



To be on earth the Heart of God

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Time out for reflection

Memorare to our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Remember Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
the great things the Lord has done for you.

He chose you for his mother.

He wanted you close to his cross.

He gives you a share in his glory.

He listens to your prayer.

Offer him our prayers of praise and
thanksgiving;

Present our petitions to him.

Let us live like you in the love of your Son
so that his Kingdom may come.

Lead us to the source of living water that
flows from his heart,

spreading over the world hope and
salvation, justice and peace.

See our trust in you; answer our prayer.

Show yourself always our Mother.

Amen



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart FEAST DAY—Last saturday in may

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The origin of this Marian title goes back to Father Jules Chevalier, the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

HISTORY

In 1854, in Issoudun, during the novena of the Immaculate Conception, Father Jules Chevalier promised that if his dream of forming a missionary congregation in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus comes true, he will teach the faithful to love the Virgin Mary in a peculiar way. The congregation would consider Mary as her foundress and her sovereign, and they will associate her with all her works.[1]

During various novenas made to the Virgin Mary, Fr. Chevalier obtained several financial donations that allowed him to build the Basilica of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Issoudun, and in 1857 he consolidated his congregation and henceforth venerated Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.[2]

Article III – In testimony of gratitude to Mary, they will consider her as their Founder and Sovereign, they will associate her with all her works and they will make her love in a peculiar way.

— Chevalier's promise with the Virgin Mary

- 1 *Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón – una espiritualidad mariana y misionera*
- 2 *Oracion a Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazon – Historia*

Editor's Note



In the Catholic tradition, the month of May is set aside to honour Mary. There are two Mary feast days that occur at the end of May – the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin is celebrated on 31 May – this feast honours Mary’s visit to Elizabeth after the Angel Gabriel told her that God had blessed Elizabeth with a son in her old age. The other feast is held on the last Saturday of May when we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, (this feast day is a special day for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is featured in this month’s reflection on page 2. June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and we will celebrate this feast day on Friday 16 June – on page 7 there is more information about the activities for this feast.

On the 10 May, Jenny McGee, Kirsty Vera, and I commenced a Money Mentor course with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). A Money Mentor ‘walks alongside’ someone who is experiencing financial distress and provides them with information that can help turn their financial situation towards ‘financial wellness’. “A Money Mentor provides general financial information and facilitates the development of money management skills that help people build their financial wellbeing. This is done in the context of an intentional relationship. The process of forming intentional relationships is framed as ‘walking alongside’”. (Money Mentor Guide - Christians Against Poverty, p. 9)

This framework has Jesus at its centre. Prayer is an important component of Christians Against Poverty and we ask you to pray for the success of this initiative. On Sunday 6 August we will hold a CAP Sunday, where the program will be introduced to the parish. We will continue to give you information leading up to CAP Sunday.

On Friday 30 June at 11:00am we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within mass. This will be followed by lunch served in the church foyer. We invite anyone who is housebound, who would like to attend this mass to contact the parish office and we will organise transport.

Fr. Kimi left for Rome on 12 May for his 3-week meeting on MSC Formation. Following this meeting he will make his annual retreat from 1–9 June. He will then take a couple of weeks annual leave and finish his trip with a pilgrimage to Issoudun, returning home on 17 July. We pray that he returns to us safely, relaxed and refreshed.

Blessings

Marian

Ready for take off... Rome here I come



Our Man in Rome



Half way to Rome, Doha airport



Check out the inside of Doha Airport



Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Navona



Not even a rainy day can dampen spirits in Rome



Jesuit Parish that has English mass

Our Man in Rome



Pope Francis
24 May 2023



Public audience with Pope Francis



St Peter's Square, 3 rows from the front!



Group shot- all wearing the same polo shirt

MSC group day off



Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish
Piazza Navona, Rome



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Church Projector & Screen Upgrade



At the end of 2022 we advised the parish that the church projectors had reached end of life and needed to be replaced. After this announcement, a parishioner approached Fr. Kimi saying that they wanted to help and donated the sum of \$1,500 towards the project.



Earlier this year we appealed to parishioners to help fund the upgrade of this audio-visual equipment. As a result, a further 29 parishioners donated money to help fund this project – raising a total of \$11,326.74.



