



22nd July, 2022

Greetings,

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly.



This Sunday we can give thanks for the wonderful contribution grandparents are making to families. Thirty years ago, many grandparents seemed to be on the side-line, but nowadays with child-minding duties and other ways of being actively involved with families, they are making a great contribution. You would have heard Bill say to his children who adored their grandmother, “Yes, but that is not the same woman I grew up with”.

The definition of elderly is not commonly agreed to, or more accurately, not commonly admitted to. Medical practice tends to regard 65 and over as elderly. Bishops are asked to offer their resignation (and so are priests in many dioceses) at age 75. Whatever is admitted to, many of us at Holy Cross are in the bracket, and there is still abundant vitality, enthusiasm, generosity and good will. We give thanks for that gift to the church and community at large.

James Webb Space Telescope photos



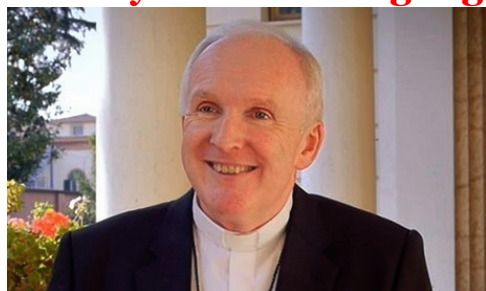
The photo above of the Carina Nebulae as you’d have seen reported, was taken by the James Webb telescope. It is a nursery for stars and is 7,600 light years from Earth or 71,901,551,591,614,088 kilometres. This is a great source of marvel.

'A' Team

Our regular Friday maintenance team enjoyed a simple lunch prepared by Jerome last Friday so Erick took the opportunity to take a photo. We are extremely grateful for them (John Stretch, Graeme Newcome, Ed Porad and Frank Van den Boom) and our previous members Gerald Wright, Vin Molloy, Stan Wells RIP, Noel Spinks, Jack Brolly, John Chubb and Neville Hackett.



Sunday Mass no longer guaranteed



The Catholic Bishop of Limerick has said he can no longer guarantee that Mass will be celebrated in all churches in the diocese every Sunday due to a lack of priests and “the ageing profile of clergy is now very evident”. Bishop Brendan Leahy wrote in a letter that the number of priests is rapidly declining. As a result, lay people would have to fill the void by leading a range of church services including funeral prayers and sacramental preparations for children.

“We will need lay people to lead prayers at funerals, at gravesides, to visit schools on behalf of the parish, to be involved in pastoral councils and baptismal teams, to help with the practical administration of parishes,” the bishop said.

A number of pastoral units in the west of Ireland diocese are set to lose a priest this autumn. Leahy appealed to parishioners to face the challenges with realism and determination. "The rapid changes are calling us to envisage and work towards putting in place new forms of lay leadership in our parish communities," he said.

"The Pandemic and the People of God"

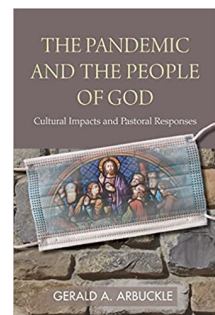


Award winning New Zealand Marist Fr Gerald Arbuckle's latest book is "brimming with hope and the confidence of the creative spirits of the human person who desires to live in solidarity, compassion and a commitment to justice."

Arbuckle said that the more he researched the more he realised that no single event since WWII has left so many people in so many nations traumatised, overwhelmed by grief and stunned by the cultural and economic consequences of the disease.

"When an event as huge and globally significant as the pandemic happens, the political, social and economic reverberations take years and even generations to play out, and they spin off in unpredictable directions.

"An experience of such traumatic severity leaves indelible physical and mental marks," he said. Recalling an incident which he says many millions of others may have experienced, he said when he first returned to his daily routine he noticed how glad everyone was to be "back to normal. We wanted our personal normality".



The pandemic illustrates a profound lesson about culture, he says in his book. "I hope they will discover that only by working together in faith and hope will it be possible to come through the long-term crises caused by the pandemic. "We cannot go on thinking of ourselves alone."



"Within each human person there is an unlimited yearning for liberty, but this desire competes with a longing for normality, order and the familiar. Ultimately, this last desire most often wins."

