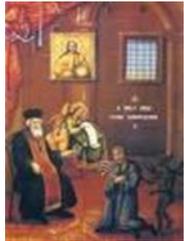
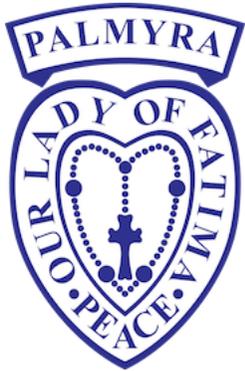


RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday and Thursday this week our Parish Children Celebrated their First Reconciliation. I would like to say a big thank you Fr. Francis for all your support and guidance given to the children during their preparation. The children loved doing their First Reconciliation with you.



Thank you to Pina Lomma for preparing the Parish children. Also for volunteering your time each week to teach the children. All that you have done over all the years is very much appreciated.

Our Year 3 class teacher Di Law, thank you so much for all your hard work in getting the children ready for their First Reconciliation.

Thank you Parents for supporting your children as they prepared for the Sacrament and joining us in celebrations.

Thank you to all the staff from OLOF School for coming and supporting the Reconciliation Candidates at their celebrations. Having

your support made us feel very special.

Thank you so much everyone that made this a very special time for all the Candidates.

God Bless

Lorraine Szeftczyk xxx

BIG THANKS TO LORRAINE SZEFTCZYK and her husband RoB for their untiring dedication to the parish/school sacramental programs. They are marvellous! (The Parish Pastoral Council)

WANTED - IS THIS YOU?

We are seeking volunteers with Event Coordinating Skills or Experience, a broad or long knowledge of the history of our Parish, or enthusiasm, to be involved in the Organising Committee for the celebration of the Centenary of the OLOF Parish, which is due, mid 2023. If this is YOU, if it is, please contact the Committee Chairperson, Stefano Zagami on0418 954 046. ALL applicants will be given serious consideration for this prestigious position



Ugo Landro

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**

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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:

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A/C NO: 867962448

THE FEEM WEEKLY

(FEEM = Faith Enrichment & Evangelising Ministry)

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

“FOR WHERE YOPUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO”

“This Gospel is Jesus’ invitation to us to live differently, with a different set of values that puts love of others - with God as the sustaining structure - and transformative action in the world, before the baubles of fame, power and fortune. Then we can live confidently and without fear when we have become free from all forms of ritualised false worship.”



THE REDEMPTORISTS’ MEDITATION

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

VIEW FROM MELBOURNE

THE YARRA VALLEY, situated East of Melbourne, is one of Australia's thriving wine growing -regions. Nestled between the vineyards is Tarra warra Abbey, a Cistercian monastery founded in 1954, and known as the power house of prayer for the local church.



It is home to a community of 13 monks, including the renowned spiritual writer and retreat-giver Fr Michael Casey OCSO, who rise each morning at 4.00 a.m. for the first of three periods of prayer during the day. Like everyone who arrives at Tarrawarra, I was struck by the peace and simplicity that radiates through the place. After the intensity and the turbulence of the Plenary Council assembly in Sydney, my visit was a moment to take stock about what had taken place and a reminder that the synod process Pope Francis has begun is fundamentally a spiritual exercise.

The liturgy at Tarrawarra embodies the reform of the Second Vatican Council and expressed some of the key themes in Francis' recent letter on liturgical formation, Desiderio Desideravi (= I have longed for it). In the simple chapel, built by the monks, the liturgy is not a search for a "ritual aesthetic" or pre-occupied by the "scrupulous observance of the rubrics", but a celebration that draws the community deeper into the paschal mystery. The celebrant gave an incisive homily on the gospel reading and there were periods of silence, punctuated by the chirping of soft-breasted cockatoos that sounded alien to a foreigner like me..

What struck me about the plenary assembly week in Sydney was that it, too, reflected the vision of the Church outlined by the Vatican II. The People of God and the bishops sat together at round tables in a large hall to discern the future of the Church in Australia. There was a sense of shared responsibility. It was not a political exercise. "Synodality is Vatican II in a nutshell," Professor Ormond Rush, an adviser to the council and a foremost interpreter of Vatican II, told me.

