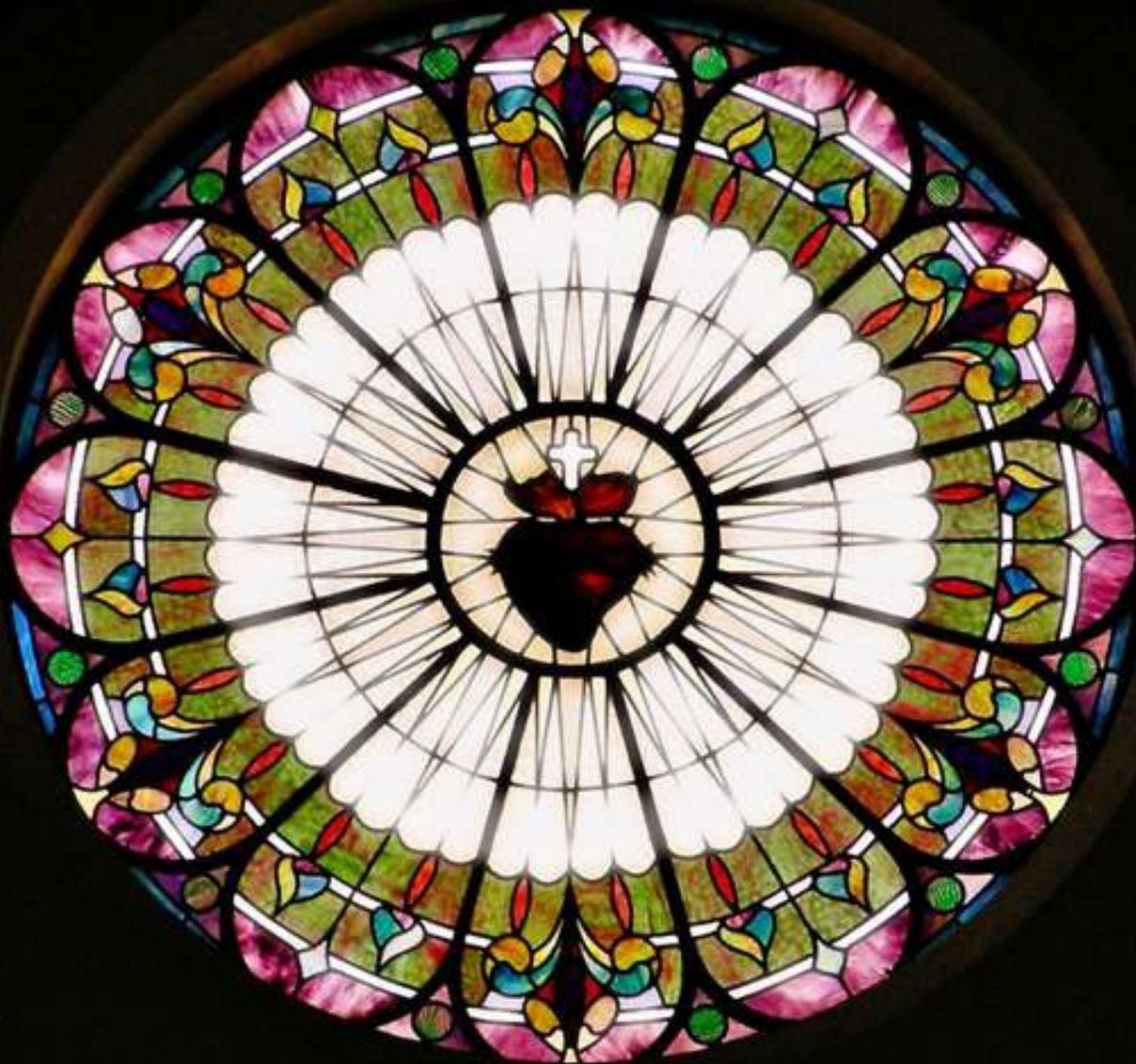




To be on earth the Heart of God

KIT @ Kippax



Time out for reflection



In the nine days leading up to the 16 June – the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, MSC's across the Province were given a Novena to the Sacred Heart to pray. Each day had a particular intention and what follows is the intention for each of those days.

