



To be on earth the Heart of God



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Time out for reflection

“In old age they will still bear fruit”

(Psalm 92:15)

Australia has an ageing population. By 2054, 21% of the population (8.4 million) will be aged 65 and over, compared to 15% (3.5 million) in 2014.

There is a common misconception that the ageing population is a ‘burden’, with older people often portrayed as dependent recipients of government benefits, heavy users of health care services, and unemployed.

Older people make many important contributions to society. Many are informal carers and volunteers, and are the bedrock to many families.

The majority of older Australians live, and want to live, in their own homes.

Depression and ill health are not inevitable in older age. They can affect someone at any age and aren’t necessarily more prevalent in older people.

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which will be celebrated annually on the 4th Sunday of July. This is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year’s celebration is: “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15).

Many people consider old age a disease which is best avoided. A long life – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. “Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God”.



No one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise.

Pope Francis – World Day for Grandparents and Elderly 24 July 2022

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

Editor's Note

From my office window, while sitting at my desk, I can clearly see the veranda on the side of the church. This is the area where the windows are being replaced during this month. I watched the work progress with interest and was very impressed with the men's work ethic. They worked methodically and neatly and made great inroads into the project during the first two days. They worked late each day to ensure the building could be secured each night. They seemed to hardly take a break and I thought this project is going to be completed before the estimated 5 days. However, on Wednesday afternoon we were informed that the framework for one set of windows had been damaged in transit and would need to be remade. Suddenly the 5-day project had been pushed out to an unknown completion date.

I thought how typical of life, when you make plans you need to build in the possibility of the unexpected, and flexibility to go with the flow.

The replacement of the windows was necessary maintenance because the wooden framework was rotten and every time there was heavy rain the windows would leak and the floor would be soaked. They have been replaced with double glazed glass which will be beneficial in both winter and summer.

With the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist on the 23, 24, and 30 July our sacramental program for 2022 is complete. We celebrated the Sacrament of Penance on 19 March and the Sacrament of Confirmation on 9 June. We pray that all the children who received sacraments this year will continue to seek Jesus who is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

As we move into August we have two major feast days to celebrate:

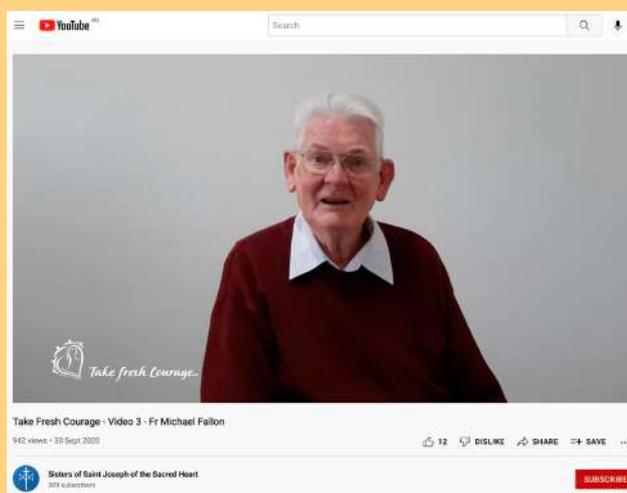
- **8 August** St Mary of the Cross, (Mary MacKillop)
- **15 August** Feast of the Assumption of Mary

On the 10th anniversary of Mary MacKillop's canonisation in 2020, the Sisters of St Joseph invited guest presenters to talk on what Mary means to them. Fr. Michael Fallon msc was one of these presenters, you can view Michael's one and a half minute video by clicking on the link below.

With every blessing,

Marian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8HGCIInfI7Y>





NAIDOC WEEK 3-10 JULY 2022

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

For me, it's a reminder that all of us can do something towards reconciliation and not just leave it to others who we might think "it's their job". To close the gap and do something about relationships and respect is the calling upon all of us. Its Christ's mission and our mission.

As Catholic Christians it is good to recall that as a faith filled people "Reconciliation" is in our "DNA" and that's for all our relationships, not just aboriginal reconciliation. It's not an optional extra. In the person of Jesus and His cross and resurrection is the power and grace to mend every relationship in every age.

