

## **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

Some scholars today suggest that before his own public ministry Jesus was a follower of John the Baptist and that it was John who nurtured the call to ministry within Jesus and encouraged him to respond to that call. Regardless of whether or not this was the case, John and Jesus were cousins and the image that we have from the infancy narratives of Luke is that their mothers – Mary and Elizabeth – were very close and we can assume that Jesus and John were equally close and spent a lot of time together growing up. John's decision to go out into the wilderness to live an ascetic lifestyle must have made a big impact on his cousin.

John's ministry was a ministry to the Jewish people only. It was a call to them to repent and return to God's ways. The baptism that he encouraged people to undertake was a baptism of repentance – different from our Christian understanding of Baptism. For John and his followers, the call to baptism was a call to acknowledge one's wrongdoing and, through the baptism in the river Jordan, to be cleansed ready to recommit to living in right relationship with God.

When John announced Jesus as the one coming after him, he recognised that Jesus would take John's own ministry to a new level. Whereas John's message was for the Jews alone, the message of Jesus was for all people – Jew and Gentile alike. John's simple existence – apparently surviving on locusts and wild honey – is in stark contrast to the feast of the reign of God that Jesus heralds. Rather than John's call to prepare the way of the Lord, Jesus called all people to *live* the way of the Lord.



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 25 June

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 26 June

- 9.00am Year 4's attending Mass
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture group – Library

#### Wednesday 27 June

- 9.30am Wednesday Friendly – Hospitality
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm FHC Parent info evening – Church

#### Thursday 28 June

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Alan Ma, John Bielenberg, Barbara Pashen and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Stella McIntyre and the recently deceased Margaret Morrow and Br Leo Larkin.**

### First Holy Communion – Date Claimer

For those children who were confirmed in May 2017, they will now be due to commence preparation for First Holy Communion. A Parent Meeting for parents of children this group will be held in the church at 7pm on Wednesday 27 June. If you cannot attend, please contact Shelly in the office on 33982977 or [sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Planned Giving

Envelopes for new planned givers are now ready to be collected from the white table near the entrance to the church. Please collect to save the parish the cost of postage.

Direct Debit Request and Credit Card Authority forms have also been sent to new givers and continuing givers increasing their pledge amount via email or post for those not on email. If you believe you should have received a form and have not seen one arrive in your mailbox, there are a limited number of forms available from the white table near the entrance. Please return your completed form via either email to [fo.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:fo.carina@bne.catholic.net.au), in the collection at Sunday Mass, in person to the parish office or via post. Any queries or problems, please contact Chris (Finance Officer) via the above email or at the parish office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

### Electronic Giving Cards

For those who give via direct debit or credit card, we have created special cards for you to place in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. These are available from the entrance of the church. Please only take two so that the cards can be reused each week.

### 500 Card Group

The 500 card group meet again in the Aquinas Room on Friday 6 July at 7.30pm. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact Josephine at [josephinecoyne@hotmail.com](mailto:josephinecoyne@hotmail.com). All welcome!



### Missing Pyx

A pyx is the small a small round container used to carry the consecrated host to the sick or those otherwise unable to come to a church in order to receive Holy Communion. A few weeks ago, we asked for people to return the pyx to the sacristy, as at this time we have only seen one returned. We have many people who wish to borrow the pyx to deliver communion but cannot as there are none available. We ask that when you borrow a pyx from the sacristy, if you could please kindly return it as soon as possible so that other people may use them too. Thank you.

### New Website for Our Lady of Graces

Last Friday, we successfully launched our new website. This website is more user and mobile friendly with quick links for easy access. We would like to thank Jacinta and the team at School Site Solutions for putting this together for us and for maintaining our previous website over the years. Feel free to go check it out on [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au)

### MASS: Action of Christ.

The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the centre of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each faithful individually. For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offer to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit. *GIRM16*

### Last Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Loose	\$675.85
Planned Giving	\$3,177.50
Total	<b>\$3,853.35</b>

### Planned Giving Program

To obtain envelopes, Direct Debit or a Credit Card request, please complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and place on either collection plate or deliver to Parish Office.



## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Catholics in Ethos**

Rev Kevin McGovern, Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics and Lecturer in the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law at the Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, will present a seminar on Catholic Ethos and Ethics at the O'Shea Centre, Lovedale St, Wilston, on Tuesday 10 July, 9am – 4pm. Topics include: Perinatal palliative care, accepting sickness, treatment refusal, pain control, dementia, euthanasia and basic skills development for responding in these situations. The seminar is primarily targeted for those working in pastoral care and clinical care in hospitals and in aged care institutions but is open to any person with an ethical interest in these areas. Cost \$25 (pay on the day). For more information and registration please contact Judy Norris, Director, Pastoral Ministries, Centacare (judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193. Registrations close Wednesday 4 July). Morning tea and lunch provided—please advise dietary requirements at registration.

## YOUTH NEWS

**NET Ministries**

Hey!! Elisha here. Next year I will be joining the NET Ministries team! Last weekend I spoke at the 5.30pm Mass about my journey and how I am currently seeking donations to reach my \$6500 goal before January 2019. I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who donated after that mass. All together I raised a total of \$700 so far. This is such a big achievement for one night and again I thank you so much for your generosity. I still have a long way to reach my goal but I am hoping that you might be able to help out! If you are able to donate please contact me on [elishahiscock@yahoo.com](mailto:elishahiscock@yahoo.com). Please keep me in your prayers.

**First Australian Provincial Council, 10-12 September 1844**

*This is the first of several articles examining the seven previous particular councils held in Australia between 1844 and 1937. An understanding of these councils may help to prepare for the 5th Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020.*

**Convening the 1844 Provincial Council**

On 3 September 1844, on the occasion of the consecration of Francis Murphy as first Bishop of Adelaide, Archbishop John Bede Polding OSB, Metropolitan of the new Province of Sydney, convoked the First Provincial Council of Australia. It would be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on 10-12 September 1844, when all three bishops and most of the priests of the Province would be present. The aims of the Council were to have unity among the bishops, uniformity of ecclesiastical policy and discipline across the whole mission, worthy Eucharistic and sacramental liturgies, clear guidance to priests on living blameless lives, an effective catechesis, conversion of unbelievers to the Catholic faith, and the correction of abuses. Particular Councils in 19th century mission territories In English-speaking countries then designated as "mission territories" by the Apostolic See, particular councils (provincial and plenary) and diocesan synods were strongly encouraged by the Pope and the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide ('Propaganda') charged with directing missionary activity throughout the world. Before 1900, the Catholic Church in England, Wales and Scotland held 5 provincial councils, Ireland held 7 provincial and 2 plenary councils, Canada held 11 provincial councils, the United States of America held 31 provincial and 3 plenary councils, and Australia held 2 provincial and 2 plenary councils, as well as at least 61 diocesan synods. Australia's 1st Provincial Council in 1844 was one of the first in mission territories worldwide, preceded by the 1st Diocesan Synod of Baltimore (USA) in 1791, the Provincial Council of Tuam (Ireland) in 1817, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Provincial Councils of Baltimore between 1829 and 1843. Social, political and religious condition of the Australian Colonies in 1844 From 1788 to 1844 the Colonies of New South Wales and Tasmania were essentially dumping grounds for convicts transported from England and Wales (70%), Ireland (24%) and Scotland (5%). By 1844 the bulk of the 162,000 male and female convicts who would eventually be shipped to Australia, had already arrived, with over 83,000 in NSW, some 60,000 in Van Diemen's Land, and 2280 at the Moreton Bay Settlement (Queensland). You can read more at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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