7 JUNE *Gratitude*

On this first day of the novena, we contemplate the mystery of the love of God who loves us gratuitously. God who comes to us, not to condemn, but to forgive and save. Every breath, every beat of our heart is a sign of his love for each of us. Today, let us reserve some time in our day to observe the infinity of good things that have happened to us since the moment we woke up: having a place to live, having something to eat, having clothes to wear, being healthy, etc.

Let us give thanks for all these blessings and ask God for the grace to be more grateful people.

8 JUNE *Empathy*

On this second day of the novena, let us open our ears and our hearts to the voices of the suffering people around us. Let us try to simply listen to those close to us, without judgements or solutions, putting ourselves in their shoes and trying to understand them mercifully.

9 JUNE *Prayer*

Today we are going to try to set aside a moment for personal prayer, trying to discern the voice of God where he reveals himself: in the bible, in the people around us, in the facts of life. Let us try to listen to God's voice and follow what the Father leads us to, so that we can become the person God dreams of us being.

10 JUNE *Serve*

The baptism of Jesus was the beginning of his public life. What gifts and talents has God given us to serve others? Today let us ask God to free us from the temptation to think we have nothing to offer.

11 JUNE *Generosity*

This day can be an excellent occasion to revisit the theme of "works of mercy" and to challenge yourself to live them. How about today, in a very practical way, we live love without expecting anything in return? Feed the hungry, teach the ignorant, visit the sick, etc.

12 JUNE *Console*

There are a lot of lonely people in the world. Sometimes, very close to us, we can find someone in this situation. Today we are going to make a conscious effort to be with someone in their suffering.

13 JUNE *Repair*

Take a close look at the people in the places where you live, work, or study. Do you realise that there is some injustice that needs to be righted?

What can you do to remedy this situation.

14 JUNE *Reconciliation*

Perhaps we have experienced some frustrations in our life. Today, we are going to try to open ourselves up to reconciliation: be it forgiving that person who has hurt us, be it forgiving ourselves, or even reconciling with that event which life has put us through and that has hurt us.

15 JUNE *Love*

Today, let us thank the Lord for all the people in this life by whom we feel loved. Even with their contradictions and imperfections, they were the ones who taught us to love. Today, let their example inspire us to love everyone, not just those who think or behave like us. Loving first and not expecting to be loved and respected in return.

16 JUNE*Feast of the Sacred Heart*

Lord Jesus, we praise you and celebrate the love of your heart. Today, we want to give you all the honour, glory, and gratitude we can.

Blessed life that prefers to die than to kill!

Blessed Heart that remains open to everyone!

Blessed pierced side, which is not a wound, but an open door to Paradise, which opens to all who love as you loved! May we drink from your source, our Saviour!

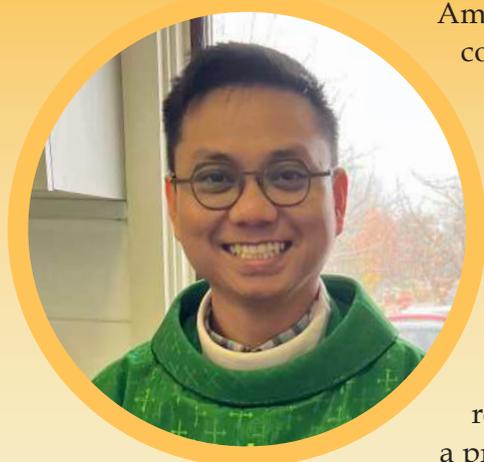
If we drink from your life, if we try to imitate you, we believe that rivers of living water will flow from our chest, which will bring salvation to everyone, eternally and everywhere. Put your Heart in us, may your life merge with ours, may your Kingdom come through us.

