

BULLETIN IN EXILE

Burnside, Bryndwr & Papanui Catholic Parishes

A CIVILISATION OF LOVE

Fr Rick Loughnan

Something I have found **hardest** to process over the last six weeks has been the paradox of parliament rushing through the terrible new abortion legislation on the eve of the lock down and then in contrast the sterling way the Government has led us through this complex and difficult time of lock down itself.

How could anyone be blind enough to consider the killing of babies at full term as rational or acceptable? For those caught in this cultural climate of death, personal fears, and pressures we can understand someone making the tragic mistake of procuring an abortion, but abortion is destructive to life and society and the spiritual life of our country. **It is totally unacceptable!** It can be called a collective madness; and yet, here is the paradox: many of the same parliamentarians have led us through a welter of complexities, known and unknown, during this frightening time of the Covid-19 virus, in an admirable way out of genuine concern for the well-being of the citizens of this country.

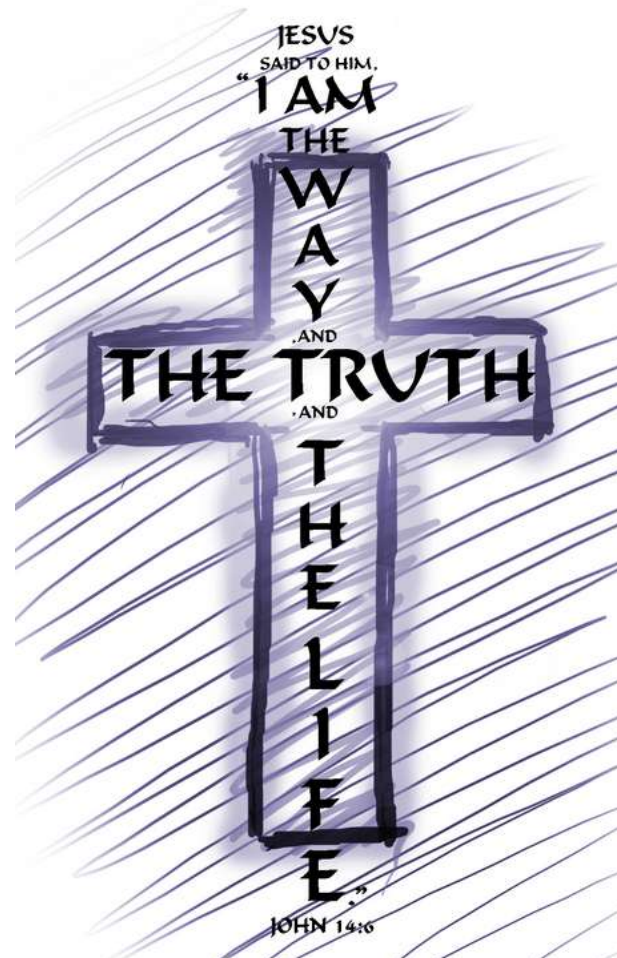
These paradoxes inflict the whole of human society. They are as old as Adam and Eve, and are present in the heart of every human person.

In this Easter season we are reminded in the scriptures and liturgy of the Church that God himself in the death and resurrection of his Son has entered this very paradox of sin coexisting with desire for God in the heart of every person.

The Risen Jesus, through the extraordinary act of his saving love on the Cross, has poured out his mercy upon us for the forgiveness of our sins and the restoration of the life of God in our hearts. In the shell of the old He has begun in the Church the new; the beginning of the kingdom of God; the restoration of all things.

We find this paradox present within the Church as well as without - for we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are slowly dying to sin and growing in the love of God and neighbour. Still, it is from the Church - the bride of Christ - that this new life comes to us. Despite our sins it is poured out into our hearts through the sacraments, forming a community, a communion of love to take the Gospel into the world around us. **There through the forgiveness of sins and growth in the Spirit we are called to live and build a civilisation of love.**

This happens when we are converted to Jesus, baptised, and then take up the call to follow him all our lives. Or when, having been baptised as infants as most of us were, we hear his personal call receive his forgiveness and take up the call to follow him all our lives.



As Jesus says in the Gospel this Sunday, ***"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life... if you know me you know my Father too."*** He is our Saviour, our Lord. Every good gift he has given us in our lives comes to fruition as we daily take up this task; or come back to him when we have failed. Then putting aside self, we – his body, sharing our strengths, our gifts, natural and spiritual, acknowledging our weaknesses, together leading and carrying each other – build the civilisation of love and draw many into this great city of love. **This is the new city being built into the shell of the old.**

This is how I see our fundamental purpose as we move towards our new parish! It is in this setting we will be sent out to do this work of love.

The project group have formulated this into a vision statement for the new parish:



Christchurch North
Catholic Parish

**OUR VISION FOR THE CATHOLIC NORTH PARISH IS OF A
MISSIONARY PARISH BRINGING PEOPLE TO COME TO
KNOW JESUS CHRIST PERSONALLY,
HELPING THEM GROW AS DISCIPLES,
AND GOING OUT TO OTHERS WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.**

As a reflection this week I ask you to take the words of the Gospel: ***"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"*** and the vision statement above, to ponder and pray on these words. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and be open to what Jesus is saying to you. Allow these these words to simmer in your hearts and I ask that you pray for God's work among us in this new North Parish.

God bless.

ALERT LEVEL 2 UPDATE

With the possibility of the Alert Level transitioning down to Level 2 next week, we will endeavour to keep you up to date on what this means for us, as a parish community. There are different ways that we will try and transmit information when they are made available to us.