\$7,500.00 of this was donated by 3 people



The breakdown of donations follows:

- 1 person \$1,500.00
- 1 person \$1,000.00
- 1 person \$5,000.00
- 27 people \$3,826.74

The total cost of the project was \$9,881.82.

The result is a surplus of \$1,444.92.

Thank you

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them!
They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.

Support them!
As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their family's
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

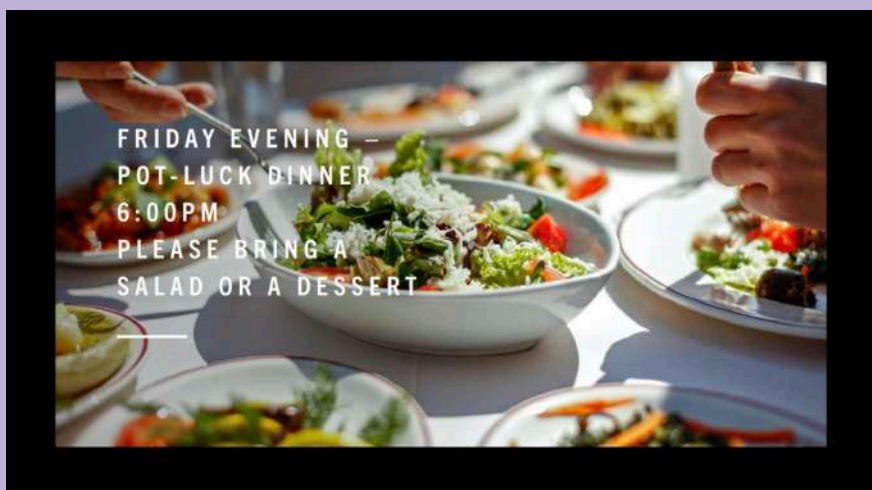
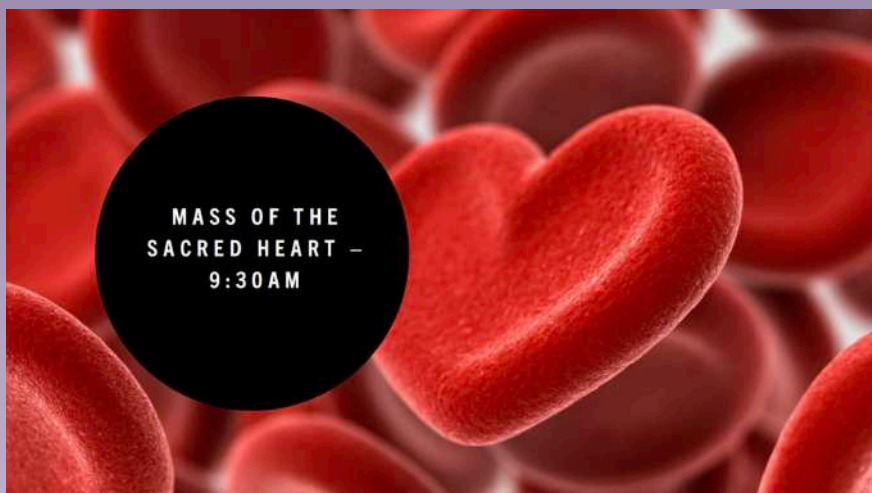
Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers,
grant that all families may one day
be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen!



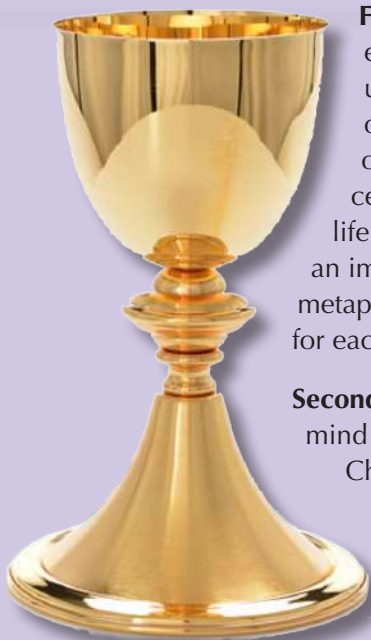
Submitted by Bob Raadts



Caring for the Worship Environment

The role of those who prepare the liturgical décor in our churches is often thought of as simply decorating the worship space and making it attractive. The ministry of liturgical environment goes far beyond this; it is about enabling the assembly to worship God in spirit and in truth and to draw them into something that is transformative. Providing places for worship that are appealing and worthy opens the possibility of God touching people through the experience of beauty.

