

Holy Cross Retreat



Letter 118 (20th May, 2022)

Holidays

The newsletter will be streamlined for the next few weeks because Brian is taking a well-earned holiday. I am collecting relevant items, so if you have something that you would like to be included, please let me know. I can be contacted either by phoning 0419 319 003 or by email at horlocktim1@gmail.com

Holy Cross News

Sr Brigid Murphy CP



This week, Sr Brigid was elected to the leadership team of her Congregation – the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. Brigid will bring vast experience, a deep spirituality and profound wisdom to her Congregation. The Cross and Passion sisters are striving to ‘lean forward’ into the future, and Brigid will certainly assist that movement. The members have elected Therese O’Regan CP from Ireland and based in England, as Provincial, Carmen Gloria CP from Chile, and Brigid CP. They will elect one more member of their leadership team. We extend our congratulations, good wishes and prayers to Brigid.

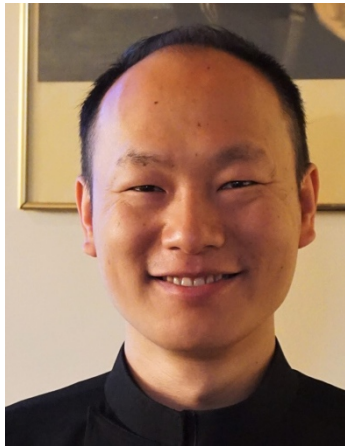
Fr. Tom McDonough, the Provincial, when informing the Province and the wider Passionist family of her election, included the following message:

Sr Karen CP gave us the news that Sr Brigid has been elected onto the General Leadership team for the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. So many of us know Brigid’s wisdom, prayerfulness and compassion, and her gifts for pastoral and contemplative leadership. We have benefited from Brigid’s many years of ministry on the Endeavour Hills’ Parish Pastoral Team, her membership of the Come Away Committee and the Passionist Companions Leadership Group, her presentations at Institutes, assemblies and gatherings. Covid prevented Brigid from taking up a new ministry in Vietnam with the Cross and Passion Sisters growing community there.

Congratulations, Sr Brigid, and be assured of the prayers and support of your many brothers and sisters in the Holy Spirit Province Passionist Family

Sr Brigid can be contacted at bridget.m64@gmail.com

A newly qualified driver



On Monday this week, John Qi passed his motor vehicle license test. This will make a big difference to him being able to attend evening classes at YTU without requiring a late-night pick-up, and assisting Tri at times in getting to YTU and various other commitments.

John will also now be able to assist with some shopping. He was able to celebrate on Monday with a serve of dumplings, a rare but much appreciated treat. We would like to thank both Peter Norman and Joe Senzo for the many hours of driving lessons they have given.

Passionist Companions “Come and See”

The Passionist Companions are a group of people who meet together monthly to reflect on the Passionist charism and support of one another on the journey of life. There is a group who meet at Holy Cross and another group who meet in the parish at Endeavour Hills.

The group at Endeavour Hills are having a 'come and see' morning on June 18th (see attached brochure for details of who to contact etc) and they welcome anyone who is interested to come along and learn more about the Passionist charism. There is no pressure on anyone who comes along to join the group - it is simply an invitation.

The brochure, with contact details, is attached to this letter.

Carpet Slippers for Sale

Following the 10.00am Mass this Sunday Kay Lewis will have a stall out the front of the chapel selling carpet slippers. Available will be: Adult Slippers - \$10.00; Children Slippers - \$5.00; Mittens - \$3.00. All proceeds will go to support the Passionist Community.

Editor's Note: For those Collingwood supporters looking to jump ship, there will be a range of other team colours to choose from!

Gospel Reflection

Each week Fr. Brian Gleeson CP writes a reflection on the coming weeks Scripture readings. I have included this week's reflection (as an attachment) which is in lieu of the very thoughtful and insightful material that is in the weekly letter that Brian Traynor sends out. I know that some of you receive this reflection directly from the Provincial Office, but thought that it might be of interest to some others to aid reflection on this week's Gospel reading.

Our community

We pray for all of our Holy Cross family who are unwell. We remember especially: Maree Bartoli, Dominic Isgro, Gerry Bond, Jacki Tomm, Peter Owen, Barry Wong, Errol Lovett, Mary Corkeron, Angelo Vigilante, Lesley Yang, Graham Hille, Brenda Rodrigues, Mary Hackett, Sr Gen Walsh RSC, Patricia Keeghan, Peter McNamara, Pam Gartland, Michael Doyle, Mary Coburn, Jim Monaghan, Maeve and John Reardon, Anne Jenkins, Kate and Mary Dunn, Bernard Charnley, Ray Sanchez and Helen McLean, the daughter of Ian and Judy who has breast cancer. Judy is sister to Justin Ives CP RIP.

