

## YEAR OF GRACE PARISH CELEBRATION

### **BEAUTY AS BRIDGE TO GOD**

*(Grace is Everywhere part 1)*

The great theologian, Hans Urs von Balthasar, in fact saw beauty as a joyful experience that calls us out of ourselves to connect with others, and most importantly to connect us with the mystery of God. For beauty is a bridge to God. For von Balthasar, when we see a beautiful work of art, or a radiant sunset, we are confronted with the mystery of its otherness. Every person has an aching need for beauty; in beauty we discover the face of God.

### **Christianity is the revelation not only of the Word of God but also the Image of God. (Part 2)**

This is prayer without words, with a focus on being in God's presence rather than performing in God's presence. It is an experience of touching and feeling what is holy -- a divine mystery. Icons are not simply art; they are a way into contemplative prayer, and are therefore one way to let God speak to us. They are doorways into stillness, into closeness with God. If we sit with them long enough, we too can enter into the stillness - into communion. And if we listen to them closely enough, with our hearts, we just may discern the voice of God. When we speak of icons as a medium for "gazing into heaven", we refer to their value as much more than religious art. Instead, icons serve as a very real means for connecting us with God and His love.

— By Leonid Ouspensky

### **Our Lady of Lourdes' Student Prayer**

*(By Anai Gelmi, Y3)*

#### **Prayer to St Christopher**

*The holidays are coming soon and many people go away so please keep us safe on our mid year holiday. Families will travel by boat, plane and car to places that are near and far You are the saint of travelling safe please return them back home to their special place. Watch over us from above and make sure we come home to people we love. Safely and happily, filled with joy a lovely holiday for every girl and boy. If we did not have you to help us go there and back The sunlight of a happy holiday would be shaded in black. So thank you St Christopher for helping us travel together or alone and thank you for bringing us safely back home. 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:***

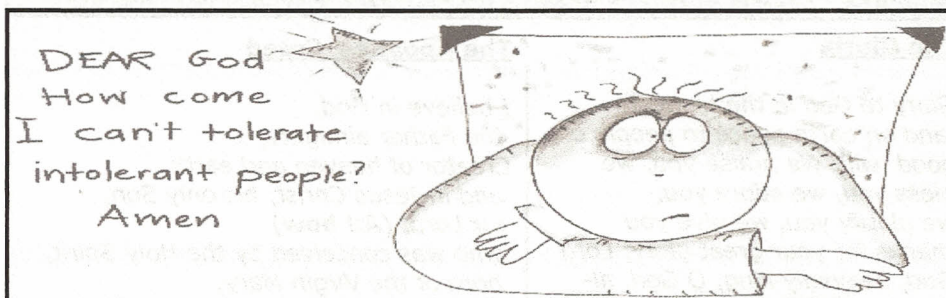
Sharon Hill, Aileen Gardiner, Sue Dillon, Rod, Eddy and Ann, Helen, Kate, Matt & Sara, Theresa, Rebecca.

***Repose of the Souls of*** Catherina Michela (11th Death Anniversary), Lee Crisman, Brian Kessel, Ann Dwyer, Michael Broderick, Pat Langridge, Timothy Pierce, Geoff Barrington, Owen Depiazzi, Olga, Les, David, Albert & Betty Piacentini and all the poor souls in Purgatory.



***RCIA and RCIC Candidates for 2012-2013:*** Please pray for all the inquirers and candidates for RCIA, RCIC, and After School Sacramental Program in our Parish. ***For RCIA:*** Tanya Barns, Cindy Barbetti, Jason Boyes, Richard Clift, and Kristi Cresswell. Amy Adams is part of the group assisting and at the same time deepening one's faith through the RCIA process. ***For RCIC:*** Lacey Adams, Sophie Davern, and Rose Lockhart. ***For Sacramental Preparation:*** Autumn Guimelli





### People simply didn't get it

'Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to meet Jesus? It would have been such a privilege to have heard him, to have seen the things that he did. Yet time and again in the Gospel, we find that when Jesus speaks to people, or when he teaches and preaches, people simply didn't get it. 'In today's Gospel Jesus is acclaimed as one with wisdom and an ability to work wonders that does not match with his background as the simple carpenter, the son of Mary. The people are so distracted by their own ideas about who and what Jesus is, and cannot allow themselves to really listen to what he says, and look closely at what he does. They are not attentive enough to be able to truly see, and through seeing, truly believe. 'Pride is certainly not good news, because it gives us the illusion that we already know it all, and prevents us being disposed towards receiving from God. The next time we are tempted to think that we know all there is to know about Jesus, let us pause for a moment and think again. Let us dare to take a second look, and strive to live the Gospel at a deeper level, asking that we might receive that life which Christ has promised us.

— Excerpt from a homily by Fr Robert Gay OP

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15th Sunday in OT (B)

##### First Reading

Amos 7: 12—15

##### Psalm

Psalm 84: 9—14

##### Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3—14

##### Gospel

Mark 6: 7—13

#### PARISH ROSTER OF MINISTERS

##### Eucharistic Ministers next week:

Saturday PM: **D Maher**

Sunday AM: **T Vanderloop/ S Haines**

##### Readers for next week:

Saturday PM: **Jack Family**

Sunday AM: **C Della Sale**

##### Offertory Presentors:

Saturday PM: **Jack Family**

Sunday AM: **C & L Della Sale**

##### Altar Servers for next week:

Saturday PM: **B & J Sinclair**

Sunday AM: **K Borlini/ D Rodwell**

## LITURGICAL NOTE...

### Hearing God's Call

For Catholics, the celebration of the Mass is the centre of their life of faith. Mass is also called Eucharist, a Greek word which means 'to give thanks'. The Eucharist is the heart and soul of the Catholic Church. Without the Eucharist there would not be a Catholic Church.

— From *Hearing God's Call* Session 24, Catholic Enquiry Centre

#### Feast Day of the Week

**9th July St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companion Martyrs**

**11th July St Benedict, Abbot / Memorial—WHITE**

*As the founder of western Christian monasticism, Benedict's contribution to society and the Church during the past 1,500 years has been enormous. Born into a noble Roman family, he founded twelve monasteries, including the monastery of Monte Cassino, Italy. His Rule of St Benedict has guided monks and religious over the centuries, so that 'Christ may bring us all together to life eternal'. His motto: 'To pray and to work!'*

**13th July St Henry/ Optional Memorial—WHITE**

**14th July St Camillus de Lellis, Priest/ Optional Memorial—WHITE**

#### 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. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### Quote

*"The best cure for loneliness is developing an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ."*

— Author unknown