Coats

St Vincent de Paul are appealing for warm coats for homeless people. If you have a surplus coat, could you leave it on the large table in the chapel foyer, please. Thank you.

Province History 3c



You will recall that Holy Spirit Province was founded in July 1922. Prior to that date, Australia was part of the Anglo-Hibernian Province of St Joseph. In 1921 the (English) Provincial Fr Malachy, wrote to the Melbourne Archbishop Daniel Mannix requesting a foundation. Mannix replied that Melbourne's needs were adequately met by existing religious orders. Mannix was approached four more times between then and 1946 without success. During the same time he admitted nine male religious orders to the Archdiocese, including communities of parish missionaries such as the Oblates (1925) Franciscans (1930) Redemptorists (1935) and Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (1939).

Applications were made by Melbourne priests for missions and retreats, but archdiocesan authorities refused to grant faculties to Passionists. When travelling between Sydney and Adelaide, Passionists had no retreat at which to rest. If they accepted hospitality, they did not have approval to offer any ministry in return, and this was the cause of embarrassment and disappointment.

Daniel Mannix was president of the Irish national seminary (Maynooth) from 1903 until 1912 when he was appointed coadjutor bishop of Melbourne. He became Archbishop of Melbourne in May 1917 and stayed in that role until his sudden death at age 99, in November 1963. His appointment was made because of the large number of Irish Catholic immigrants in Australia at that time.

Background history suggests that when the Passionist novitiate was transferred



from Broadway, England to Enniskillen (The Graan) in Ireland in 1909, it was done with enormous difficulty. Daniel Mannix defended the rights of the Irish Bishops against the establishment of the novitiate - and lost. Some say that on that occasion the Passionists 'won the battle with Mannix, but lost the war'.

Justin Simonds was Archbishop of Hobart from 1937-1942. He was then appointed co-adjutor Archbishop of Melbourne Archdiocese and served in that role for twenty-two years, until Mannix' death in 1963. It was only in 1963 that the Passionists were given permission by Simonds to make a foundation (Holy Cross Templestowe). Simonds was opposed to many of Mannix' ideas including Church involvement in party politics and within days of becoming Archbishop he cancelled B. A. Santamaria's weekly contribution to a television programme.



In 1921, the official Provincial visitor from England looked to the future when parochial work could be done by diocesan clergy, and exhorted the Australian Passionists to maintain the missionary spirit of the founder. Later that year the General, Fr Silvio Di Vezza, visited Australia to explain that before receiving canonical status as a Province, the Holy See demanded full observance of the Rule by the majority of the members.

‘Full observance’ meant choral chanting of the Divine Office (including 2.00am Matins) and this called for a change from the majority being involved in parish work to being at home to live ‘the Rule’. Of course those living at home were able to ‘go out’ and conduct parish missions and retreats. At the time of the General’s visit in spring 1921, Australia was a pro-Province which was canonically unusual and as far as we know, was never seen before in the Congregation. The pro-Provincial attended the three-yearly Chapters in England.

On 22nd February 1922 the General Council began considering the foundation of a Province in Australia and presented a request to the Sacred



Congregation for Religious which was responsible for the granting of such permission. On 11th July 1922, the Sacred Congregation for Religious granted the erection of a new Province and approved faculties to the General and his Council to appoint a new leadership for the Province.

On 30th October 1922 the General with his Council appointed Fr. Bertrand Mangan as Provincial. Frs Athanasius Ryan and Bede O’Brien were appointed Consultors and Fr James Lappin was appointed novice master. The superiors of the three communities were also appointed: Casimir Maguire in Marrickville, Reginald Lummer in Goulburn; and Bernard Mangan in Glen Osmond.

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The numerical strength of the new Province was 3 houses, 26 religious (19 priests 5 brothers and 2 clerical students) and 4 novices and 9 pre-novitiate students.

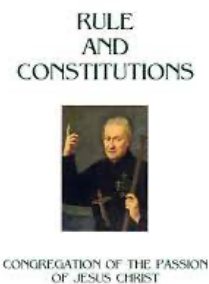
There were eight in St Brigid’s Marrickville community, ten in Presentation Goulburn and eight in Glen Osmond, plus the novices and pre-seminary students.