Amen

**Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make our heart like yours!**

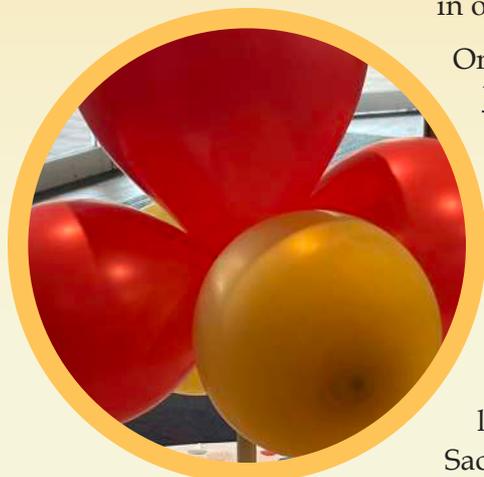
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved...forever!

Editor's Note



Amazingly we are halfway through the year. The month of June commenced with snow capping the Brindabella Mountains. It is a wonderful sight from the church and parish office looking across to the mountains and seeing the snow. It always brings delight, and excitement. Whilst it has been cold we have also enjoyed some beautiful sunny days that Canberra is known for during winter.

Fr. Chung celebrated the first anniversary of his ordination as a Presbyter on 3 June. We marked this occasion with mass and morning tea on Friday 2 June, and is featured on page 7. It is remarkable to think that Fr. Chung has spent all of his first year as a priest, bar one week, in Australia. We are very blessed to have him in our parish.



On Friday 16 June we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus feast day and is always a focal point of our year. We celebrated at the 9:30am mass followed by morning tea and a Potluck dinner in the evening. This celebration is featured on page 9.

On the last Friday of each month, we have anointing of the sick after the 9:30am mass. However, in recent years, it has become our tradition to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within mass three times a year followed by a sit-down lunch served in the church foyer. On 30 June we held our second Sacramental Anointing mass for this year and this celebration is featured on page 6. The third Sacramental Anointing mass for this year will be held on Friday 24 November at 11:00am.



Fr. Kimi's travels continue to be documented and appear on pages 9 and 10. This is the annual leave component of his holiday where he was visiting relatives in San Francisco for the Baptism of his cousin's baby Catherine. As the Godfather Fr. Kimi was a valued guest along with having important duties to fulfil. We will welcome Kimi home on Sunday 16 July.

The completion of the building repairs continued during the month of June. The rotting wood supporting the awnings at the presbytery end of the building have been replaced and painted. Along with the presbytery deck and pergola.

May our hearts remain warm even when the weather is cold.

Blessings

Marian

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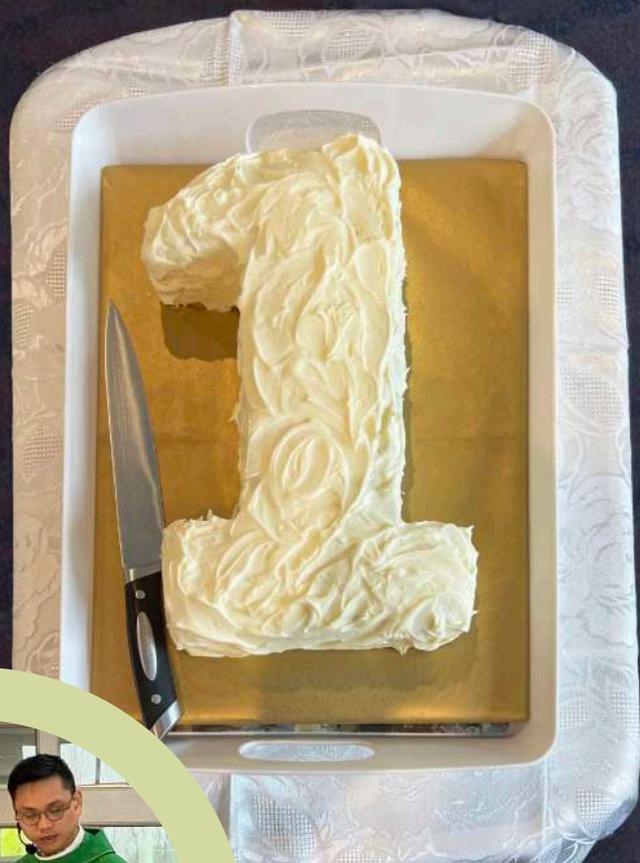


Confirmation 2023

freedom
We yearn for unity
We dream of justice, joy and peace
Spirit fill us with your power
Jesus help us live your call
Oh Creator give us wisdom
So we will be Good News for all



Fr. Chung Tran msc 1st Anniversary of Ordination as Presbyter



On 3 June Fr Chung celebrated the first anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The parish celebrated on Friday 2 June at the 9:30am mass followed by morning tea.

