

Join us at ErinEarth to celebrate The Season of Creation

Catholic Earthcare Australia has organised a convocation of 8 sessions spread throughout September. The sessions can be watched from home, but ErinEarth will be showing them in the Nagle Room and invite any interested citizens of Wagga and surrounds to come and watch them together and share our common concerns and responses.

Come and join us for as many or few sessions as you would like.

More details of the convocation sessions and various speakers can be found at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ConvocationFlyerFinal.pdf>

HEALING THE WORLD:

Continuing his catechesis on *Healing the World*, during the general audience on Wednesday, *Pope Francis focused on the universal destination of goods and the virtue of hope.*

He observes that many social inequalities have been “highlighted and aggravated” by the pandemic. Many children are unable to continue receiving their education while many others instead can; some people are unable to continue their work from home, but many others can; and many nations cannot issue money to deal with the emergency without harming their financial future, while others can. *“These symptoms of inequality reveal a social illness. It is a virus that comes from a sick economy...the result of unequal economic growth, which disregards fundamental human values.”*

In today’s world, a few rich people possess more than all the rest of humanity. This is an injustice that cries out to heaven! At the same time, this economic model is indifferent to the damage inflicted on our common home. Care is not being taken of our common home. We are close to exceeding many limits of our wonderful planet, with serious and irreversible consequences: from the loss of biodiversity and climate change to rising sea levels and the destruction of the tropical forests. Social inequality and environmental degradation go together and have the same root (see Encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, 101): the sin of wanting to possess and wanting to dominate one’s brothers and sisters, of wanting to possess and dominate nature and God Himself. But this is not the design for creation.

According to Vatican II: “Man should regard the external things that he legitimately possesses not only as his own but also as common in the sense that they should be able to benefit not only him but also others” (Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes*, 69).

The pandemic has put all of us in crisis. But let us remember that after a crisis a person is not the same. We come out of it better, or we come out of it worse. This is our option. After the crisis, will we continue with this economic system of social injustice and depreciating care for the environment, for creation, for our common home? Let’s think about this. May the Christian communities of the twenty-first century recuperate this reality – care for creation and social justice: they go together ... – thus bearing witness to the Lord’s Resurrection.

Concluding the Pope said that, if we take care of the goods that the Creator gives us and if we share what we possess so that no one is lacking, then indeed “we can inspire hope to regenerate a more healthy and equal world.” (www.vaticannews.va)



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 29th/30th August, 2020

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Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

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WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Kevin Cummins & Jacqui Cummins.

SICK: Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O’Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Christopher Lee, Garry Brigham, Brianna Papworth.

SEASON OF CREATION 1st September-4th October

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together.

During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we’re awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from prophet *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 62*

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the *Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Eph 1: 17.18*

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:21-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be

put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Duped by God

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah, Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was his own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

*For what are you willing to suffer (i.e., love, money, justice, peace, the truth)?
How much are you willing to suffer for these things?*

Avoid being deceived by worldly values. Spend a week refusing to read noticeboards and magazine advertisements, watching commercials, even noting brand labels. Turn your back on the consumer message and exercise your freedom. (gpbs.com.au)

mainly music has been postponed until further notice

FINANCE

Last week 1st Collection \$ 397.40 2nd Collection \$ 340.70

Direct debit to our PARISH BUILDING Account BSB 066 789 A/C No 6111068 showing your surname, this account attracts a 100% tax deduction.

Direct debit to account BSB 066 789 A/C No 100005658, which is our parish working account, attracts a 50% tax deduction using your surname reference as envelope givers.

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