To achieve such lofty goals, the liturgical minister of the environment needs to follow several key principles.



First, ministers of liturgical environment need to understand that the purpose of liturgy is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery as the central focus of the Christian life. The Lectionary readings are an important source of images, metaphors and central characters for each season and feast.

Second, they must always keep in mind that Sunday is the original Christian feast. Every Sunday celebrates the Paschal Mystery. Sunday reflects and expresses the mystery of Christian faith in its entirety. The feasts and

seasons that make up the liturgical year have their history and theological genesis in the Sunday celebration. The themes of these seasons are meant to enhance the Sunday celebration, not to overwhelm it.

Third, a fundamental goal of preparing the worship space is to facilitate the ritual actions and movements of the assembly. Liturgical art and environment truly work when they allow the people to move in an unobstructed way to all the primary spaces and symbols in the church. All art and environment must serve the liturgy, not the other way around.

Fourth, it should never be the case that visual objects such as flowers, banners and statues draw attention away from the sacred action of the assembly. Rather, by their restraint and dignity, they contribute to the sacred mysteries being celebrated.

Fifth, when positioning greenery and flowers in the church, ministers of liturgical environment need to keep in mind that the primary symbols of worship are not meant to serve as a backdrop for pot plants and floral arrangements. Central liturgical symbols such as the altar, font and ambo are noble and worthy pieces of art and do not need to be decorated. The liturgical rites call for these primary symbols to be freestanding and approachable.

Finally, to highlight the fact that it is the entire assembly that celebrates the liturgy, exceptional care should be taken to decorate appropriately the approaches and entries to the church, the gathering spaces, and the area where the assembly is seated for worship.

Through their prayerful and informed use of space and symbol, ministers of art and environment help the formation of the assembly in the Christian way of life. When people worship in a liturgical environment that enhances the ritual actions and primary symbols of the liturgy, they are brought into 'full, conscious and active participation' and experience the beauty of the transcendent. Such a celebratory environment is the goal of every minister of the liturgical environment.

As with all liturgical ministries, the aim of ministers of art and environment is to assist the assembly to enter the experience of Jesus' dying and rising, the heart of all our worship.

Here at St John's, we are seeking expressions of interest from parishioners in the formation of Liturgical Environment Ministry.

If you are interested in this ministry place, contact: **Marian England** @ the Parish Office or **Sabina Van Rooy** @sm.vanrooy@bigpond.

Sabina Van Rooy LITURGY TEAM



The Holy Spirit surrounds us, boundless, eternal,
needing only direction.

We must be the channels of the Spirit.

Each act of kindness, tenderness, love or mercy poured
out is the channelling of this boundless Spirit.

In hospital pain, discomfort and experience of staff,
the caring sympathy and understanding are palpable.

Evidence of the work of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Thank you Lord this Palm Sunday.

Ethics

WITH FR. PHILIP MALONE MSC

*The God I believe in
is the God I respond to*

On Wednesday 10 May approximately 24 people attended the ethics seminar with Fr Philip Malone msc.

Fr. Phil talked about Ethics being a matter of discernment and making right choices every day of our lives.



