

Dear brothers and sisters,

What do we do when there are disagreements and tension in the church? First thing to say that it isn't surprising that there are inevitably different points of view. In today's **First Reading** (Acts 6: 1-7) we can see how the early church responded to a difficult situation. Those who were Gentiles and spoke Greek had a grievance against the Jewish Aramaic speakers: they felt they were being overlooked in the daily distribution (of food and/or ministries). So, they brought their situation to the leaders who called a meeting of the whole community (a synod) to work out what to do. What happened was that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit a new ministry, that of deacons, was instituted in the church.

Pope Francis is calling the Church now to live this spirit of synodality today by travelling together, speaking honestly, listening carefully to peoples' experiences and discerning what God is asking of the church now. In *Fratelli Tutti*, he tells us, "When conflicts are not resolved but kept hidden ... silence can lead to complicity in grave misdeeds and sins. Authentic reconciliation does not flee from conflict, but is achieved in conflict, resolving it through dialogue and open, honest and patient negotiation."

Today's **Gospel** (Jn 14: 1-12) is taken from John's long farewell discourse (Jn 14- 17). Jesus is preparing the disciples for his death but also for his not being physically present throughout history. John's Gospel presents the entire life, death and resurrection of Jesus as a single unified divine project to bring about mutual at-homeness between God and humanity and between people. His going away is not a loss but opens up a graced time. It is through the Spirit an enrichment. So, Jesus says: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled...' And to Martha, the sister of Lazarus, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even though they die will live; and whoever lives believing in me will never die' (Jn 11. 25-26).

Initial Results from our Survey

Thanks to all who filled in our recent survey on our understanding of the Eucharist. The response was excellent: we received 552 responses of whom 46 were from visitors. It will take us some time to properly to digest all the responses. However, in the question on the presence of Christ in the mass 80% identified Christ as being present in the proclamation of the word of God, the person of the priest, the consecrated bread and wine and in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. This is very encouraging as it faithfully reflects the Church's theology of the Eucharistic celebration.

Blessings, Greg

CARMELITE RETREAT DAY – "St Teresa: finding God in our lives today"

Wednesday 10 May, 9.30am – 3pm

St Catherine's House of Hospitality 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill 6060

Morning Tea and Lunch provided — Cost: \$30 pp

Bookings —Phone: 9443 9020 Email: stcatherines@westnet.com.au

RSVP by this Monday 8 May



Want to know more about the Carmelite Saints? Come and spend time at a Day Retreat with Father Greg Burke OCD as he speaks about St Teresa of Avila's life and how her teachings can help us in our lives today. Fr Greg is an excellent speaker and a well renowned authority on the Carmelite Saints.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEMORIAL MASS FOR MAY

THIS Tuesday, 9th May at 9am

All welcome to join us at Mass in praying for all our deceased family members and friends.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Month of May

For church movements and groups



We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents Night

THIS Monday 8 May 7pm at the Parish Centre

Other important dates in May for the program:

Commitment Masses: Saturday 20 May 6pm & Sunday 21 May at 9.30am and 6.00pm

Parent & Child Workshop: Monday 22 May 7pm at the Parish Centre

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the parish in **any role** – paid or voluntary. **If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.** To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> Or phone 9221 7762 to book in. Date available:

Zoom: May—16th 2pm, 29th 7pm | June—8th 10am, 20th 2pm

Face-to-Face: Our Lady of Grace, North Beach June 1st, 7pm

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Michelina Italiano, John D'Amico, Pearl Ginger, Giuseppe Di Renzo, Margaret Erneste, Harold Legeiosl, Joe Versace;

Deceased: Louiza De Laudes Sardo, Leonora Gaillard;

Anniversaries: Cosmo Zinni, Frank Pugliese, Maria Pham Thi Hai, Silvio Davini, John Stitt;

The Sick of the Parish: Kit Butler and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"The Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him."*

COME JOIN US - ALL WELCOME

≈ **CRAFT GROUP FOR UFO** (un-finished objects)

Thursdays 9.30-11am parish library - enjoy a morning working on your craft, knitting, crochet, other projects in the company of others and have a cuppa and biscuit on the house.

≈ **TAI CHI Tuesdays at 9.45am parish hall** - Please bring a small water bottle and wear a supporting lace-up shoes. Cost—donations accepted. Enquiries to Billie on 9276 8500 in the parish office.

≈ **YOGA CLASSES NOTE CHANGE with Marion Wayne.** New term classes will resume 23 May - 26 June from 9.30 - 10.30am in the Joseph Room. New term fees \$42 (\$7 per class for 6 sessions) to be paid in full at the first class 23 May.