St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says: "We are ambassadors for Christ" who has "entrusted the message of reconciliation to us" (2 Cor 5:19,20)

You may have noticed that hanging in the Church foyer we now have the NATSICC Acknowledgement Plaque displayed.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is the

peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

According to NATSICC: *By purchasing and displaying our acknowledgment plaque you are sharing the vision of The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council – that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be included in the prayers and thoughts of all Australian Catholics. Displaying the plaque proudly in a prominent position in your Parish, School or Organisation is a physical sign of welcome and understanding for all Australians. It also provides the opportunity to educate the wider community of the need for continual progress on the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

The plaque was hung just in time for this year's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Sunday on 3rd July. The Australian Catholic Church celebrates this on the first Sunday in NAIDOC week.

It is planned to have a blessing and commemoration of the NATSICC plaque sometime later in the year. Date to be advised.



Depicted below is a photo of a marvellous indigenous painting produced by Tracey Watson-Gardner, a teacher at St. John the Apostle Primary School. Tracey generously lent the painting to the parish during NAIDOC week. We are grateful for her generosity and proud that we could display it.

"The beginning of the next chapter"

This artwork has been a couple years in the making and over this time the world has changed significantly with a summer of severe fires, Covid 19 and all its variants, ACT going into lockdown, and spending so much time in isolation away from family and loved ones.

After spending time volunteering at St John the Apostle Primary, a seed planted in my mind to represent this school through a painting to depict my thoughts, feelings and emotions. I had the privilege to witness the journey that 'you fullas' were on, a chapter that was beginning to engage in a whole school Reconciliation Journey and seeing that being different should be the norm. This artwork represents the strong community connection of St John the Apostle Primary, where children have the opportunity to learn on Country about Culture, Aboriginal Dreamings and languages. Learning to Respect and listen to land, our Elders and ancient Spirits.

I have been given an opportunity at a significant time in my life to join the St John the Apostle Primary team, and add my story to the next chapter in 2022.

The Wedge-tailed eagle is the spiritual totem of Ngunnawal Country. It is known to send healing and positive energy to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in need. I feel this energy and see the Wedge-tailed eagle watching over all the St John the Apostle Primary community.

The symbolic Cross represents St John the Apostle Catholic Church. The sacredness, spirituality, faith, connectedness to community, a sense of belonging and feeling that we truly belong.

The book represents the stories and many, many chapters of teachers, students and the continuing journey of St John the Apostle Primary. It depicts the education and learning that each individual takes into the next chapter of their personal stories. To build confidence, resilience, and growth to become the best self they can, feeling empowered, full of knowledge and with a strong appreciation and understanding of Respect and diversity.

My artwork represents the future generation of young, confident Leaders gathering at the spiritual 'meeting place' being St John the Apostle Primary, St John the Apostle Catholic Church and the local and wider communities.

Please accept my artwork as a gift on behalf of my Culture, myself and my family.



Tracey Watson-Gardner
Jerrinja Women of the Yuin Nation.

January 2022



Sacrament of Eucharist



**Saturday 23 July
5:00pm**

Henry Ton-That
James Thurbon
Evelina Nilsson
Amelia Nguyen
James Kiss
Campbell Green
Lincoln Abbott



**Sunday 24 July
10:00am**

William Bond
Sophia Clark
Riley Monck
Thomasina Neilsen
Vincent Nott
Chloe Pearce
Ileana Rozario
Alana Stonham
Alayna Zarebski



**Saturday 30 July
5:00pm**

Xavier Bonny
Noah Dixon
Leo Kerlin
Lachlan Lawrence
Austin Patrzalek
Grace Rebecca
Amelia Swiderski
Jonah Terron
Ethan Zaretsky

Kalparrin Visit

On Monday 11 July Fr. Michael visited our parishioners – John McGee, Jean Teirney, and Rudolfo Salonga, who are residents at Kalparrin Retirement Home. Along with our parishioners Fr. Michael anointed and gave communion to six other catholic residents. Fr. Michael assured them of our prayers and they told him that they also pray for us.



