark.

Completing the full circle of seasons is Kambarang when we will be watching the skies in October for the return of the amazing trans-equatorial waders at the same time as the adult Rainbows



Bee-eaters return to burrow their nests into the sandy soil and fill the sky with their trilling as they swoop after the bees and wasps to feed their young. Colour fills the bush too, all marking this beautiful season of the young. SERAG has decided to base their newsletters **about the Estuary**, around this yearly cycle of the six Noongar seasons, and hope to bring you many stories of how these annual events unfold in their three publications each year.

Margaret Matassa (SERAG MAGAZINE)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please, drive with care on your approaches



to the parish/school parking bays. Please do not accelerate as you finally drive into the parking Bay. This is to prevent any accidents, which need not happen.

It is better to be late for Mass than to give in to the temptation to speed into the bay. Someone can get badly hurt or even killed. Children, or even adults could be playing or lounging in the bay.

Kindly consider the parking bay as a Snails-Pace Kilometers ZONE

USEFUL TRIFLES

“To receive the body that was given for us, and the blood that was shed for us, is to be called to follow the example of Jesus’ total self-giving..” (**The Redemptorists’ Living Word**)

THE FEEM WEEKLY

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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 the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima



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HAPPY EASTER SEASON!
PERMANENT FEATURE OF EASTER:
EUREKA! = "I have found it!" can be used to describe the joy of Easter.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Meals are important. Perhaps many of us have lost sight of that in today’s fast-food society. It seems so time-consuming today for people to sit down to a meal together, with the distractions of modern living getting in the way. One of the many problems of the Covid-19 pandemic was that eating in company with others became much more difficult, even impossible at times.”

Jesus used a meal to show us how much we belong with one another. The meal, which Jesus had with his disciples, was a more formal gathering of friends. It is nothing different from any other formal meal. The only difference is the sacredness Jesus instilled into the meal and the gathering of friends. He told his disciples that at each meal we break ourselves in order to share ourselves as Jesus did at that meal. Every meal becomes sacred once we can, through it, lose ourselves in other people as brothers and sisters. It is not what we call the meal or how we describe the meal that matters.



MASS TIMES

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

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

Monday & Thursday: @ 9.00am

Reconciliation: Available on request or 5.45pm Saturdays

What matters, is that we live it out in love of others, friends and foe alike. That is what makes the meal sacred, in imitation of Jesus.

VIEW FROM ROME

A new leader of the Holy See's doctrine office is expected to be announced by Pope Francis in the not too distant future. The incumbent, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, is 78, and his term of office expires on 1 July. One issue that the new prefect of the Dicastery for the doctrine of the Faith will face is how to respond to the bishops in the United States who are deciding to bar Catholic politicians, who support abortion rights, from Communion. Many in Rome are alarmed by the politicisation of the Eucharist and by the eagerness of some bishops to sign



up as partisans in the global culture wars.

All of this has come to a head following the declaration by the Archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, that he was barring the House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, from receiving communion in her home diocese.

It is a decision that seems to ignore the pope's guidance. No one could accuse Francis of softening Catholic teaching on abortion, which he repeatedly condemned as "murder". But when asked last September about barring Catholic politicians from communion, he said he had never denied anyone communion, and warned pastors against "taking sides on political front". Not long after, Pelosi, a Catholic and mother of five, travelled to Rome and met

the pope and other Vatican officials, signalling Francis' clear preference for dialogue over sanctions.

When Archbishop Cordileone and other US bishops were pushing for President Joe Biden to be refused communion, Cardinal Ladaria said it would be misleading to suggest that abortion and euthanasia are the only Church teachings that "demand the fullest level of accountability". John Gehring, the Catholic Director of Washington DC group, Faith in Public Life, pointed out after the Pelosi communion ban that "when the former Attorney General William Barr, a Catholic, played a key role in reviving the federal death penalty, I don't remember conservative bishops clamouring to deny him Communion". Instead, Barr was given an award at the 2020 National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, during which President Donald Trump gave an address.