≈ **INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP Wednesdays 9.30am parish hall.** Children aged 0-4 years are welcome. All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Please bring your own children's morning tea. Donation towards consumables always welcomed. Enquiries to contact Lucy on 0411 362 080.

≈ **MEDITATION SESSIONS - Mondays 7pm OR Fridays (Please note the change) at 9.30am** Directed half hour meditation sessions are held in the Joseph Room, Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

≈ **SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY—Sundays 9.30 Mass** (except 3rd Sunday and school holidays). The little children are invited to join a short organised activity learning about Jesus in a safe and fun environment.

≈ **HEALING MASS— 9am Mass on 2nd Wednesdays of the month – resuming Wednesday 10th May.**

MAY - MONTH OF MARY



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of
Doug and Annette —Ph: 9276 5048

• **Online Rosary During May** with Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Details about the group and Zoom participation available from deborahrobertson7@icloud.com or 0419 939 864



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 17 October—28 October 2023

An Australian Pilgrimage led by a Sister of Saint Joseph and the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne. Starting in Melbourne to Hamilton, Portland, Port McDonnell, Penola, Robe, Adelaide and Sydney visiting many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY

Schoenstatt Mother Daughter Group

9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon WA 6112

20 May, 17 June, 19 August

3.00-4.30pm

Join in the monthly formation as mothers and daughters in relationship with Mary towards Christ, grow in Mary's virtues to be daily followers of Christ.

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WE ARE ON A ROLL!

This weekend we launch our “Roll Out The **Red** Carpet” fundraising appeal

to replace the carpet in our church and create an access onto the sanctuary for people with mobility issues. **Our fundraising target is \$120,000**, so we will all need to join in!

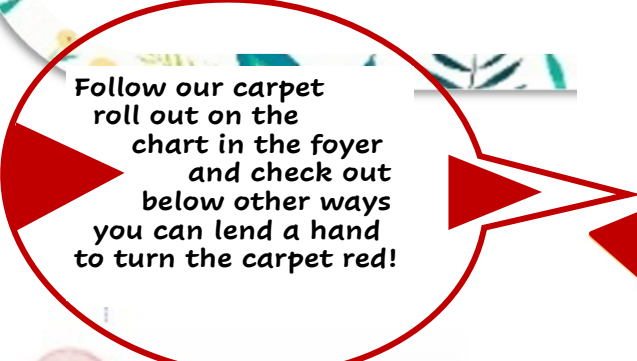
The appeal is off to a great start, with a very generous donation of \$40,000! We thank the donor, who does not wish to be named, most sincerely. With other much welcomed cash donations, this brings our total on launch day to \$41,325.

Today everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the fund while finding that perfect gift for Mum (or yourself!). Visit our Mothers Day stall as you leave today and enjoy shopping while supporting your parish. There is also a great raffle to be won. We thank everyone who contributed to the stall so much for their generosity.

Remember to keep checking our “Collection Point” in the bulletin to see what items are needed for upcoming events and contribute when you can.

Together we can reach our target and have our church looking good again.

*If you have fundraising ideas or would like to join in preparation or organisation of a particular event, we would love to hear from you!
Just call and talk to Billie 9276 8500.*



Follow our carpet roll out on the chart in the foyer and check out below other ways you can lend a hand to turn the carpet red!



COLLECTION POINT FOR ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FUNDRAISERS

Over the months ahead, we are planning a few more fundraising events and we will be needing many items which you may have sitting at home unused or have a friend or contact who could help.

We need:

- * mangoes, figs or other fruits for chutney/jam
- * florist's boxes, gift wrap, ribbon, baskets and presentation boxes
- * new or unused toiletries
- * unused gift items suitable for silent auction/raffles
- * ceramic pots for plants, succulent cuttings
- * donations from local or family businesses

Donations may be brought to the parish office or arranged by phoning Billie on 9276 8500.



Other Ways You Can Help

- If possible, consider **offering** a direct monetary contribution. This could be a once-off amount, or a smaller weekly or monthly contribution using the envelopes provided on the bulletin stands.
- **Support** our fundraising activities, by donating goods or prizes, buying from stalls or sausage sizzles, etc, encouraging your friends and family to come along with you to our planned fun social and other fundraising events.
- **Approaching** local businesses or Catholic businesses which may be happy to support our fundraising drives by donating goods for sale or prizes for raffles.
- **Pray for us!** We have a large target to meet and we will all be working hard to meet it, but asking God's help is very important.