



Trí



Trí's diaconate last Saturday was a wonderful experience. It was led by a gentle and encouraging bishop Thinh Xuan Nguyen, who is one of fourteen children. He was born in Saigon in 1973 and came to Australia with his family as refugees, in 1985. We had two Vietnamese choirs, a beautiful arrangement of flowers, an exceptional MC who had to work in a confined space, students from Our Lady of Mercy Heidelberg who welcomed us, and aided by Trí's preparation, much of the ceremony was displayed in both Vietnamese and English.



Trí's parents were present at the ceremony, and his father invested Trí with the deacon's stole, which is worn over the left shoulder.

In the background is Deacon Vinh, who was recently appointed to our community and parish in Endeavour Hills.



There were a good number of visiting Vietnamese priests and Passionists, including Srs Brigid and Karen who are in this photo.



The following day, Phi celebrated 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross for the first time, and Trí served as deacon.





Luke and Passionist Retreat Team Leader, Tom Warren outsized Phi, but were more than happy to offer him their full support!

Tom headed for Townsville on Sunday afternoon to do a school retreat, and from there to Hobart, on Wednesday. The team is a little understaffed at present, owing to a key leader suffering a broken leg.

At the same time, the team has continued to respond to increased demand for their ministry which is very exciting and pleasing for them because it means they are offering something that school appreciate.

Tri's parents pitching in



On Thursdays nights, the community picks up left over bread from a local 'Bakers Delight' store just before the evening meal. Then, after dinner we slice the loaves, bag the bread including rolls, and store it in the freezer. Some is used by the Holy Cross Centre, some by the community, some by a particular PNG family and we make some available after Mass on Sundays.

Tri's parents, Hương and Huệ enthusiastically joined in last Thursday as you can see from the photo.

Come Away Day June 25th

The theme of Wednesday's 'Come Away' was [Encountering the Spirit of Winter as a season of growth](#). Mike led the Eucharist, which always includes 'Anointing'. The team remembered Pam Storey again as she remains in hospital after substantial surgery.

Warm clothes



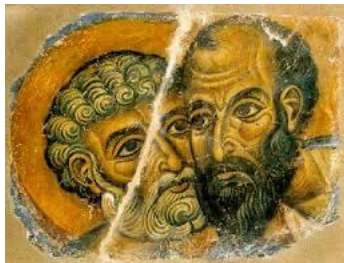
If you have any spare coats, gloves or beanies in good condition that you no longer want, we'd be grateful if you could bring them to Holy Cross for people in need. Helen Juravic will organise their distribution. Helen and her husband, Joe are in this photo. Thank you

Provincial Visitation



Every year, except in the year of a Chapter, the Provincial makes an official visit of each of our communities and in that way, makes himself available to meet with each religious in the Province, encourage and review each community, and gain insight into what is needed for ministry and common life. Denis Travers was already here for most of the previous week, which we always enjoy, and he conducted Visitation from Monday til Wednesday. He had to return to Sydney in time for a Province wide Zoom yesterday, Thursday 26th June.

Sts Peter and Paul



If saints could be called giants', then Peter and Paul are giant saints in the Church. Peter is referred to as the apostle to the Jews and Paul as the apostle to the Gentiles. While they were giants in faith, they remind us that saints are human – they are not perfect. There is much in each of them worth admiring and much that can inspire us and comfort us.

In every list of Jesus' apostle, Peter is listed first, so there is no doubt that he had a leadership role among the apostles and in the early church. A popular image of Peter is that he was someone you could imagine giving a big hug. There is no question about his heart. He was impulsive.

"Peter come to me across the water" - *"Help Lord I am sinking"*

"The Son of man is will suffer and die" – *"No Lord"* – *"Get behind me Satan"*

"Three times you will disown me" - *I do not know the man* – *"You know everything Lord, you know that I love you"* - *"Feed my sheep"*



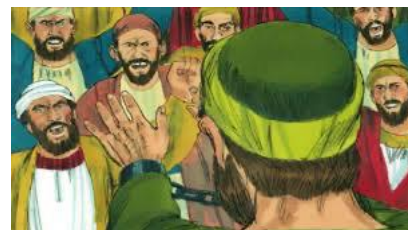
Addressing a post-Resurrection crowd, Peter declared, “I have come to appreciate that with God, there are no favourites” (Acts 10:34)

What an insight from Peter! Do we really believe that declaration? Do we appreciate what it fully means?

Peter was the man with the big heart who inspired and supported his brother apostles and the early Church. A humble leader. The man who gave his life for what he believed. A man you could imagine who would be easy to hug!

