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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS:** (29th Sunday in OT) Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 95:1. 3-5, 7-10. 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** (30th Sunday in OT) Ex 22:20-26; Ps 17:2-4. 47; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Colleen Lourey, Maria Ngo

### ANNUVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME:

Lelia Long, Janes Hall, Edna Dwyer, Mark Barry, Angelo Cianciosi, Mary Hubbard, Shiela Finnigan, Vittorio Bertoli, Marie Camerlleri, Cameron Smith, David Coon, Helen Vecchio, Francis Clarke, Margaret Quinn, Pat & Allan Thompson

### LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK—

Bernie Herridge, Kate Mulholland, Michael Murray, Des Reardon, Sr. Mary Fankhauser, Fredi Assoud, Cheryl Parker, Patricia Valente, Robyn Atherton, Philomena & Leo Boek, Annette Lewis, Richard Mc Allie, Katrina Jackman, Brian Flynn, Maria George, Maureen Miller, Brigid Harding, Anne Maree Silfo, Michael Nicholls, Elizabeth Martin, Tony Ryan, Sr Margaret McHugh, Michael Burgess, Bob McAllie, Annette Lewis, Joan McKeegan, Terry Walsh, Maria Basilone, Harry O’Connell

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary invites you to join in our weekly Wednesday meetings held at 11am via Zoom. The meeting includes the Rosary and Tessera Prayers. Come as you can, leave when you must. Please sms / text or contact Philomena on 0403910446 to receive an email invitation link to join. Please advise if you are able to join only via phone; I will make arrangements for the same.

### OBITUARY FR PETER ROBINSON 13/1/1933 - 14/3/2020

Dom Dimattina wrote a beautiful reflection of Fr Peter in an article that appeared as an obituary in the The Age newspaper on the 9 September 2020. The link is provided for anyone who is interested in reading it.

https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/cheeky-much-loved-priest-a-champion-fundraiser-20200909-p55twy.html?fbclid=IwAR2zKSJeJxZm5qNRPYgc2q9g_nv8Euod81R8VqLgWeKc1J0MrQoa0ok

If you do not have a computer or internet access please ask a family member or neighbour to download the article for you.

**BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP ….**

We will meet again online in Zoom, from 7:30-8:30pm this Tuesday night **20 October**.

To join, click on this zoom link: https://latrobe.zoom.us/j/92296803601

If you have any questions, or want help setting up your Zoom, contact Dennis Wollersheim on dewoller@gmail.com or 0414529454.
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC) and POLICE CHECK RECORDS

This is a notice to all our volunteers involved in any ministry at St Martin of Tours Parish. It is now mandatory for all volunteers to have a current WWCC and Police Check (for some ministries) to assist in any ministry that you are involved in.

I am currently updating records and have come across a number of volunteers with expired WWCC cards and police check records. I would appreciate it if you could all check your cards and if they have expired please renew/update your cards as soon as possible. (Please ensure that you have St Martin of Tours Parish listed as one of the venues that you volunteer at). Hopefully as restrictions ease we may commence the process of returning to some normality. With this in mind we need to ensure that all volunteers have current WWCC and Police Checks prior to participating in your ministry. If you do not have a current WWCC and Police Check you are unable to assist in your ministry until these records are updated and I receive a copy. This is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and we must adhere to these rules. Should you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me via email: elizabeth.jernejcic@cam.org.au

Elizabeth Jernejcic, Safeguarding Committee

MADONNA MAGAZINE

Published by Jesuit Communications, the magazine has accompanied Australians in their daily prayer and spiritual growth for more than 120 years. With daily prayers, deep reflections, faith-focused articles and more recently online retreats – it is an ideal spiritual companion, particularly now when we may not be able to freely gather in person with our faith and spirituality communities. If you are not a subscriber – we invite you to subscribe or consider taking out a gift subscription for a loved one. An annual subscription is just $53 and offers prayer and spirituality resources for the whole year. See www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions

POPE FRANCIS’ NEW ENCYCICAL - FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis has written his third encyclical entitled, Fratelli tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), which he addresses to all people of goodwill and offers as a proposal for a way of life ‘marked by the flavour of the Gospel’. Visit full text of Fratelli tutti

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FIVE QUOTES FROM Laudato Si:
The Pope’s encyclical Laudato Si (‘Praise be to you’) - On the Care for Our Common Home, is the Church’s most profound and comprehensive statement yet on caring for creation and the poorest. It is an inspirational letter that calls for us to examine our hearts, transform our social values and take action for global solidarity.
Pope Francis’ call for a renewed sense of wonder at the miracle of creation, is a key ingredient the Church can offer to the ecological conversation, and to make that appeal with such rich language heightens the call’s potency.