Laudato Si'

There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions

(LS 211)

Most of us have heard about Pope Francis' encyclical "**Laudato Si. On care for our common home**". But did you know that there is now a global ecumenical movement promoting the 7 ecological principles endorsed by the Pope?

In brief, the 7 Laudato Si principles are composed of:

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The Response to the Cry of the Earth

which is a call to equitably address climate change, biodiversity loss and ecological sustainability. We can each do our part.
- 8

The Response to the Cry of the Poor

is a call for global solidarity with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants and children.
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Ecological Economics

acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere – our common home.
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The Adoption of Simple Lifestyle

is grounded in the idea of sufficiency (living with just enough and not excess) to ensure a good life for all. We could try to avoid the trap of consumerism.
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Ecological Education

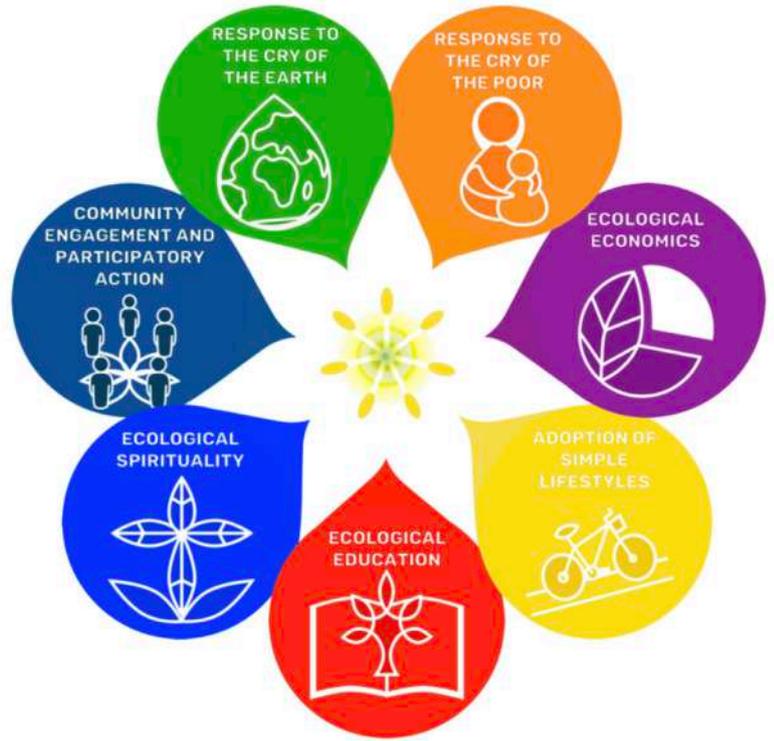
refers to the need to re-think and re-design curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and action.
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Ecological Spirituality

encourages greater contact and connections with the natural world in the spirit of wonder, praise, joy, happiness and gratitude.
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Emphasis on Community Engagement and Participatory Action

is crucial to care for creation at local, regional, national and international levels. We need to work collectively as a community to enable change in our local area.



Jenny McGee

You can make a difference



ANNUAL GATHERING OF LAY CHEVALIER FAMILY

Spirituality of the Heart, Laudato Si and Uluru Statement from the Heart

Time to See
Time to Choose
Time to Act

An opportunity to explore the challenge of **Laudato Si** and

Uluru Statement from the Heart

through the lens of

Spirituality of the Heart

There will be time for personal reflection and time for sharing

16–18 September 2022

St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park

WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF MORE DETAILS WHEN TO HAND

Treasures from the Archives

Burses, Palls and Chalice Veils



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1 Purple and gold woven brocade chalice veil, early 20th century [Canberra Goulburn Diocesan Archives]

2 Red silk burse and chalice veil in gold work, late 19th century [St Benedict's Church, Sydney]

3 Hand-painted burse, late 19th century [Loreto Convent Archives, Ballarat]

4 Machine embroidered burse [chain stitch], early 20th century [Canberra Goulburn Diocesan Archives]

5 Hand-embroidered red silk burse, early 19th century [Ursuline Convent Archives, Sydney]



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Vatican II simplified the vesture of the clergy and many liturgies. In addition to vestments, many religious archives also hold myriad textiles associated with past liturgical rites. **Burses and chalice veils** are the most common 'retired' textiles as they formed part of the set of "Roman" vestments. They were not banned by Vatican II and are still used at The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Tridentine or "Latin" Mass).

