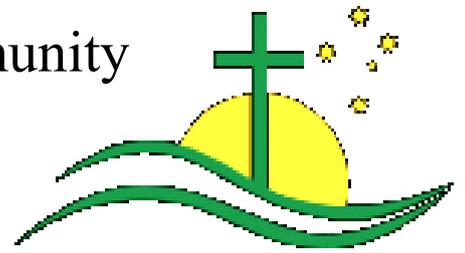




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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 6-7 November, 2021

Emerging from COVID for mission in a brave new world

Fr Michael Casey OCSO, a Cistercian monk from Tarrawarra Abbey in the Yarra Valley, recently provided some reflections on ‘emerging from the chrysalis of lockdown into a brave new world’. Speaking as part of an online gathering of clergy from across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Fr Michael unpacked several themes from the teachings of Pope Francis and his vision for renewal.

‘We come out of the lockdown and we find ourselves not exactly in a wilderness but certainly we feel somewhat lost, without certainty, about where we are to go,’ said Fr Michael. ‘We look for a sign. We look for an indication of what will be the life-giving path that we can take.’

Fr Michael suggests that we look to Pope Francis as ‘one of the major signs given to our times, that indicates the way ahead, that indicates a more life-giving path that stretches out in front of us.’

‘We have in Pope Francis a sure sign, a prophetic sign of the way ahead that leads to a more vigorous Church. He himself mercifully, is very vocal in his annunciation of what he considers to be the way ahead. As he himself said recently, “I will persist in my pestering”. He is not going to be silenced by opposition or resistance.’

In considering how the Church can move forward with renewed vitality and joy, and a clear sense of mission and hope, Fr Michael unpacked seven themes that closely align with the teachings of Pope Francis: a paradigm shift, joy, synodality, inclusivity, interculturality, fraternity and our common home. He noted that in a recent catechesis on ‘healing the world’, Pope Francis outlined his main concerns: the dignity of the person, the common good, the option for the poor, the universality of goods, solidarity, subsidiarity and our common home.

‘When the Pope elaborates his vision, he is elaborating a mandate, or mission for the whole Church,’ said Fr Michael. ‘It’s for the Church as a whole, the Church as a plurality. And as a church, we are one body, but the members and functions within that body are differentiated. So not all of us will be able to implement to the full all the ideals that the Pope promulgates.

What is important therefore is that we discern what we can do, what I as a person, what my group, my community can do. We can’t all do everything, but we need this gift to discern where best to invest our energies, with the presumption that we act locally. It’s better to do something concrete and real in the here and now, rather than to dream about distant wonders. And finally, to do what is possible.’

Fr Michael also suggested that we need to be aware of our own brains and the ‘default mode network’ that operates within. The default mode network is ‘the means by which we operate on the basis of past experience without having to think through every detail,’ he said. ‘We can fly on auto-pilot as it were, without paying too much attention. ‘Unprepared situations make us uncomfortable. And it’s the default mode network that inspires the yearning “to get back to normal” so that we don’t have to think and make

Weekday Masses

(booking is necessary)

Monday

(only for fully vaccinated)
9am Mass

Tuesday

(only for fully vaccinated)
9am Mass

Wednesday

(for NOT fully vaccinated)
7pm Mass

Thursday

(only for fully vaccinated)
9am Mass

Friday

(only for fully vaccinated)
9am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6pm
(fully vaccinated)

Sunday 9am, 11am and 6pm
(fully vaccinated)

Sunday 4.30pm
(Unknown Vaccination Status)

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

https://youtu.be/dVZh_jc484A

Reconciliation

Saturday at 10-10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

St Paul Apostle North

Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
Ph. 9700 3663
Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John’s

Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

decisions. “Business as usual” is our catch cry. We want to revert to a state of mindlessness. ‘The default mode network is our constant companion and a good friend, but it can be a limitation, it can be an enemy. It tends to interpret what happens only in terms of what we have already experienced – to reduce the unknown into what is already familiar – and so we fail really, to deal with it. ‘We have to deal with the default mode network, which is always trying to stop us from being creative, always trying to keep us repeating what we used to do. And so, the way ahead as we come out of lockdown will not appear at once. We need discernment, and deconstruction, and counsel, and dialogue.’

To read more of this article, please click here <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/emerging-from-covid-for-mission-in-a-brave-new-world>

Written by Melbourne Catholic

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH

OUR CHURCH HAS NOW RE-OPENED, based on the regulations advised by the State government and the Melbourne Archdiocese, we are permitted to have 100 people (ALL FULLY VACCINATED) or 30 people (all with UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS) Based on this, Mass will be arranged as follows:

WEEKEND Masses are now open to the public with arrangement as follows:

1/ Those who are FULLY VACCINATED can attend Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11am and 6pm Mass

2/ Those with UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS can only attend SUNDAY 4.30PM MASS
(we have added this Mass time to accommodate those with unknown vaccination status)

**** Please note that a BOOKING IS STRICTLY REQUIRED, if you wish to attend any WEEKEND MASS**

No booking is required to attend WEEKDAY Masses under the following arrangement:

1/ Those who are FULLY VACCINATED can attend morning Masses (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

2/ Those with UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS can only attend WEDNESDAY 7PM MASS

If you wish to attend WEEKEND MASS, please speak to one of us in the parish office. Phone 9700 3781 or email to office@stpaulapostle.com.au. If you made a booking, you must ensure you receive a confirmation from us

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES TO COMMENCE

Our children involved in the program this year have been waiting for this good news. All parents involved have already been advised regarding arrangements. If your child is part of this program and you have not heard anything from us, please contact the parish office URGENTLY, either by email (office@stpaulapostle.com.au) or call 9700 3781 (during Monday to Friday 9am-1pm) All First Communion Masses are for FULLY VACCINATED ONLY.

Please remember that all candidates and ONE parent are required to attend the **FINAL MEETING on TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER** at 7pm in the church. (this event is also for those who are FULLY VACCINATED)

Readings:

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

1 King 17: 10-16;
Heb 9: 24-28;
Mk 12: 38-44

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Dan 12: 1-3;
Heb 10: 11-14, 18;
Mk 13: 24-32

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Collette, Jerome, Evangeline, Prashani, Nishantha, Naveesh, Aveesh, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Kuncoro Setyo, Reginald, Annette Perera, Baby Sonnie, Hiran, Ronald Peters, Pinky, Godfrey Joseph, Andrés, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Michael Nguk Yan, Patrick Savelio, Camilla D’Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Andre Machado, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Jack Scanlan, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Sylvie Balmano, Gregory St. John, Fr. Gerard Glynn CP, Fr Felix Kialoi CP, Churchill Diaz, Duque Onday Cortez, Michael Watts, Ang Swee Lan, Ging Calixto, Kerri-Ann Rosette, Lynette Strahan, Yusta Ntasa, Patricia Paul, Glen Francis, Deon Lawrence, Sam Mifsud, Asunta Mifsud, Charly Mifsud, Jo Mifsud, Lilly Rapinet, Baby of Lilly Rapinet, Brendan Sutton, Margie Magdalene Fernandopulle **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