On 16th December 1922 the General wrote to the Provincial of St Joseph Province to inform him that the General Council had decided to put into effect the Rescript of Erection “separating the communities in Australia from their mother Province”.

With this final act the erection was fulfilled. The erection of the Province was a process, which started in July and finished in December, with the final separation of the communities from St Joseph's Province.

In the Decree of Appointment of the new Provincial Council (see Bollettino della Congregazione, Dicembre 1922, pp. 353 – 356) Fr. Silvio Di Vezza states clearly: "Cum ex Rescripto S.C. de Religiosis, diei 11 Julii vertentis anni, Provincia Australiana pleno jure erecta sit...". (i.e. By the rescript of Sacred Congregation of the Religious, on 11th July of this current year, the Australian Province was fully erected by law). Therefore the official date of the founding of Holy Spirit Province is: 11 July 1921. Fr Silvio proposed the title 'Holy Ghost', the name given to the land by Portuguese seafarers 'Terra Austral do Spirito Santo'.

The new Province was charged with fuller observance of the Rule and unfortunately this called for the Province to relinquish the charge of the parishes attached to St Paul's retreat in Glen Osmond. St Paul's was converted into a monastic community. St Brigid's Marrickville would have had the same designation except for a huge debt on both the parish and monastery, that the Province felt obliged to repay. The Goulburn community had been erected without a parish so its status was unchanged.



The directive to relinquish parishes was passed on to the diocesan bishop of Adelaide who requested two years for this to fully occur because it would have left Adelaide with insufficient priests for its parishes. The instruction also left the community without an adequate source of income. The last parish for which the community had responsibility was St Raphael's, Parkside. It was surrendered to the diocese in 1925. It

was joined with Glen Osmond parish seventy-seven years later in 2002, under the care of the Passionists.

The establishment of the Province was an endorsement of the policy to attract native vocations, despite the unfortunate period when the novitiate and student house had been closed. The surrender of parishes to the Irish clergy in Adelaide was a reversal of this dream and several priests left the Congregation as result of this policy, because they saw the need for priests ('sheep without a shepherd').

Nevertheless, the traditional Passionist ministries of missions and retreats continued and with concentration now being on the home front, building programmes soon commenced. In 1927 there was a community of ten in Glen



Osmond, seven of whom were priests. Plans were announced that year for a new chapel which could seat three hundred people and a new adjoining monastery, at an estimated cost of 20,000 pounds. Despite the original monastery being unsafe for habitation, the community chose to complete the church first. Because the church in Kingswood was the official parish church of the district, the new church was known as 'the chapel'. It was officially opened in November 1928. The monastery was opened in September the following year.

In 1928, the 'Southern Cross' Catholic newspaper reported the laying of the Foundation stone of the chapel, and the Roman basilica style of the building. The paper reported that the monastery was to be pulled down and replaced by a splendid new monastery 'of imposing design'. The site was originally the vineyard of Arthur Hardy and when part of it was sold to Mr J B Montifoire, he built 'the Glen' and planted a garden with trees and shrubs".



In 1929 a new religious house was begun at Marrickville and the students were transferred from there to Glen Osmond. The following year the Passionists took on pastoral care of Kapunda parish 85 kilometres north of Adelaide for two years.

There were six ordinations in 1935 and that same year, sixteen hectares of land were purchased at St Ives at a cost of six thousand pounds, for the establishment of a juniorate (a high school seminary) for postulants. Missionary activity continued in this period, including in areas of Western Australia and New Zealand.

To be continued Mary Magdalene

Today is the feast of St Mary Magdalene. Each of the four gospels record Mary Magdalene as being the first person to see Jesus after he had risen. In the society of the time this is extraordinary, and if the men could have written this differently, it is likely that they would have! They would have wanted men to be the first authentic witnesses.

Paul of the Cross dedicated Mary Magdalene as patron of lay Passionists. She was fiercely committed to supporting Jesus in his mission. She was a first-hand witness not only to the

Passion - she stayed at the cross. That she was the first witness to the Resurrection might be enough to inspire us to be stronger Companions of the Passion for one another.

