

SINGER URGES SUPPORT TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S MOST MARGINALISED DURING COVID-19



Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert on Saturday, May 9 for Project Compassion, bringing Australian



and international music stars direct from their lounge room to yours. Gary is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19 globally, during Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

The line-up will be announced over the coming weeks, but Australian stars, Diesel, Matt Gresham, Carmen Smith, Nashville-based Bobby Lee Stamper and many others are expected to be among those generously putting on the show.

Gary is an ARIA award-winning and multi-platinum selling record artist and a musical mentor to the stars.

Whilst each of us is facing our own challenges, this year Caritas Australia is asking the Australian community to Go Further, Together and continue their amazing support in raising much-needed funds for vulnerable communities in these challenging times.

Last year thanks to all our supporters, including thousands of schools and communities across Australia, Caritas reached 1.52 million people directly. Each year Caritas Australia holds its annual fundraising and awareness campaign during the six weeks of Lent, to raise money for emergency and long-term development programs that transform lives.

Gary, who before the lockdown has been working on The Voice, has mentored many of Australia's recording artists. He has also worked as X Factor Australia's Vocal Director for the past six years, as well as on Dancing with the Stars. Gary wrote his poignant song "Walk with me" for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion before COVID-19 became a global crisis. It focuses on walking in solidarity with those most marginalised and celebrating the dignity of every person globally. You can find a link to the song at <https://bit.ly/walk-with-me-snippet>

There are some great ways to fundraise while at home. Go to lent.caritas.org.au for some great ideas to set up your fundraising page or call 1800 024 413 to donate or set up your page.

To donate to Project Compassion or find out more about the upcoming lounge room session visit Caritas Australia's website, lent.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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10th May, 2020

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Kylie Skinner
8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal
Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 6:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly
7.00pm at Parish Centre.
Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

FIRST READING:

Acts 6.1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

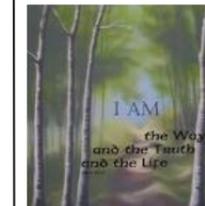
SECOND READING:

First letter of Peter 2.4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14.1-12

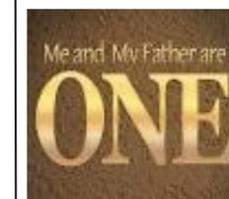


"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip (pictured right) said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."



Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is



in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



In Memoriam

We pray for Ray Luttick, Eric Pinzone, Palmino Regini, Anthony Hynes, Hattie Zammit, Maurie Kirwan, Margaret Jones, Christine House, Emma Amati, Les Wishart, Charlie Broadfoot, Kath Kelly, Mick Nolan, James Wright, Kevin Reilly, Maria Taliana, Les Sharp, Nora Bloedorn, Charlie Axelson, Carmel Featherston, Laurel Bennett, Felice Lanzon, Carmela Darmanin, Jack Bevis, Allan Absalom, Anne Rogerson, Geoff Dooley, Winifred Graham,

Rolly Butterworth, Alma Jenkins, Joseph Pace, Panusz Piahoviak, Lina Sharp, Rita Zahra, Carmen Stocks and Tom Verhoef, whose anniversaries are at this time.

Dear Parishioners, Parents and People of Good Will,
Although we cannot join each other in public worship at this time, I have tried to convey a sermon each week through fathergreg.online (to be entered at the address bar). Nevertheless, it should not be too long before we get back to some sort of normality. On this traditional Mother's Day Weekend, I thought I would like to convey a few thoughts.

Mothers

This weekend we salute the women in our lives whose task and mission it was to bring us to human maturity. Some of us, even in old age, have an interior mother who still in some mysterious way – even from the grave, is nurturing this work within us!



Although I loved both my mother and father equally and also respected them equally, a different dynamic occurred when my mother looked like dying after a bad stroke. I had the good fortune to have my father die in my arms from either a very sudden heart attack or stroke (doctor was not sure) but I only cried for about 15 seconds! However, when I heard my mother was on death's door the tears ran down my face for quite a considerable time – as I said, probably a different dynamic exists and no one can fully explain it.

Part of the main dynamic of a mother is her love – many would describe it as unconditional love. I think one story I read several years back puts a nice touch on this unconditional love: it is the story of a girl who had some very beautiful dolls! When someone came to dinner at her house the little girl said to her guest: "Do you like dolls?" The guest said, "Of course sweetheart I love dolls." "Would you like to see mine?" "That would be wonderful," the guest said. The little girl led her guest to her room where she brought out all of her dolls. The guest asked: "Which doll is your favourite?" The little girl hesitated a moment, and then picked up a well-worn, tattered rag doll. It was missing a button eye, its seams had obviously been sewn up many times, its dress was faded and frayed. She hugged the doll close and showed it to her guest. "This is Annie. I love her most of all." The guest was surprised that, out of all the beautiful dolls she had, the little girl would pick this old, tattered rag doll. "Why do you love this one so much?" The little girl said, "Well, if I didn't love her, no one else would." *Continued.....*

This is what mothers do so well. They love all sorts of people, and they are supposed to, because **God has very high expectations of them!**



Maybe it is worth noting what St. John wrote in what is called the 'First Letter of John' in the New Testament. **'Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God, everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.'**

Although it will be somewhat different this year, I hope it can still be a good **MOTHERS DAY** for all this weekend. I have always been looked after well by the many different women in my life. My good genetics were helped by my own mother looking after me well in my first year of life. Then, when my mother was sent to a specialized Cheltenham hospital for a year with TB, I ended up being looked after by the **Josephite Sisters at Broadmeadows Babies Home.** It did not do me any harm! Further on, the **Josephite religious sister in Grade 3 at St. John's West Footscray** was so beautiful in every way that it further increased my love and respect for women. As a young man before joining the priesthood just before my 24th birthday I went out with several women. I liked all of them but never fell in love! However, **these good women and many ever since in several parishes have helped me to always think highly of women.** I know some men have had some bad experiences with women, but I do not share their animosity, hatred or regrets. Accordingly, **I consider myself a most blessed man** and I, like many men I know hate to see women being disrespected, and like many men I also know that we abhor violence against women. Accordingly, **to you mothers who in our Parish do such a great job, please accept the well wishes of the men of our Parish.** We respect you and we appreciate you.

Fr. Greg 8 /5 /2020