The synodal journey is similar to the life of prayer. There are struggles, doubts, uncertainties. It's often easier not to bother. Yet, what the plenary assembly shows is that a synodal church is one where fear is being slowly replaced by trust in the Holy Spirit.

The final destination may not always be known, but we are sure we are moving in the right direction.

When I returned to Melbourne, I visited the Pilgrim's Cathedral, where water cascades down a path leading to the church. At the start is the inscription from a poem by James McAuley: "Incarnate Word, in whom all nature lives/ Cast flames upon the earth: raise up contemplatives/ Among us, men who walk within the fire/Of ceaseless prayer, impetuous desire./ Set pools of silence in this thirsty land" (from "A letter to John Dryden").

It felt to me that that pool of silence, which opens people to the Spirit and can be found in Tarrawarra was, in a very different way, also present at the Sydney plenary gathering.

WHILE SYNODALITY may fundamentally be a spiritual process, that does not mean that everything is going to be calm and easy. Halfway through the plenary assembly, a walkout almost took place when a motion that included a welcome for female deacons, "should Pope Francis authorise such ministry," failed to get a two thirds majority from among the bishops. It meant that the council could have ended up having to say about the role of women in the Church. After the result of the vote had been declared, a group of women, men, priests, Religious and bishops stood at the back of the hall and refused to take their seats. It was a crisis point. Speaking to me afterwards, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, a key mover in organising the Plenary Council, said "the atmosphere in the hall was electric," and there was "a maelstrom of emotion." The plenary council organisers, including the bishops, held crisis talks and the motions were re-drafted. A second vote was held and a series of significant agreements - including on welcoming the possibility of female priests - were agreed.

"All our very, very considered plans had to be thrown up in the air and we had to improvise," Coleridge told me. "And I think that is the work of the Holy Spirit." He added: "the crisis became a real grace and a blessing. It was the turning point of the assembly."

NEW LEADERS often emerge during a synod process, and Australia was no different. The plenary assembly included a number of outstanding women such as Madeline Ford, 26, who works in campus ministry at the Australian National University; and Elissa Roper, a mother of four who has recently completed a doctorate in synodality at

Yarra Theological Union, who worked on the drafting committee. Meanwhile, Bishop Shane Mackinlay, the vice president of the Plenary Council, was widely praised for the way he steered the ship after stepping in when the plenary council president, Archbishop Tim Costelloe, was taken ill. When things got tense, Bishop Mackinlay's interventions and mediations proved decisive.

The task now is to implement the letter and spirit of the Plenary Council resolutions. I have learned that the Church in Australia is not short of people with the sensitivity and determination to make this happen.



Christopher Lamb

JOURNEY WITH POPE FRANCIS

"Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems... The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance.

Blessed is the house where an older person lives!

Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!"
(submitted by Bernard Landro)



COMMON COURTESY

Is courtesy as common as it used to be? Perhaps not. There are numerous reports in the news of domestic violence, road rage, street assaults, disruption in schools and other worrying behaviour. The Christian Brothers in CBC schools once used a booklet called "Christian Politeness" to train boys in courteous behaviour. The recommended behaviour in the booklet ranged from opening doors for ladies to using correct table manners. It may be considered old-fashioned nowadays but surely there is a need for more courtesy in the Australian community today. The whole concept of courtesy comes from the strongly Christian belief in respect for others as fellow human beings. Jesus urged his disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34).



"Love" can be interpreted as "respect" for others: those we know, strangers or even people who may be considered "enemies". Jesus certainly had respect for strangers, for example, the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15: 21-28) and even for the enemies of the Jews, for example, the Roman Centurion who asked Jesus to cure his sick servant (Luke 7:1-8).community today.

There is hope that real courtesy is not dead. One can still witness small actions such as:

- Saying thanks when one receives a service,
- Complimenting others on their achievements,
- Listening attentively and not interrupting others when they are speaking.,
- Opening a door or keeping a door open for others.,
- Allowing another car to enter the flow of traffic when it's safe to do so,
- Phoning, emailing or visiting a person in need,
- Smiling - it can make another feel welcomed and comfortable.

Acts of courtesy build trust, safety and a sense of well-being in a community. In these troubled times these are the elements that will keep us all steadfast in our relationships.

Dick Finucane