The chalice veil is a large square cloth used to cover the chalice and patten when they were being carried to and from the altar. The burse is a flat cover for the folded corporal - the large square cloth placed on the altar under the chalice. The burse is made from 2 covered boards hinged along one side. The burse and veil are in the liturgical colour of the day and often decorated to match the stole and chasuble.

To dress a chalice in readiness for the celebration of a Latin Mass, a folded purificator (a rectangular white cloth embroidered with a red cross) is draped over the chalice and the patten holding the large host used by the priest placed on top. The patten is then covered with a small, stiffened square of white fabric – the pall. The chalice veil is draped over the pall. Finally, the burse holding a folded corporal is placed on top. At the altar the corporal is removed from the burse, unfolded, and placed on the altar. The chalice is placed on the corporal and the veil and pall removed. The patten and host are placed on the altar and the purificator put aside – it is used to clean the chalice. An internet search for "chalice veil" or "burse" or "dressed chalice" will provide many examples of dressing a chalice. While the burse and chalice veil are not commonly seen today, a small pall is often used to cover the chalice during the Mass to stop dust etc. falling in.

August is special...

Winters in Canberra are certainly chilly and inside is the place to be. There's plenty of time to reflect and reminisce. August elicits special memories. The havoc created during wet winters on the flat dry plains to the north of Adelaide. Our back yard, the unpaved footpaths and of course the schoolyard became quagmires of thick, red boggy mud. The flooding of the local creek brought an unexpected day off school.

Drab grey box pleated school uniforms and handknitted woollen jumpers and short grey socks doubled as sports attire for the August school sports day. The sisters placed a statue of St Joseph at the side of the oval, and it never rained! A massive river red gum marked the boundary of the school play area and provided year-round shelter. The compacted earth beneath its branches provided the perfect stage for school photographs. Over the years it

became known as the 'Communion Tree' because of the way the tree graced so many 'First Communion' photographs.

August was a month of candles and cake. Our teachers were Dominican nuns. The Feast of St Dominic, August 8th, was a holiday for the sisters and their pupils. Our family celebrated with cake and candles as this day was Mum's birthday! Then there was Grandma's birthday, August 16th ... more candles, and cake. August 22nd, Mum, and Dad's wedding anniversary... cake! The end of the month brought another holiday. The Feast of St Augustine, August 28th, was an auspicious holiday. The school, the century old stone church and the parish each bore his name. We did not have cake and candles, but I always thought that was an oversight. After all, it must have been the school principal's birthday...her name was Mother Mary Augustine!



1960. St Augustine's School, Salisbury, South Australia – Year 1 class

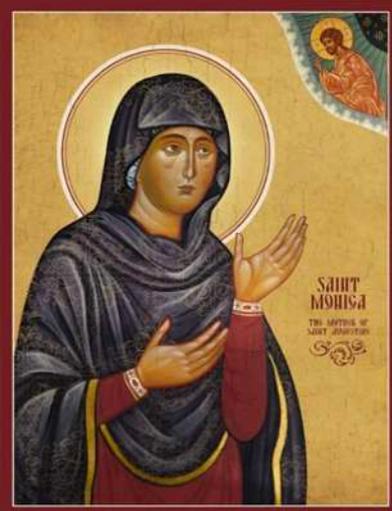
Christmas in July

SJA Men's Group

This month the men's group opened their doors to wives and partners as the theme for their evening was Christmas in July.

A most enjoyable evening for all who attended.