We have also been asked to pray for Brendan Holloway, a very fit (triathlon type) young man who is in ICU facing heart surgery and a staf infection. Brendan's brother Grant is married to one of Fr. Brian's nieces and the family are very concerned.

We have been praying for Sr Gen Walsh RSC (sister of Kevin) who has had surgery and follow-up cancer treatment. Gen has a few more weeks of radiotherapy and her latest report is very encouraging. Both Gen and Kevin are very grateful for the prayers.

We remember also those we know who seek or need our prayers.

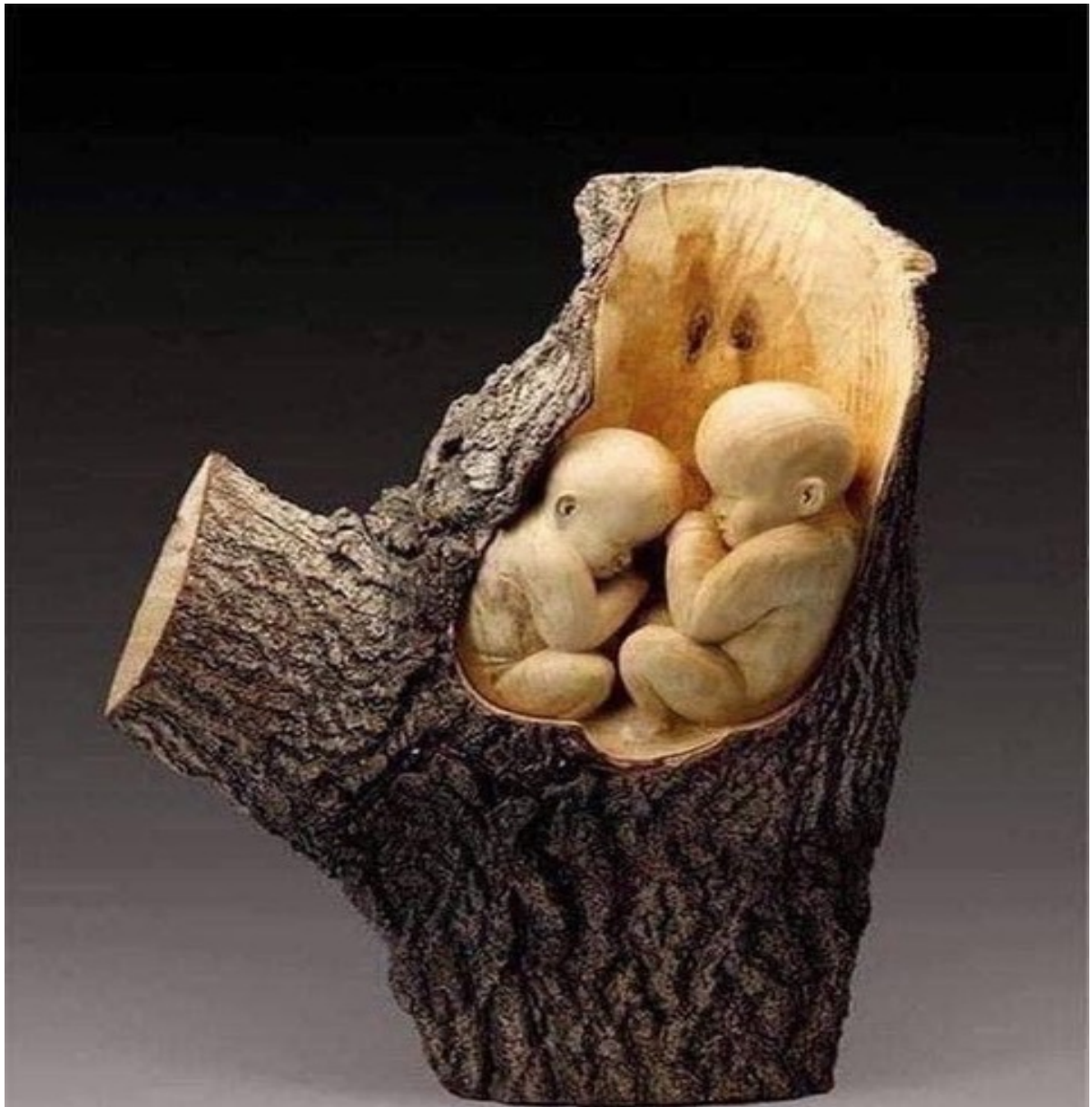
The **Mass link** for this week (6th Sunday of Easter) will be sent tomorrow afternoon.

