

Holy Cross Retreat



Letter 119 (27th 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 Centre News

The Centre continues to come back to life following the ups and downs of the last few years. This week has seen a number of groups come in to take advantage of the facilities and the wonderful weather we have had in Melbourne these last few days.

On Tuesday there was a group of Year 8 students from Our Lady of Sion College in for a retreat day. Wednesday saw about 30 priests, as part of the Ministry to Priests program, spend the day in the Centre which included both lunch and the evening meal, and Thursday saw the arrival of another group of students, this time from the Academy Ladies College. All groups thoroughly enjoyed the serenity of both the Centre and grounds.

The other major news from the Centre was an audit conducted by the local Manningham Council last Monday. This audit, which has not been able to happen for the last couple of years due to Covid, was an assessment of all aspects of the Centre, from the accommodation to the kitchen and the dining facilities. It was to be expected that there would be some areas of concern picked up by the audit, and these minor issues will be rectified by the end of the week and signed off by the Council early next week. Full credit is due to Mayrose and her team for their efforts in preparing for this audit.

Passionist Community News

It has been a relatively quiet week, with the community down to 5, with Brian away on holidays. John, Tri and Chris have continued with their commitments at YTU in what is the last week of classes for this current term. Both John and Tri will have assignments to complete in the coming weeks and Chris, of course, will have his work ongoing as President of the College.

Jerome and Erick have been keeping the homes fires burning.

Passionist Companions “Come and See”

A reminder of the upcoming Companions “Come and See” session to be held in a few weeks’ time at St. Paul Apostle parish in Endeavour Hills. The session, which will be facilitated by Srs. Brigid and Karen, will be held on Saturday morning, the 18th of June from 10.00 – 12.00, with a sausage sizzle to follow.

The Passionist Companions are a group of people who meet together monthly to reflect on the Passionist charism and support 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.

More information can be obtained by contacting either Gerard Daly at gerard.daly23@bigpond.com, or Oswyn Trindade at oswyn.trindade@gmail.com

Come Away Days

Many of you would be aware of the regular ‘Come Away’ days that are held at Holy Cross. These days are an opportunity for people to spend some time of quiet reflection in the peaceful surrounds, led by a dedicated team of volunteers.

There has already been two days held this year, and the next is coming up on the 14th of June. Please mark this date in your diaries and see the information below. There will be some more specific information in the newsletter in coming weeks.

You are invited to our next Come Away Day, Tuesday 14 June. The theme for the day is “Find the warmth and life within: a time for spiritual nurturing and inner growth.” The invitation is to come as you are. All are welcome. No prior knowledge is assumed. All relevant materials will be provided on the day. Tea and coffee is available. Please BYO lunch. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation.

Registration is from 9.30am to enable time to meet other participants before the day’s program commences at 10am. The day concludes with the celebration of Mass, with a departure time of 2pm. For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407 998 781 or burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au

Gospel Reflection

Each week Fr. Brian Gleeson CP writes a reflection on the coming weeks Gospel reading. I have included this week’s reflection, titled ‘Making Sense of the Ascension of Jesus’ (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, Brendan Holloway, Helen McLean and Ray Sanchez CP

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and this week we particularly remember Simon Kearney whose first anniversary is the 28th of May, Kevin Flew (29th of May), Marcellino Bortolotto (Tina Molinaro’s brother-in-law on 30th May), Br. Jeff Daly CP (31st May), and Angelo Lamanna (Theresa’s husband, on the 2nd of June). We remember also those we know who seek or need our prayers.

Some Ascension Humour

What kind of pills did Jesus take before Ascension?

Uppers

The stone has been rolled away for 38 days and Christ continues to chill with his buddies.

God calls from the heavens, "it is time", but Jesus and his friends can't hear over all the partying.

On day 39 God calls out again: "Son, come sit by my right hand in heaven.

Still nothing.

On the 40th day, God hears that the music is especially loud and knows he'll likely be ignored again. So, he grabs a very loud megaphone and yells "May I have your ascension please! May I have your ascension please".



A video for your enjoyment

He is humble and a busker...

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=EaWo3hxR_yU

The **Mass link** for this week (The Ascension) will be sent tomorrow afternoon.

Wishing you many blessings for this coming week!

For and on behalf of the community, Tim