St Monica Feast Day 27 August

St. Monica was born in 332 at Tagaste (in modern-day Algeria). Her parents brought her up as a Christian and married her to an older, pagan man named Patricius. He was a man of great energy, but he also had a violent temper and was promiscuous.

Her almsgiving and habit of prayer irritated him yet led

him to respect her. It was said that by her kindness and patience, she was able to exercise a good influence within their family and beyond the walls of their home. Other wives knew that she suffered as they did and so were moved by her example. After many long years of marriage, she converted her pagan husband (and her mother-in-law) to Christianity.

St. Augustine was the eldest of St. Monica's three children. He made her happy because of his successes as a scholar and teacher, but she was also ashamed of his behaviour. Although she asked a bishop to convince her son of his errors, he was not able to change the young man.

He told her to keep praying for her son – and she did. Eventually, it was through St. Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, that St. Monica had the joy of seeing her son converted to the Christian faith. By then, he was 28 years old, and she had been praying for him from the beginning, but in an intense way for the previous 17 years.

Shortly before her death, Monica shared a profound mystical experience of God with Augustine, who chronicled the event in his "Confessions." Finally, she told him: "Son, for myself I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. Now that my hopes in this world are satisfied, I do not know what more I want here or why I am here."

"The only thing I ask of you both," she told Augustine and his brother Nagivius, "is that you make remembrance of me at the altar of the Lord wherever you are."

St. Monica died at age 56, in the year 387. In modern times, she has become the inspiration for the St. Monica Sodality, which encourages prayer and penance among Catholics whose children have left the faith.

As part of the 1969 revision of the Roman Catholic calendar of saints, St. Monica's feast was moved to 27 August, the day before the feast of her son St. Augustine. She is the patron saint of patience, wives, mothers, and victims of abuse.

St Augustine Feast Day 28 August

Augustine was born at the town of Tagaste (now Souk-Ahras, in modern day Algeria) on 13 November, 354. He was the first child born to Saint Monica and Patricius.

The story of Augustine's life, up until his conversion, is written in the autobiographical *Confessions*, the most intimate and well-known glimpse into an individual's soul ever written, as well as a fascinating philosophical, theological, mystical, poetic, and literary work.

Augustine, who was brought up as a Christian, delayed being baptized, lived a dissolute life of revelry and sin, and soon drifted away from the Church.

He was attracted to Manichaeism at this time, after its devotees had promised him that they had scientific answers to the mystery of nature, could disprove the Scriptures, and could explain the problem of evil. Augustine became a follower for nine years, learning all there was to learn in it before rejecting it as incoherent and fraudulent.

He went to Rome and then Milan in 386 where he met Saint Ambrose, the bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose sermons inspired him to look for the truth he had always sought in the faith he had rejected. He received baptism and soon after, his mother, Saint Monica, died with the knowledge that all she had hoped for in this world had been fulfilled.

On a visit to Hippo, he was proclaimed priest and then bishop against his will. He accepted it as the will of God and spent the rest of his life as the pastor of this north African town, from where he spent much time refuting the writings of heretics. Augustine also wrote, *The City of God*, against the pagans who charged that the fall of the Roman empire, which was taking place at the hands of the Vandals.

On 28 August, 430, at the age of 76, at Hippo was under siege by the Vandals, Augustine died. His legacy continues to deeply shape the face of the Church to this day.

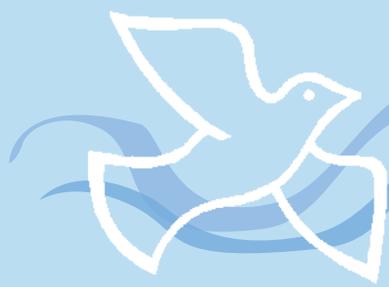


Sabina Van Rooy
LITURGY TEAM

Reference: Catholic News Agency/resources

Replacing the windows





July Baptisms

We welcome into the SJA Community of the Body of Christ the following children baptised during the month of July.