We will put information on our Parish Websites and the Facebook Page, as well as sending you relevant emails.



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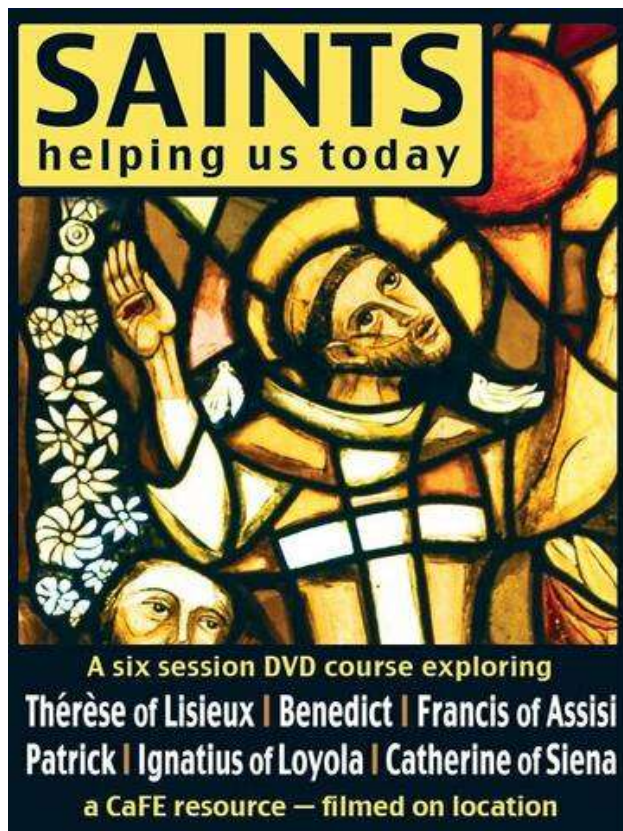
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A six-session streaming course exploring:

- St Therese of Lisieux (Simplicity of Faith)
- St Benedict (a Rhythm of Prayer)
- St Francis of Assisi (God's Heart for the Poor)
- St Patrick (Spreading the Good News)
- St Ignatius of Loyola (Discerning Life's Journey)
- St Catherine of Siena (Holiness in the Spirit)

Showing how the age-old wisdom and teachings of the Saints can be a practical help to us today.

Each session lasts approx. 40 mins with a midpoint break for discussion

ONLINE STREAMING LIVE
WEDNESDAYS - BEGINNING ON THE 20TH MAY
SIX ENGAGING SESSIONS FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSION

For more information, or to register visit
<https://www.fdm.org.nz/saints-1>

ONLINE MASS SCHEDULES

Did you know that Weekday & Sunday Masses are streamed online?
(They can be viewed at a later time too.)

Weekday Mass, Mon - Sat: 9am
Sunday Mass: 10am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw

Shine TV (Freeview Channel 25 or Sky 201)
Sundays - 2 pm



RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT LEADER

Marralomedea Charitable Trust

Marralomedea is a Christian community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together. The community is based in Redwood and includes 19 people with intellectual disability living in four homes and an Activity Centre. We also support people in their own home with Supported Independent Living.

We are looking for a skilled and talented person for the position of Residential Support Leader. The Residential Support Leader will be a key part of the leadership team and will work alongside the Community Members and the staff team to provide overall leadership for the residential support options provided in the Marralomedea Community. The successful applicant will effectively manage the daily operating needs of the homes and will mentor and coach staff to ensure support is provided in a way that reflects the heart and spirit of the Marralomedea Philosophy, values and vision.

For more information or a position description please email karen@marralomedea.org.nz or phone 021 024 28430.

Please email your application to Karen with a cover letter and your C.V. before 15th May 2020.



OUR VINNIES NEED YOU

Our three local St Vincent de Paul conferences have seen an increase of those who are in need in our respective communities.

If you are in a position to be able to support them financially, please consider doing so via internet banking (**account numbers below**) with the reference '**Donation**'.

SVDP - Burnside Conference (Westpac)
03 - 0802 - 0102340 - 00

SVDP - Papanui Conference (Westpac)
03 - 0854 - 0646219 - 00

SVDP - Bryndwr Conference (Westpac)
03 - 1707 - 0154067 - 00



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Please pray for the following intentions

For Pope Francis and the Bishops of Aotearoa

For our Civil Leaders

For those struggling during this lockdown period

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we prepare for Pentecost

For those who are sick:

Bishop Basil Meeking; Gerard MacManus (Papanui Parish); Noeline George (Papanui Parish); Susan Steele;

For those who have died, especially during this time:

Brian Eccleton (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Mary Lee (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Anne Attwood (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Brian Joyce (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Erin Vermeeren (Recently Deceased, Burnside Parish); Jill Lever (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Nora Collier (Recently Deceased); Stephen Cassidy (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Sr Enid Lagan RSM (Recently Deceased); Jocelyn Rusbatch (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Carlo Roberto Leopoldo Barbafiera (Recently Deceased); Sr Mary Boyes RSM (Recently Deceased); Yvonne Rita Wilkes (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish);



Tues 12 May - Sts Nereus & Achilleus (martyrs); St Pancras (martyr)

Wed 13 May - Our Lady of Fatima

Thurs 14 May - St Matthias (apostle)

If you know of someone who cannot access the bulletin due to not having access to the internet, you might want to find ways to allow them to stay connected to what's happening (such as calling them and reading the bulletin to them, or printing a copy and dropping it off in their mailbox if they are close to you).

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