Wishing you many blessings for this coming week!

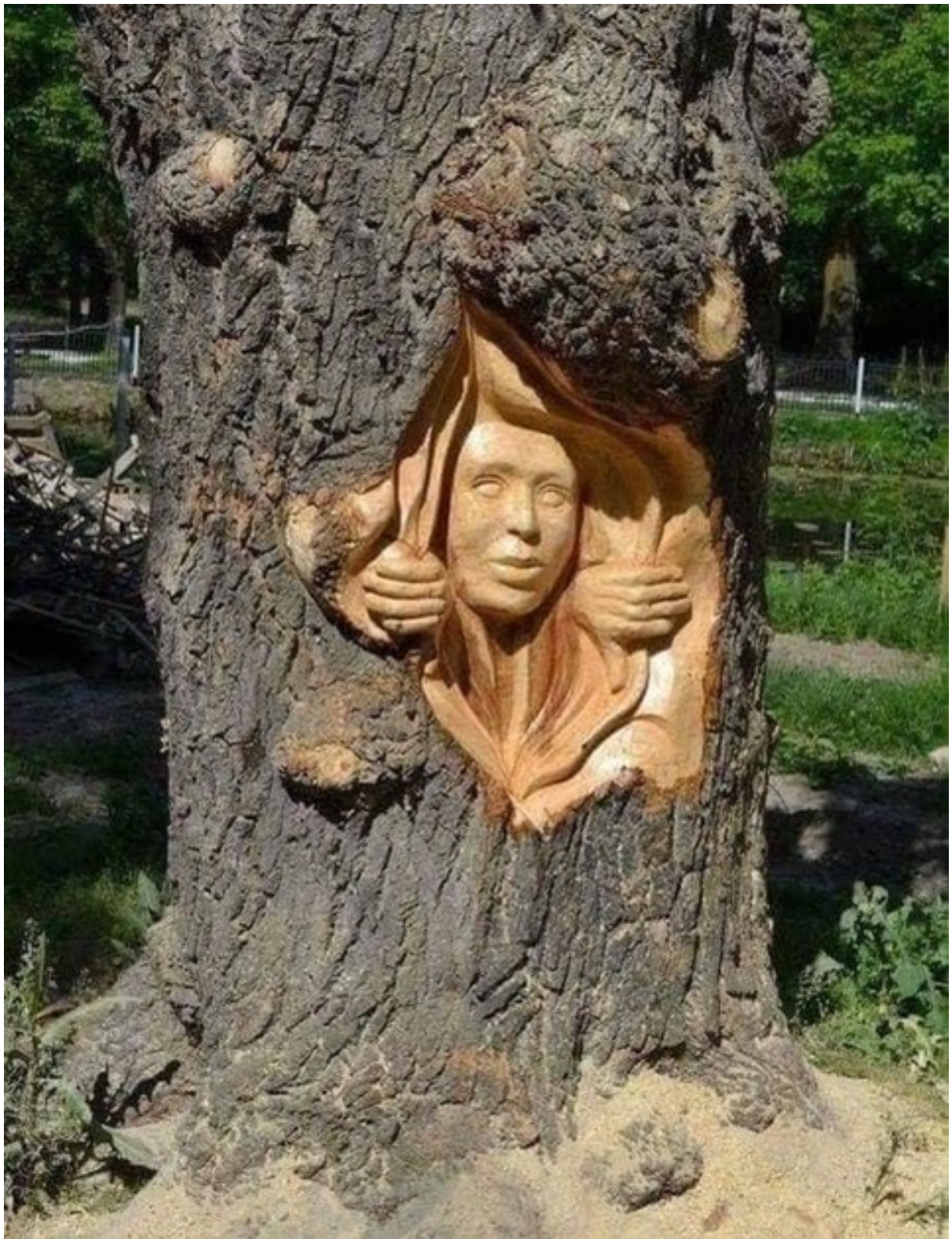
For and on behalf of the community, Tim

Beautiful Images

I received the following images from Maeve Reardon in an email entitled “When is a tree not a tree”, and show some wonderful craftsmanship. They are just a few of some that she sent and I am sure that the others could be googled under that title. Please enjoy!









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