Mary Ikeyi

Daughter of Francisca and Anor

Myles Samson

Son of Rochelle and Faiz

Emmit England

Son of Cherelle and Steven



Mary Ikeyi



Myles Samson



Emmit England

When daylight comes

The night is dark upon her brow, for she has seen unending sorrow through the years – of pain and labour. She has bled and suffered too through countless days of dearth of food, has seen her children die of hunger and her friends – is barely fit to move a limb. Yet her eyes speak to all of us with pleading look, beseeching in their sadness that we ensure when daylight comes her life goes on . . .

EAMONN MURTAGH

Jesus – A story to engage all!

Jesus walked the outskirts of the Roman Empire. A human being full of the human mystery – this is also our story, not a story written solely for us to read, but a story which we can participate in fully.

Jesus' awareness of the gift of his and everyone's life emerged from his lived experiences. He lived his humanity completely:

- He loved.... (Mark 11:14)
- He expressed anger and grief....(Mark 1:41, 3:5)
- Rebuked....(Mark 8:33)
- He parried insults.... (Mark 7:27)
- He showed amazement.... (Mark 6:6)

Indignation, distress, upset, sadness to name a few emotions.

(Fully Human, Fully Divine, M Casey, Cistercian, 2004)

Spend some time with each of these passages—read, sit with each, listen to the context of the story, which embraces all.

Each of us can identify with these emotions. We often excuse ourselves by saying, "Oh! I'm only human", which is an escape from knowing ourselves more deeply and preventing us from learning and growing: moving from one's story – to one's mystery – The ('o)h! of my-story to the ('e)h! of my-stery.

Jesus' divinity came through his humanity in his constant, searching, developing communication with Yahweh as a human being. (Mk 1:35, 3:13, 6:46) He discovered Yahweh's desire to bring back the wayward, lost, chosen gifts to life; he also discovered the great love the Father has for the whole of creation. To bring back NOT to buy back!

He upset the current attitudes.

For me, Paul catches the process of being 'brought back' (redeemed) in the hymn he uses so insightfully in his letter to the Philippians (which is also relevant for us):

Let this same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus WHO was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited... but took on the form of a slave (being at another's disposal!)... found in human form—humbled himself... became obedient to the point of death... on a cross...

(Philippians 2:5-11)

(notice the use of the 'form' [morphē] for changes.)

Therefore... the result, rather than a reward (v8-11). Jesus being recognised as 'the Christ' did take time. This is true for us also, as we take time to really take on board the movement from the story of Jesus to the mystery of Christ.... Our own mysto(e)ry as sharing in the "Body of Christ".

His Story.... His Mystery Our Mix

Brian Mahony

JULY Death notice

Robert Bower

7 AUGUST 1953 – 24 JUNE 2022



Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine
upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen

AUGUST 2022



1	Monday	
2	Tuesday	FUNERAL Barry Swan @ 11:00am
3	Wednesday	
4	Thursday	Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament @ 7:30pm – 8:30pm
5	Friday	FUNERAL Jacqueline Green @ 12 noon Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library
6 & 7	Saturday Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
8	Monday	Feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop Mass time 9:30am
9	Tuesday	
10	Wednesday	St Lawrence – Deacon and Martyr Fr. Kimi's birthday
11	Thursday	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7:30pm
12	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library Fr. Michael's birthday
13 & 14	Saturday Sunday	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15	Monday	Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Mass times 9:30am and 6:00pm Pins & Needles @ 7:15pm Parish Library
16	Tuesday	
17	Wednesday	
18	Thursday	
19	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library Men's Group @ 6:30pm – Parish Centre
20 & 21	Saturday Sunday	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Afternoon Book Club @ 3:00pm Parish Library
22	Monday	
23	Tuesday	Women's Breakfast @ 7:30am – Bean Origin Belconnen
24	Wednesday	St Bartholomew – Apostle
25	Thursday	Liturgy Meeting @ 7:30pm – Parish Library
26	Friday	Anointing of the sick after 9:30am mass
27 & 28	Saturday Sunday	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
29	Monday	
30	Tuesday	
31	Wednesday	SJA Friendship Group Mass @ 9:30am followed by morning tea