A week after being ordained Fr Chung left his homeland of Vietnam and came to Australia.

After completing the Spiritual Director's course at Heart of Life in Melbourne Chung was appointed as Assistant Priest at our parish and arrived here on 1 April 2023.

May Fr. Chung's ministry at St John the Apostle parish be a long and blessed one, guided by the Holy Spirit.



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved...forever!

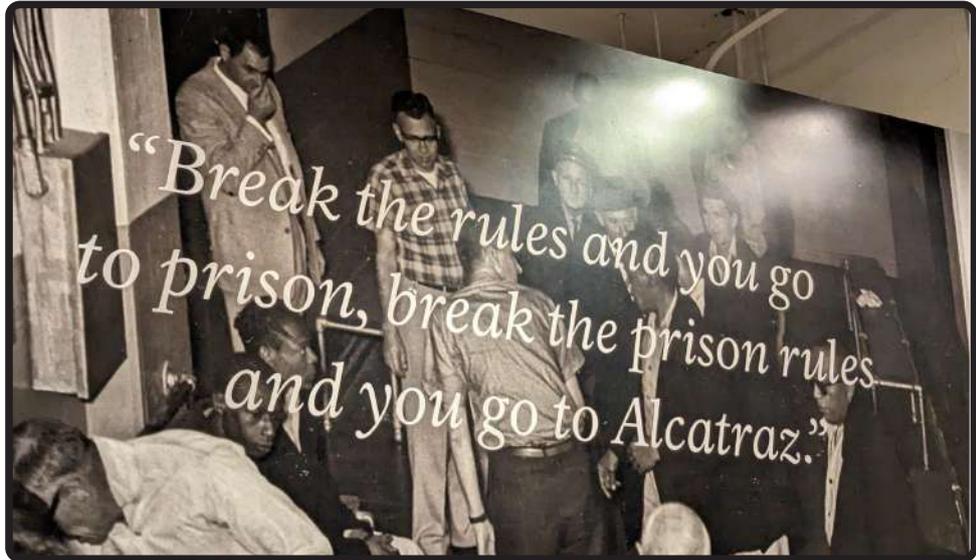
Kimi's adventures continue

Destination Alcatraz

Arriving at Alcatraz



Contemplating



Whose cell?



Arriving at Alcatraz



Famous inmates

FAMOUS INMATES

AZ 85 Alphonse "Scarface" Capone Income Tax Evasion Transferred from USP Atlanta On Alcatraz 1934-1939	AZ 117 George "Machine Gun" Kelly Kidnapping Transferred from USP Leavenworth On Alcatraz 1934-1951	AZ 268 Arthur "Doc" Barker Conspiracy to Kidnap Transferred from USP Leavenworth On Alcatraz 1935-1939	AZ 325 Alvin "Creepy Karpis" Karp Conspiracy to Kidnap Transferred from USP Leavenworth On Alcatraz 1936-1962
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AZ 594 Robert "The Birdman" Stroud Murder Transferred from USP Leavenworth	AZ 1117 Ellsworth "Bumpy" Johnson Narcotics Transferred from USP Leavenworth On Alcatraz 1964, 1969, and 1969-1963	AZ 1518 Meyer "Mickey" Cohen Income Tax Evasion Direct commitment to USP Alcatraz On Alcatraz 1961-1963
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**THE BIG LOCKUP
INCARCERATION
IN THE UNITED STATES**

1894-1895
HOPi INDIAN PRISONERS

Hopi "hostiles," as they were called by the U.S. Army, refused to farm as instructed by government officials and opposed the forced separation from their children, who were required to attend government boarding schools. Both offenses stemmed from resistance to U.S. policies designed to erase Native American language, religion and culture. As a result, 19 Hopi men, elders in their community, were arrested in November of 1894 and imprisoned on Alcatraz until September of 1895.

