

YEAR OF GRACE PARISH CELEBRATION

Jesus Christ, the Grace of God in Person

...To speak of Jesus as sacrament of grace, then, is to speak of how God's love has been made visible and tangible and real in him, both during his years on earth and as he lives and acts in Christians today by means of his Spirit, his second self, the Holy Spirit that he has passed on to his followers.

-Brian Gleeson C.P.

Grace and Peace in Paul

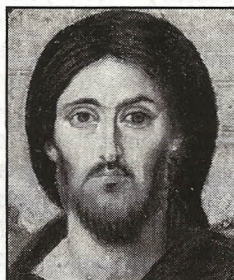
The words "grace and peace" appear in the opening greeting of every Pauline letter. The romantic interpretation that they are a Christian synthesis of the pagan *chairein* 'rejoice' and the Jewish *shalom* 'peace' is unlikely to be correct, because in his second letter Paul feels the need to give them an explicitly Christian dimension by the addition of "from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess 1:2). This makes the phrase evocative of the Israelite blessing, "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and may he be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his face and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26). If God is the source of grace, it cannot be a mere benign regard, as the translation 'favour' might suggest, but must be a positive display of divine power, which is better rendered by 'benefaction'. It enables something that is impossible for fallen human nature. 'Peace' is important to Paul because it was the antithesis of the world in which he worked. Texts such as Gal 3:28 show that he believed that society was characterized above all by divisions. Individuals and groups isolated themselves by barriers of fear and suspicion. Thus the basic mission of the church was to demonstrate the reality of "You (plural) are all one person in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). This could be true, however, only when the members of the church were at peace with one another. Such peace was the work of grace.

- Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, OP

Our Lady of Lourdes' Student Prayer

(By Imogen)

Dear God,
Thank you for the flowers.
Thank you for the rainbows. Thank you for the clouds.
Thank you for the beautiful blue ocean for me to swim in.
Thank you God for the beautiful world.
Amen.



The Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of
good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly king, O God, al-
mighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on
us; You take away the sins of the
world; receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of
God the Father.
Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, (**All bow**)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.*

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Thank you for Praying for us...

General Intentions:

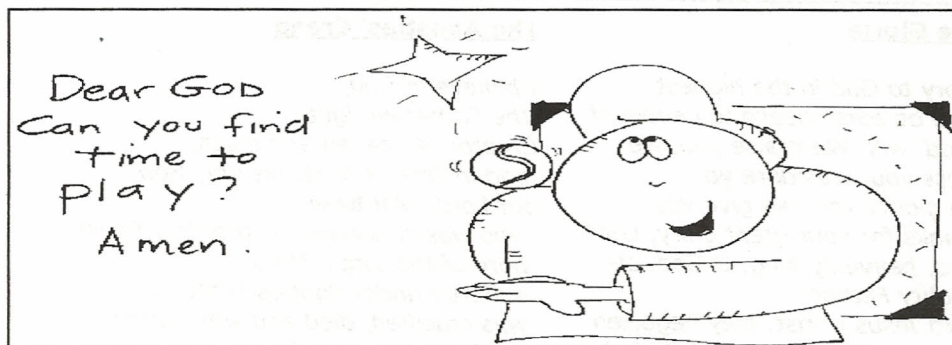
Sharon Hill, Aileen Gardiner, Sue Dillon, Rod, Eddy and Ann, Helen, Nathalie, Matt & Sara, Theresa, Rebecca.

Repose of the Souls of Pat P., Timothy Pierce, Geoff Barrington, Owen De-piazz, Frank Dwyer, Carmel, Olga, Les, David, Gerald, Albert & Betty Piacentini and all the poor souls in Purgatory.



Church Alive Parish Representatives:

We are happy to have three Church Alive Representatives this year. They are **Tammy Clift** and **Jan Prowse** for the *Baptismal Preparation Ministry*, **Peter Prinsloo** for the *Parish Liturgy Team and Groups*. Church Alive Program prepares our representatives for the specific ministry in our parish so that they will have the skills and support for the service they will render the community. We pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in this endeavour.



SECRET RHYTHMS OF GROWTH (A Gospel Commentary)

'When we move into mystery, into what is a meeting of the transcendent and the ordinary, we need words and images to express what is beyond expression. Sublime though these may be, they are experienced in very simple things. 'Today's Gospel uses two images about seeds to express the mystery of God's kingdom, the "where God is experienced". In the first parable once the seed is sown the farmer waits for harvest time. The cycle of growth follows its own secret rhythm; how it happens the farmer does not know. Even though nothing much seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place. The farmer cannot improve the crop by staying awake at night and worrying: the seed is nurtured in its own silence. 'This seed is a great image of meditation. In meditation we just rest in silence with our prayer-word and let the growth to harvest take place. We do not know where this gift, this seed, the desire for silence, has come from. The harvest or the kingdom of God cannot be achieved by restlessly seeking instant results. In prayer nothing may seem to be happening but God's harvest comes in his own good time.'

—Excerpts from a reflection by Father Gerry Pierse, C.Ss.R.



PARISH ROSTER OF MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers next week:

Saturday PM: **G Wells**

Sunday AM: **J Ogilvie**

Readers for next week:

Saturday PM: **P Giumelli**

Sunday AM: **L Italiano**

Offertory Presentors:

Saturday PM: **Giumelli Family**

Sunday AM: **Italiano Family**

Altar Servers for next week:

Saturday PM: **L Dewer/ T Mangano**

Sunday AM: **N/ A Italiano**

LITURGICAL NOTE...

The Blessed Sacrament

'The Blessed Sacrament is the body of Christ under the appearance of a small flat bread host that was consecrated at Mass. It is Jesus Christ really present in the Tabernacle that makes a Catholic church or chapel a sacred space. As Catholics enter and leave a church they reverence the Tabernacle by genuflecting, which is bending down on one knee, or by bowing.'

—From *Hearing God's Call* Session 22, Catholic Enquiry Centre

Feast Day of the Week

19th June **St Romuald, abbot/ White—Optional Memorial**

21st June **St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious—Memorial/ White**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga's outstanding quality was his radiant purity and the Church praises this perfect innocence with the words, "Thou has made him little less than the angels." He was baptized in the womb, because his life was in danger, and he made a vow of chastity at the age of nine. When he was sixteen he joined the Society of Jesus and died at the age of twenty-three in 1591 as a result of his devoted nursing of the plague-stricken.

22nd June **Sts John Fisher, and Thomas Moore—Memorial/ Red Martyrs**

DO YOU WANT YOUR BABY BAPTISED?

Dardanup/Boyanup Catholic Church has formed a new ministry in the parish that will cater for the Baptismal Preparations necessary for your Infant Baptism. Please phone the parish office on 9728 1145 so that we can have your contact details and to organise someone from the group to visit you and assist you with your preparations. This will be the new process of Infant Baptism in our parish community from now on. Thank you for your cooperation.



Quote

'Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.'

— G. K. Chesterton