Paul said he met Peter and spent 15 days with him. Since Paul never met Jesus personally, obviously he met Jesus, through Peter. Paul is someone that we might not so readily hug. He is more someone to admire. The extent of ministry was astonishing, but he was intense and non-compromising personality, so he got a lot of people offside. At the same time he had fully devoted co-workers, both men and women. He had been such a fierce Pharisee that he joined a campaign to persecute and imprison Christians.

When he went to Jerusalem to meet Peter, none of the other apostles met him. No doubt they had heard of his reputation as a persecutor and were, afraid of him. Once he was baptised, he showed the same intense determination as a missionary.



Having once been a fierce upholder of the law, he became convinced that this was not what Jesus called for. Paul took the brave step of preaching to pagans as well as Jews, and undertook incredibly long and dangerous journeys. He visited and revisited the Christian communities he established,

offering them encouragement, support, advice and even admonishment. In an interesting confrontation with Peter, he accused Peter of hiding from legalistic Christian elders. Because Peter had eaten with gentiles but would not do so when the elders were around, Paul called him gutless! This was Paul's personality. He was not prepared to back off.

He wrote such beautiful words as:

We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified



If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

We walk by faith, not by sight. If God is for us, who can be against?

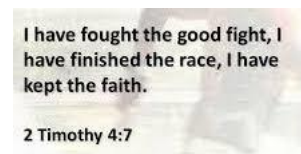
Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer

I know what it is to be in need and to know what it is to have plenty.

I have learned the secret of being content in every situation. I can do everything through the One who gives me strength

Let us pursue what makes for peace and the thing that build up others.

Love always hopes. Love always perseveres. Love never fails.



Were it not for Paul's mission including his beautiful and powerful letters to his church communities it is likely that Christianity would have remained a sect of Judaism, restricted to Jews. We would not be Jesus followers today.

God was able to use these two great men, Peter and Paul, for advancing the life of the early Church, despite their human weaknesses. Every one of us has similar weaknesses. This should not prevent us from being faithful. Paul knew he was forgiven for his persecution of Christians.



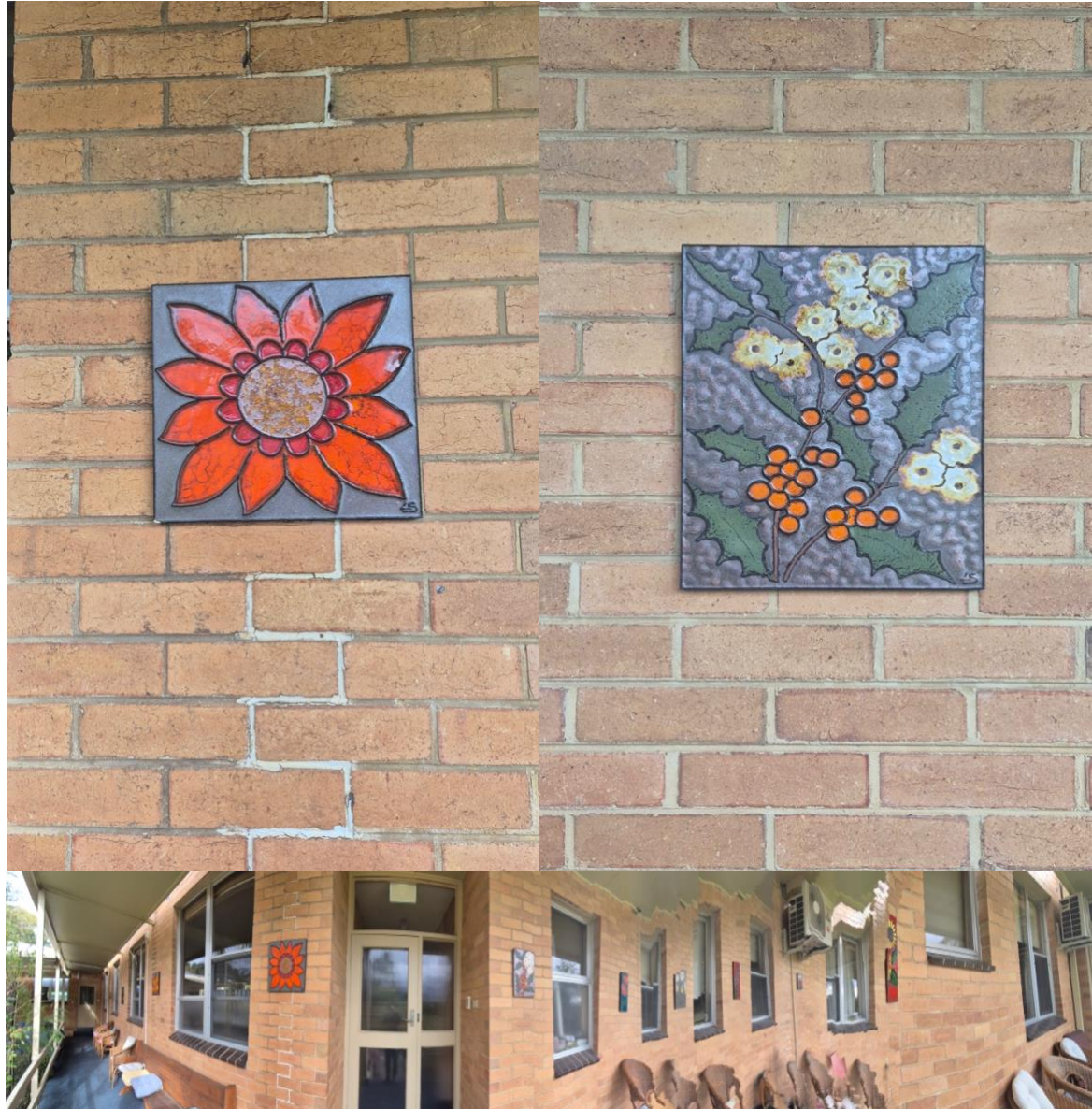
Peter knew he was forgiven for denying Jesus three times in the courtyard. Jesus chose this very human individual, as the leader of his disciples. He also called Paul, who was persecuting the early community, to reconsider his understanding of faith, and to use his gifts to build communities of love and fellowship.

