Holy Cross Retreat

Letter 98



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Warm greetings and less reading this week!

Our crib this year was prepared by **Tri**. He and John (our students) are now on holidays

COVID news

Unfortunately **Brendan Connell** who is parish priest of St Paul Apostle, Endeavour Hills and the parish secretary **Didi Karkas**, tested positive to COVID on Monday. The other community members (Kevin, Luke and Brian Gleeson) tested negative.

Sunday Mass

There is just one Sunday Mass now **at 10.00am** at Holy Cross. This Sunday is the feast of Epiphany.

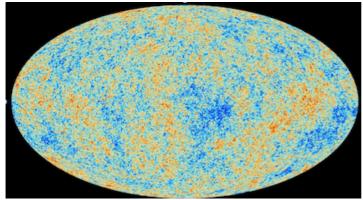
Holy Cross Office

The Office is closed until January 10th. The phone will be on Answering Service during that time.

Being on the verge of a new year, I thought it a good idea to share some old family photographs.

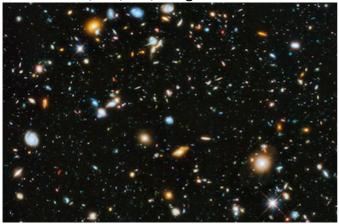
1. Cosmic Microwave Background (2013)

This represents leftover heat 400,000 years after the Big Bang and is a first 'picture' of the early universe.



2. The Deep Field....2004

Every object (around 10,000 of them) in this photo is a galaxy! There are at least another 200,000,000,000 galaxies!



3. 'Earthrise' or 'The photograph that changed the world' (1968)

Taken from Apollo 8 showing the moon in the foreground. This was the first time humans saw not sunrise, but earthrise.



4. The Pale Blue dot (1990)

Taken from Voyager 1. Earth is 6 billion kilometres away and can be seen in the upper right hand side of the photo as a small dot. Every bit of history we know happened on this small speck!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wupToqz1e2g

Creation 18: To be continued next week

Humour

Q What exactly is a "New Year's resolution"? A It's a "to do" list for the first week of January.

Q What did the ghost say on January 1? A Happy Boo Year

An iPhone and a firework were arrested on New Year's Eve. One was charged and the other was let off.

This year I'm going to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Not to see the new year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

Alcohol does not make you FAT, it makes you lean..... against tables, chairs, floors and walls.

This year went by so fast I didn't get a chance to lose weight.

Wife: I hope you can live up to your New Year's resolutions that I've made for you.

On New Year's Eve make sure you have your left foot in the air, so you can start the New Year on the right foot.

Jerome suggested if you have never seen the clever Kiwi Mitre 10 advertisement, you should: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqRVqXMyzhM



Nguyễn X Duy (Peter) Danh was an English student at Holy Cross in 2018-2019. He is living in the Passionist community in Saigon and has

recently tested positive to COVID.

Tragically, on Monday, Peter's 17 year old sister, Mary, was killed in a bike accident.

We remember and pray for....

Thomas Dart-Stone, Jacki Tomm, Maree Bartoli,

Peter Owen, Barry Wong, Errol Lovett, Bronwyn Burke, Mary Coburn, Brenda Rodrigues, Margaret Titteringcom, Graham Hille, Patricia Keeghan, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Pam Gartland, Sr Gen Walsh RSC, Angelo Vigilante, Mary Hackett, Peter McNamara, Maeve and John Reardon, Jim Monaghan, Pam Stretch, (NZ) Mary Corcoran,

Anne Jenkins, Pam Grehan, Carmel King, Kate and Mary Dunn, , Ray Sanchez CP and all who seek or need our prayers.

The Mass link for the Feast of the Epiphany will be sent on Saturday afternoon

New Year greetings from Holy Cross community which for some months included Toan, Thang, Phuc and Cau.



May 2022 bring many smiles to you and your loved ones

There is much to look forward to because there is so much beauty and goodness around us. Check out the attached video.

New Year blessings.

Brian