Their family members did not know if they were alive or dead. Two of the prisoners' wives gave birth while their husbands were imprisoned. On January 4th, 1895, the San Francisco Call published a story under the headline, "A Batch of Nineteen murderous-looking Apache Indians landed at Alcatraz Island yesterday morning...Crafty redskins who refused to live the civilized ways of the white men." The article misidentified the 19 men and was filled with stereotypes.



Escape from Alcatraz



Golden Gate Bridge



Calvary farewell to the Little Company of Mary

On Saturday 1 July 2023 about 200 people gathered under a weak winter sun. There was quite a strong breeze and music drifting through the crowds.

Present were former and current staff. Some, from the early days when the hospital opened to serve the people of the Canberra community. Many of these staff came from surrounding areas in Belconnen. On Saturday there were reunions between a few faces from years ago.

It was delightful, yet a little sad, to see the small group of LCM (Little Company of Mary) sisters many of whom came from interstate, Melbourne and Sydney.

It was pleasing to meet former doctors, familiar faces over the years, they came and remembered the early days.

We all remembered the good times over the 44 years Calvary provided Health Care to all in Canberra.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse gave a blessing to all present and spoke briefly of the 44 years of service given at Bruce. He commented on the 55,000 babies delivered there.

A mobile BBQ served roasts, vegetables and salads; those in the crowd managed their disposable plates with little people running around, all enjoying themselves.

I can only add my feelings of gratitude for the 30 years of working at Calvary. I grew both professionally and emotionally, made some valued friendships and enjoyed a special career. I feel honoured to have worked there for thirty years.

Barbara Gardiner



The sunflower

The sunflower stands with
head held high – its yellow
bloom all beckoning –
not one but all of us to hear
its voice and worth upholding.
And thus acclaimed its gilded stance
from ground to eyebrows raising –
it bides alone but how it calls
all others to the gloaming!

With deepest thought and wordless song
throughout the cheery morning,
it brightens every passer-by
with silent, endless yearning –
announcing grace and joyous youth
to greet us on our journey,
sweet treasure laid along the path
of life's eternal roaming!

EAMONN MURTAGH

yes

SEE. JUDGE. ACT.

Young Christian Students

Run by young students

- For young students
- With young students.

- Do you believe in equality and justice?
- Do you care about our environment?
- Do you believe in having a voice?
- Do you want to meet others and have fun?

Sunday • 23 July 2023
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue: Parish Centre
St John the Apostle Church, Holt

Students from
Years 7 - 12

For Enquiries
phone Parish Office
6254 3236





SEE

JUDGE

ACT

See, Judge, Act, is a theological method which aids in character development. It is based on St Thomas Aquinas' theology of the Virtue of Prudence. A model that can be used in any situation throughout the life cycle. A simple method which helps us to stop, stand back from a situation and reflect on it before we jump in and act. This process helps us to develop critical judgement about situations, events, and structures. Often the three stages overlap and intermingle.

SEE

Seeing is an inductive method that starts from reality. It aims at understanding the reality in its social, political, economic, and cultural dimensions.

JUDGE

Theological Reflection explores the experience and its deeper analysis, in dialogue with the religious tradition. From this conversation, we gain new insights and meanings. Two important sources of this tradition are the Scriptures and Catholic Social Teaching.

ACT

Gathered information (Seeing) and analysis and theological reflection (Judging) lead to ideas on how we can act upon the observed phenomenon in order to change the situation and address its root causes. Our aim here should be doing the will of God and changing the reality so as to bring it closer to the Reign of God.

God made flesh

Unlike our ancestors
who died though they partook
of manna
in the desert,
we who partake
of Christ the true bread
will live forever.

'Those who eat my flesh
and drink my blood
abide in me, and I in them,'
says our Saviour.

Such is the depth
of His love
that for the life of the world
He gave Himself,
becoming man
but humbler yet,
a faithful servant unto death,
ever present,
crucified and risen,
Emmanuel, the Eucharist,
God made flesh.

Shane Murtagh



Healing Mass

How special to walk into our parish on Friday 30 June and be part of the Healing and Anointing Mass.