Let not your heart be troubled

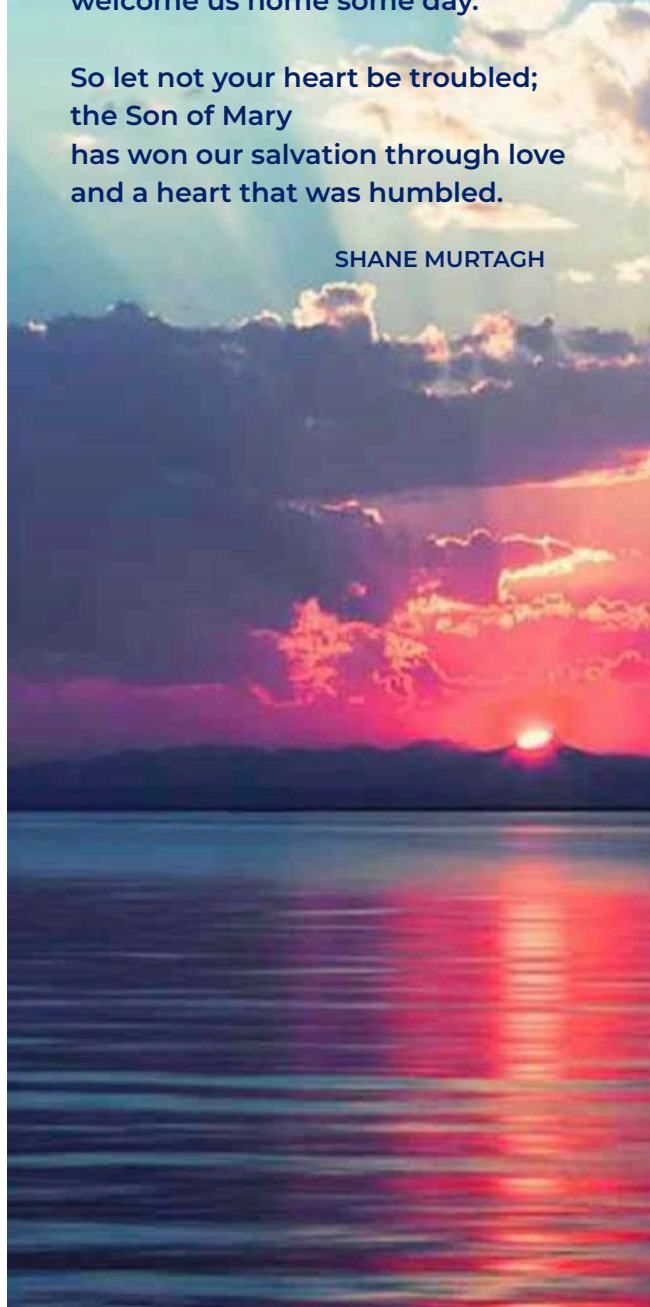
It is true;
like a mansion,
the Father's House
has many rooms.

And each one
has been specially prepared
by none other
than God the Son.

He is the Way,
the Truth and the Life
who will surely
welcome us home some day.

So let not your heart be troubled;
the Son of Mary
has won our salvation through love
and a heart that was humbled.

SHANE MURTAGH



NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023 VOLUNTEER THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

During Volunteer Week RFBI Holt (Kalparrin Retirement Home), presented St John the Apostle volunteers with a certificate honouring their dedication, passion and hard work for their ministry to residents at Kalparrin.

In the photos below are Jan Kilby, Manel Seneviratna, and Sr. Sue Hallams SGS, receiving their awards from Ashmin Singh from Kalparrin.





An afternoon of reflection and learning

for Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Eucharist

- memorial of Christ's death and resurrection,
- sacrament of love
- sign of unity
- bond of charity
- a paschal banquet in which
 - Christ is eaten
 - The mind is filled with grace
 - And a pledge of future glory is given to us

[Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
(1963) #47]