Here is the first in a series of five of the encyclical’s most beautiful passages.

1) St. Francis of Assisi’s love of creation is a great example.

Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever [St. Francis] would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise. He communed with all creation, even preaching to the flowers, inviting them “to praise the Lord, just as if they were endowed with reason.” (no. 11) Fall in love with the Earth, this gift of pure abundance that God has freely given us. This disposition cannot be written off as “naive romanticism,” Pope Francis writes, “for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour.” If we lose our wonder and awe, our attitude toward the Earth will be that of “masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on [our] immediate needs.”

Next week.…..

SMOT NATIVITY SCENE THIS CHRISTMAS

Parishioners will recall the beautiful nativity scene created a few years ago by Domenic D’Agostino. It was located in the main foyer. Little did we know that this was to be his legacy, as he passed away earlier this year.

So now we need some volunteers to help set it up. It would be good to have a small group, maybe 3 people to organise setting it all up. If you are handy and have some time to do this, please contact the Parish Office.

RESTORING INTIMACY

It was I, the Lord, who taught Ephraim to walk, I led them up in my arm; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them. Hosea 11:1-4

1. Touch
I touch the Heart of Intimacy with the Spirit.
I find and hold an object that symbolises divine intimacy for me. I feel the Spirit of Intimacy surround me.
I remember a small story of someone who taught me what real intimacy is all about. If praying alone I hold that memory, if I am praying in a group, I share it with them, feeling touched by the Spirit of Intimacy ...
I begin to understand how much a personal Intimacy with the Spirit is in these seemingly godless times.

2. Desire
I desire the Gift of Divine Intimacy.
I consider three things, taking a few minutes to explore each. I ask myself:
Where is intimacy with the Spirit present in my life? ...
Where is intimacy with the Spirit absent in my life? ...
What is the contrary or opposite of my intimacy with the Spirit? ...

I ask the Spirit for the gift of intimacy, especially when I am drawn to actions that will cut me off from a loving, personal presence.

3. Choice
Today I choose the Way of Intimacy.
I slowly and prayerfully read the prayer text above. I choose, in three thoughtful steps, the direction I wish to take:
I choose to follow the way of Intimacy, relishing the enfolding arms of the Spirit.
I reject the way of alienation, of being separated from the Spirit, tricked by a bad spirit.
I turn and walk in the contrary direction, from separation, to intimacy, to deep peace.

3. Intimate
I rest in the Intimate Spirit
I imagine the Intimate Spirit who addresses me by name saying, ‘I would love it if we could each give and receive from one another, our affection, even love in time.
I rest, for a time, now and reflectively throughout the whole day, in the Intimate Spirit. I am lifted up, healed, fed and loved ...

I conclude in thanks, considering two questions. Firstly, if possible, how might I make contact and reconnect with the one who was so intimate with me? Secondly, to whom and how do I pass on this exercise - who urgently needs intimacy with the Spirit now?

PRAYER TIME:
Go gently, using the generous time you have put aside for this prayer.
The three dots ... indicate the places to pause.
If you are specially moved at any of the steps, remain there for the rest of the prayer.

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

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First Spiritual Exercises are designed in a similar way to the way that St Ignatius helped people to pray before he developed the Spiritual Exercises as we have had them since. These are named Field Hospital exercises in reference to the way that Pope Francis sees the Church as a Field Hospital for a broken world.

This prayer is offered to you as a way to pray, a way you may not have tried before. You can pray these prayers individually or in a group with some sharing.

Many more prayers are available. If you would like to join in a group then please let me know so that it can be arranged. My email address is, anne.priestley@mercy.org.au

For those of you who wish to subscribe, go to email address at the bottom of the prayer.