Fr Chung msc assisted by Fr. Gerard McCormick msc celebrated Mass blessed and anointed parishioners as they presented themselves. Absent parishioners, unable to participate were not forgotten, we prayed for them and blessings extended.

Fr Chung's homily was quite inspirational; the atmosphere both reverent and spiritual. The choir and music added to the occasion.

After mass a hot 2 course lunch was served; the tables beautifully set with fresh floral arrangements. The team of helpers worked smoothly, appeared unruffled, friendly and happy. Even a young grandchild visiting, helped. It was good to see. They really were an example of 'service to their fellow parishioners'.

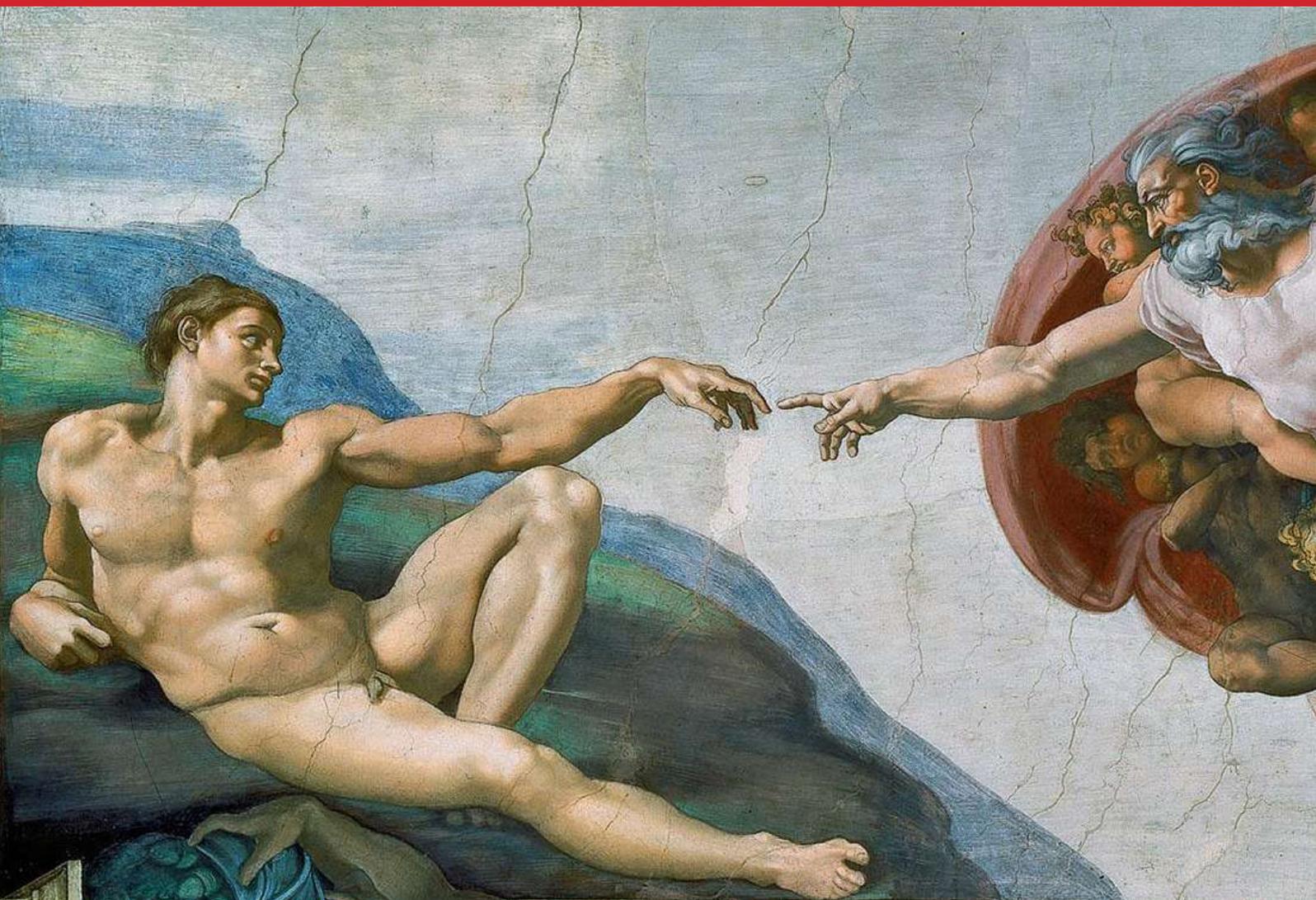
I have to express gratitude for being able to participate in this. It was wonderful to see the 'elders in our community', many of us have been part of SJA since its inception over 50 years. Old friends, acquaintances and newcomers all seemed comfortable and happy to be present.

