

YEAR OF GRACE PARISH CELEBRATION

Jesus Christ, the Grace of God in Person

He is, in fact, the original sacrament, the original sign and instrument of God, the outstanding sign and instrument of God's loving, helping, healing, and transforming presence and action in the world. His human words are the Word of God as well, and his human love is the embodiment of God's love for people, God's caring, accepting, forgiving, reconciling, liberating and transforming love. He was and remains the human face of God, God's humanity, revealing God's 'amazing grace' in dozens of human ways. 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.

***Christianity is the revelation not only of the Word of God but also the Image of God.* (Part 1)**

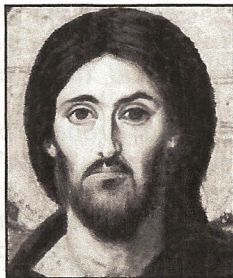
Icons also lift up our minds from earthly things to the heavenly. St. John of Damascus wrote, "we are led by perceptible Icons to the contemplation of the divine and spiritual" (PG 94:1261a). And by keeping their memory before us through the Icons, we are also inspired to imitate the holiness of those therein depicted. St. Gregory of Nyssa (ca 330-395) spoke of how he could not pass an Icon of Abraham sacrificing Isaac "without tears" (PG 46:572). "If to such a Doctor the picture was helpful and drew forth tears, how much more in the case of the ignorant and simple will it bring compunction and benefit."

— By Leonid Ouspensky

Our Lady of Lourdes' Student Prayer

(By Millar Newport, Y2)

Dear God,
Thank you for the food that we eat and my family and my brothers. Thank you for my teacher because the teachers ask a lot of times.
Thank you God for the trees that make us breathe. Thank you for our legs and arms. Thank you for our eyes and my ears. 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:

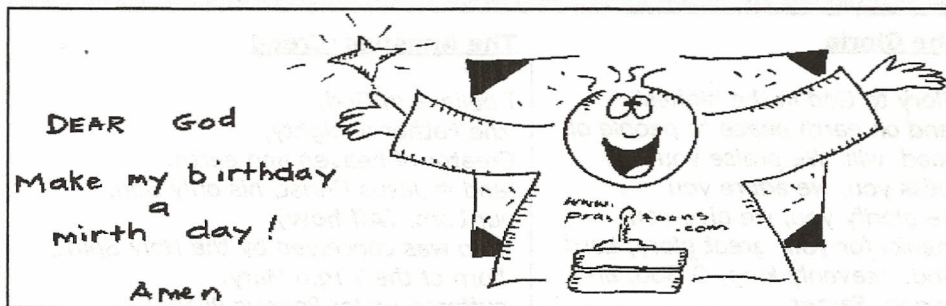
Eileen Rodgers (90th Birthday), Sharon Hill, Aileen Gardiner, Sue Dillon, Rod, Eddy and Ann, Helen, Nathalie, Matt & Sara, Theresa, Rebecca.

Repose of the Souls of Catherina Michela (11th Death Anniversary), Lee Crisman, Michael Broderick, Pat Langridge, Timothy Pierce, Geoff Barrington, Owen Depiazzi, Olga, Les, David, 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.



Why is She Afraid? (A Gospel Commentary)

'Then the woman, in fear and trembling, stepped forward. She was not really afraid of Jesus. She was afraid because she should not have been there at all. And that is why she had not approached him openly in the first place. Her bleeding problem made her unclean and, if the people around had known about it, she would have been in deep trouble. Like a person with HIV/AIDS in our society, she had to remain in hiding. She was, of course, no threat to anyone but fear does not know reason. 'Now her secret is going to be exposed; no wonder she is even more afraid. But she steps forward, falls at Jesus' feet and tells him everything. There is no anger or indignation on Jesus' part. "My daughter," he says kindly, "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint". 'Jesus, the resurrection and the life, has restored her to fullness of life. Not only is she physically cured but she is fully restored to a normal social life and can be fully integrated into her society. She is a whole person in every sense, individually and socially. But it was her deep faith in Jesus, symbolized by her mere touching the hem of his garment, which was a major factor in her healing.

— Excerpt from a commentary by by Fr Frank Doyle SJ

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

Psalm

Psalm 122

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Gospel

Mark 6: 1-6

PARISH ROSTER OF MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers next week:

Saturday PM: **B Depiazzi**

Sunday AM: **A Congdon**

Readers for next week:

Saturday PM: **K Keefe**

Sunday AM: **T Vanderloop**

Offertory Presentors:

Saturday PM: **Keefe Family**

Sunday AM: **Vanderloop Family**

Altar Servers for next week:

Saturday PM: **M Clift/A Mazza-Parton**

Sunday AM: **L Rodwell/N Italiano**

LITURGICAL NOTE...

Sacraments are Gifts from God

'Sacraments are gifts from God that invite a response in faith. Through sacramental symbolic action people express themselves to God. Sacraments nurture our faith by helping us stay connected to both the origins of our religion and to our faith community. Sacraments act as signs along the road in our constant searching for the fullness of God. Through the seven Sacraments Catholics are reminded that as a member of a Church community that they not only receive grace but they also have the responsibility to be grace-filled people for others.'

— From *Hearing God's Call* Session 23, Catholic Enquiry Centre

Feast Day of the Week

3rd July St Thomas, Apostle/ Feast—RED

St. Thomas, the disciple who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her faith. She is fond of appealing to his testimony and frequently puts in our mouths those simple words whereby he expressed the fervour of his regained faith: "My Lord and my God." It is known that St. Thomas preached the Gospel in Asia beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire, probably in Persia and possibly as far afield as India. St. Thomas' feast was formerly celebrated on December 21.

4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal, Op Memorial—WHITE

5th July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest/ Op Memorial—WHITE

6th July St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr/ Op Memorial—RED

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

"Achievable steps can overcome impossible obstacles."