Parts of the Church have become aligned with a well-funded Trumaine Republican cause, which goes hand-in-hand with hostility to the Francis pontificate. In 2018, after Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano called for the Pope to resign for allegedly ignoring his warnings about ex-cardinal Theodore McCarrick's abuse, Cordileone promptly wrote to his diocese, praising Vigano as a man of integrity and "selfless dedication". Archbishop Vigano has since become a devoted Trump supporter and a promoter of increasingly unhinged conspiracy theories.

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the papal household, spoke for many in Rome when he said last year that divisions in the Church was now about politics. Church leaders, he said, should follow the example of Jesus and the early Christians, who resisted polarisation. It could be time for the Vatican's doctrine office to consider setting out some guidelines. **-Christopher Lamb**

JOURNYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

"Brothers and sisters, let us sit at the school of the Holy Spirit, so that he can teach us all things. Let us invoke him each day, so that he can remind us to make God's gaze upon us our starting point, to make decisions by listening to his voice, and to journey together as Church, docile to him and open to the world."

Monday 13 June 2022



"Human beings inevitably age, the dream of an eternal youth permanently retreats, decline is the destiny of any birth in time... wrinkles are a sign of experience, a sign of life, a sign of maturity, a sign of having made a journey. Do not touch them to become young, that your face might look young. What matters is the entire personality; it's the heart that matters, and the heart holds on to the youth of good wine — the more it ages the better it is." Wednesday 15th June 2022

"Life in our mortal flesh is beautifully "unfinished", like certain works of art, precisely due to their incompleteness, have a unique charm. Because life down here is an "initiation", not the fulfilment. We come into the world just like this, like real people, like people who advance in age but who are always real."

Thursday JUNE 16, '22

COMMUNITY NEWS

- As you walked into the Church today, hopefully you noticed a 'new addition' in the entry air-lock. YES...our original 'WELCOME' banner has returned, and it's been rejuvenated, in keeping with our new Church, thanks to the amazing artistic skills of its creator, Janette Dodd. Great work Janette and many thanks from ALL of us. As stated on the front page of The FEEM Weekly, at OLOF we are striving to be 'An Inclusive WELCOMING Parish Family'.
- We always seek new articles and community involvement in your bulletin, THE FEEM WEEKLY. Please email any articles for inclusion to Fr Francis on emyfrank@iinet.net.au Rosary prayers every Wednesday evening 7.30pm in the Church, all welcome.
- We also seek any items of interest to add to this PARISH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS. Please email any items to Bernard on blandro@iinet.net.au
- Don't forget to visit our Parish Website at olfpalmyra.org.au to see what has been happening in our Parish. All are most welcome to join fellow Parishioners for Morning Tea, after the 9am Monday Mass.
- Please contact Ugo Landro for Hall hire on for all your events. It is approved to accommodate up to 92 people, Contact Ugo:



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Children's Liturgy -Volunteers needed

Our Children's Liturgy ministry is looking for more volunteers. It is so rewarding and fun to be involved in it. If you think you would like to join us in any capacity as a leader or helper, please contact Bernie Keane on 0403611882 or email me at bernieandanto@yahoo.com.au



DOCKERS CORNER:

Thanks be to God, the Lord is good and answers our prayers, as the Dockers enjoy another win, this time over a spirited and relentless Brisbane Lions outfit. The enigmatic Bailey Banfield booting 4 goals and the speedy Michael Frederick 3. This week we welcome back our skipper Nathan Fyfe as we take on the Hawks. GO WELL Freo, (in the wet?).2022-06-11 **GO DOCKERS!!**



DOCKERS CORNER: Another home game, and yes, another win to the mighty Freo Dockers, this time beating Hawthorn. Skipper Nathan Fyfe did his job in his return game and will undoubtedly get better with more games. Brayshaw, Serong and Young were standouts, and congratulations to Brandon Walker on his NAB rising star nomination. Next week we have a well earned rest and sit equal top of the ladder on points with 10W and 3L for the season. 2022-06-18

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:**



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