Peter and Paul accepted the overwhelming love and forgiveness of God into their missionary preaching and forged a life in which we share 2,000 years later.

In celebrating their feast this coming Sunday, let us give thanks for such giants in faith and be both inspired and comforted by their actions and their ministry.

German Ceramic Tiles

Thanks to the generosity of the Fr Dean and the Pallotine community at Millgrove and the thoughtfulness of Yvonne Torrico who recommended us, a significant number of beautiful tiles crafted in the Schindler factory in Germany, have been gifted to Holy Cross, and they were placed by our 'A Team' along the rear verandah, last Friday. They have adorned Pallotti College for many years, so we are grateful to keep them in the Catholic retreat 'family'.



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 Protest 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, "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, "I work for the 3M company!" The nurse tells the third man, "congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" "That's strange", he answers, "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 b 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.

Pauline

The funeral for Pauline Barlow (aged 99), mother of Cecilia Rogers, our finance officer was a lovely celebration for a woman who obviously gave her family, neighbours and parishioners, so much warmth and joy sustained by her very deep faith. The eulogies were beautiful and filled with descriptions of Pauline's strong faith and her life of welcoming others. The funeral was held at St John the Baptist parish in Ferntree Gully, on Wednesday morning.

Prayers

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: **Reina Marie Bernaldez-Casenas**, **Gwladys Bourke** (Maree Butler's mother) **Gemma Scaplin**, **Gerald Uniacke**, **Brenda Roberts** and **Giuseppe Lantieri**, that they have found joy in God's eternal presence. We remember too, **Gabriel Vardenega** (a close friend of Liz Atme who died yesterday - Thursday) and **Brian Yeo**, brother of Jim our beloved Companion from St Brigid's, Marrickville.

Bro Jerome

Jerome has been hospitalised in Knox hospital, and may be there for two weeks. He has had some challenges related to diabetes, and it will take some for the doctors to settle things down.

Gerry Bond

Gerry has had surgery to amputate a toe, and there are lingering concerns about blood flow to the foot, so he would really appreciate your prayers.



We also pray for other members of our Holy Cross family who are coping with illness and all who care for them, especially Pam Storey, Noel Smyth, Peter Addicoat CP, Denise Egan, Caroline Hagedorn, Nancy Reynolds, Kata Lenic, Treenah Wadham, Lesley Yang, Jenny Wullings, Peter Barry, Jeanelle Bergin, Stephanie Snow, Rex Cambry, Peter Owen, Fr Brendan Lane, Graham Burke, Marilyn Cilmi, Luke Norden, Maureen Barns, Bronwyn Burke, Zoe Chung and her daughter Sophia, Phil Drew, Carol Battistella, Alexander Lim, Bernadette Owen, Pam Gartland, Doris Castro, Patricia Keeghan, Julia Cantone, Rod GorfineHelen McLean, Bro Jerome, Caroline Meade, Rod Smith, Greg Agosta, Anne Jenkins and Errol Lovett.

Mass on line

Chris will send the link for Sunday Mass, on Saturday afternoon.

God bless

Brian