The first episode of 'The Chosen' is the cure of Mary Magdalene

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?ap=true>

Stamps



Just over two years ago, Jerome inherited a large box of stamps, many of which belonged to Fr Leo, but they had never been cleaned or sorted. Pat McIndoe expressed an interest in them and so Jerome set to work. He purchased 12 albums and insert pages from his monthly allowance and painstakingly cleaned and sorted the stamps into country of origin.

He announced on Monday that he had completed 'two years of work'. Jerome has spent hundreds of patient hours on this task, while also keeping his inherited coin collection up to date.

His albums are titled New Zealand, Asia (15 countries), Europe (16 countries), Europe, Melanesia (5 countries), USA, South America and Caribbean) (25 countries), Middle East (4 countries) Middle East and Europe (8 countries), Europe 2 (9 countries), Belgium and Congo, Vatican, UK, Canada, Germany.



COVID 19

All three members of our community in Hobart (Peter, Gerald and Justin, as well as Gail, the community and parish secretary, have tested positive early this week, for COVID.

Astounded soccer fan

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Lu_ac605s_E

Congratulations

Geoff Boulton turns 80 this Sunday

Joseph Ko turns 70 this Sunday

John Curtis turned 70 on July 11th

Humour

1. Two ants in a saucer were kicking around what to them was a small soccer ball. After a while one of the ants said, "George, you don't seem to be yourself today; there's no go in you." The other ant replied, "It's OK Bill, I saving my energy for tomorrow. I'm playing in the cup in the afternoon".

2. A Protestant minister commended on the Catholic priest's beautiful presbytery. "It's much more elaborate than my parsonage" the minister said. The priest replied, "you have the better half and I have my better quarters".

3. Grandad is 97 years old and he never uses glasses. He always drinks straight from the bottle!

4. Four men were in the hospital waiting room because their wives were having babies. A nurse went up to the first guy and said "congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd", answers the man, "as I work at the Twin Towers Inn".

The nurse says to the second guy, "congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird", answers the second man, "as I work for the 3M company!"

The nurse tells the third man, "congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" "That's strange", he answers, "as I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!!"

The fourth man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's up?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

5. Reading while sunbathing makes you well, red.

6. Life without music would be flat.

7. After my friend turned vegan it was like I'd never seen herbivore.

8. Big shout out to my fingers, I can always count on them.

9. The four seasons are all different, summer warmer than others.

10. A book fell and hit me on my head and I've only got my shelf to blame.

11. I used to suffer from soap addiction, but I'm clean now.

12. She only made whiskey, but I loved her still.

13. Forklift operators hate our puns, they find them unpalatable.

New Zealand

I am travelling to New Zealand early this Sunday morning.. This will be my first visit since COVID 19, and despite being mid-winter, it will be a warm experience to reconnect physically with some familiar friends and co-workers. A highlight will be to celebrate the 70th birthday of my brother Paul, on July 30th.

Prayers

We remember those those who have anniversaries this week, especially [Nola Bennetto](#) (23rd July) and [Terry Carrigg](#) (24th July) . We ask your prayers for [Donald Senior CP](#) who suffered a heart attack and is in a Chicago hospital. Don is a famed Scripture scholar

**I thank my God
every time I
remember you.
In all of my prayers
for all of you,
I always pray with joy.**

Philippians 1:3-4

We also pray for all of our Holy Cross family who are unwell. We remember especially: Maree Bartoli, Paul Darbyshire, Jim Monaghan, Dominic Isgro, Ted and Elaine Hallam, John Reardon, Helen McLean, Gerry Bond, Peter Owen, Barry Wong, Graham Hille, Errol Lovett, Angelo Vigilante, Peter DeMarzi, Pam Gartland, Anne Jenkins, Mary Corkoren, Sr Gen Walsh RSC, Jacinta Thompson, Lesley Yang, Peter McNamara, Mary Hackett, Michael Doyle, Patricia Keeghan, Pam Grehan, Maeve Reardon, Mary Coburn, Kate and Mary Dunn, Ray Sanchez CP and those who seek or need our prayers.

The [Mass link](#) will be sent by Chris on Saturday afternoon.

Have a good weekend

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