It really was a highlight on a cold winter's day; the weak sun was shining into the foyer, all were smiling and the presence of our God was felt by all.



Barbara Gardiner





Genesis—the exciting story of creation

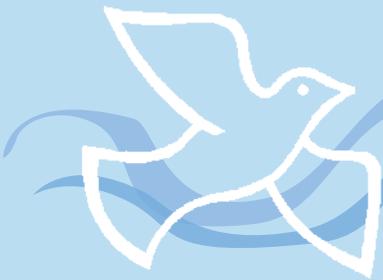
For a cricket tragic (ex-PM John Howard, anyone) the first day of an Ashes series with England is anticipated with much excitement. For a bibliophile beginning a new book brings a feeling of anticipated completion. There are many examples of the anticipations new beginnings brings.

So, it is with Genesis the first book of the bible which records the beginning of time, life, sin, salvation, the human race and the Hebrew nation. Big subjects. The core facet of Genesis is not that of a literal interpretation as much as an imaginative process where we locate God's work, then and now. The three persons of the Trinity participate in a creative process which covers the whole plight of humanity and it teaches the importance of substitutionary atonement and of faith in God's revelation of the Trinity to humankind.

Once read who can forget the Holy Spirit moving (or brooding) over the waters, much as a bird broods over her eggs to hatch them? Or the announcement "God said"; the creative command "Let there be"; the word of accomplishment "And it was so"; the descriptive word of accomplishment "The earth brought forth"; the descriptive blessing "God blessed"; the evaluative approval "It was good" and then the concluding temporal framework numbering each "day"?

Do yourself a good turn and begin, again, to respond to God's thrilling work in creation via the beautiful and inspiring words of Genesis.

Pamela Connor



June Baptisms

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

Arik Nilsson

son of James and Catherine

Felicity Sep

daughter of Christiaan and Nikki

Sienna Lane

daughter of James and Anita

Savanna Weinman

daughter of Darren and Ruta

Gabriel Edward

son of Bishop and Opia



JULY 2023

1	Saturday		
2	Sunday		13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
3	Monday		
4	Tuesday		
5	Wednesday		
6	Thursday		Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament 7:30–8:30pm
7	Friday		Meditation @5:15pm – Parish Library
8	Saturday		
9	Sunday		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10	Monday		
11	Tuesday		
12	Wednesday		
13	Thursday		PPC meeting @7:30pm – Parish Library
14	Friday		Meditation @5:15pm – Parish Library
15	Saturday		
16	Sunday		15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism @10:00am mass Fr. Kimi Returns
17	Monday		Pins & Needles @7:15pm Parish Library
18	Tuesday		
19	Wednesday		
20	Thursday		
21	Friday		Meditation @5:15pm – Parish Library Men’s Group – Parish Centre 6:30pm
22	Saturday		Sacrament of the Eucharist @5:00pm mass
23	Sunday		16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Eucharist @10:00am mass YCS Youth – Parish Centre 7:00 – 9:00pm
24	Monday		
25	Tuesday		Women’s Breakfast @7:30am – Bean Origin Belconnen
26	Wednesday		SJA Friendship Group – Morning tea after 9:30am mass
27	Thursday		Finance Council meeting @11:00am • Liturgy Team Meeting @7:30pm
28	Friday		SJACare meeting @10:00am Anointing of the Sick after 9:30am mass Film Night @7:00pm – <i>The A man called Otto</i>
29	Saturday		Sacrament of the Eucharist 5:00pm mass
30	Sunday		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
31	Monday		

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Fr. Kimi Away pilgrimage to Issoudun France

Sharon on annual leave