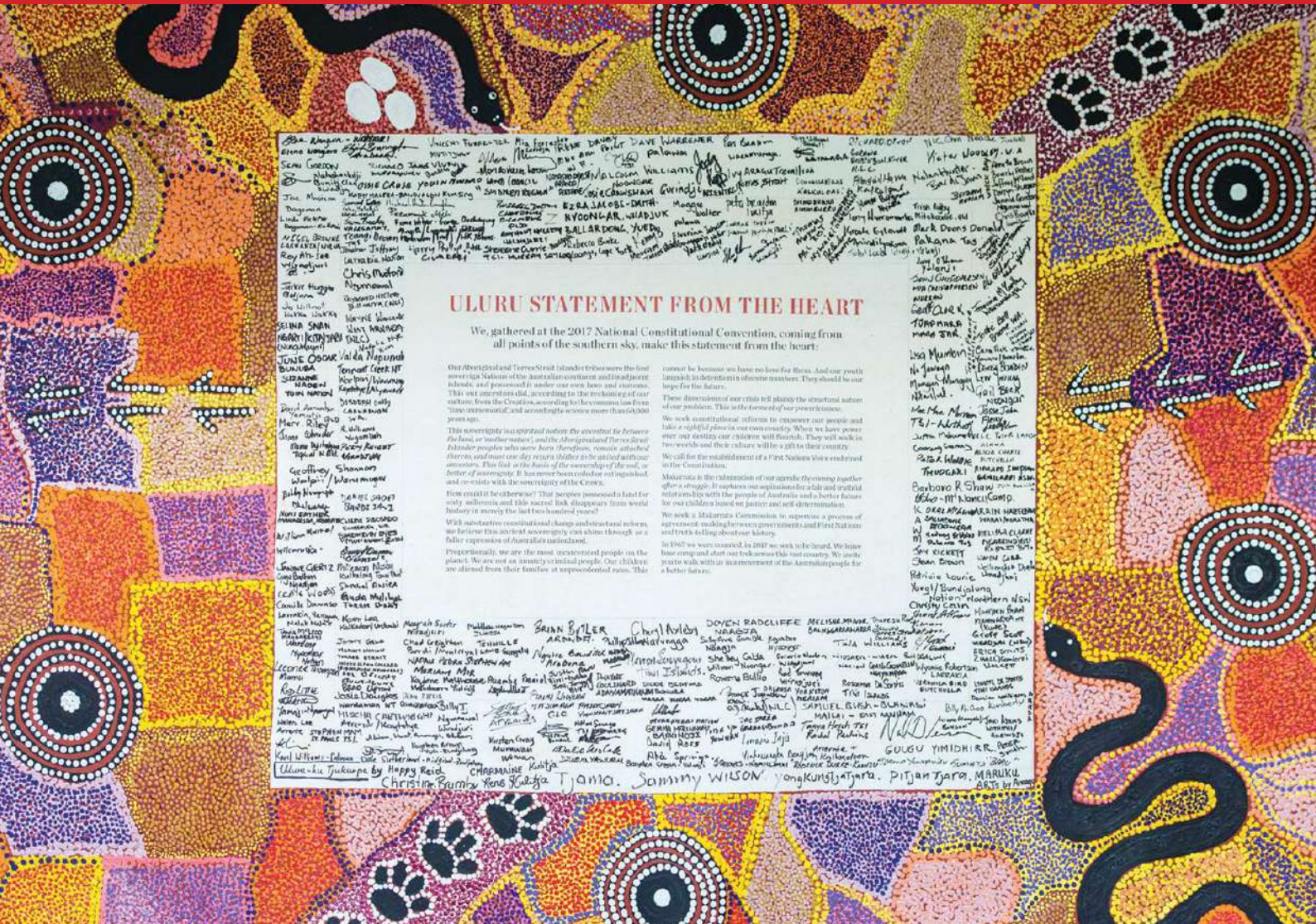
On Sunday 7 May, Acolytes and Ministers of Communion gathered for reflection and formation on the ministry of The Eucharist, thoughtfully facilitated by Joy McNerney.

This was a very beneficial seminar loaded with information on how to prepare and participate in the ministry.

The Mystery

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you respond "Amen" and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true.

(Augustine Sermo 272)



ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and these people, islands and possessions of our own laws and customs. This was our original, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is spiritual before the creation of the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were here. Therefore, remain attached to them, and must one day return (either in the quiet of our conscience, or the full of the sovereignty of the soil, or better of agreement, if we never been colonised, extinguished and re-visited with the sovereignty of the Crown).

How could it be otherwise? The people possessed a land for over 60,000 years and this sacred link disappears from world history to merge the full two-headed sword.

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of human dignity.

Especially, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an inmate or criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no laws for them. And our youth languish in detention at an ever-increasing rate. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell clearly the structural nature of our problem. This is the nature of our present.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our community. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our struggle together after a struggle. It endures our aspirations for a fair and mutual relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were granted. In 2017 we seek to be heard. We have been compared short on both occasions this country. We invite you to walk with us in an amendment of the Australian people for a better future.

At the Australian Province Chapter held in April 2023 The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus made the following statement in response to the "Uluru Statement from the Heart".

VOICE OF THE HEART

- We, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Australian Province, gathered in Chapter, have reflected on our privileged journey with First Nations Peoples for more than a century. We continue to be challenged by Pope John Paul II's words, addressing First Nations people in Alice Springs in 1986: 'And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others'.
- These words are especially relevant as we prepare for the coming Constitutional Referendum. The Uluru Statement from the Heart is the basis of the present referendum with its call for the establishment of a First Nations' Voice enshrined in the Constitution: 'We seek Constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country'.
- We, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, welcome the opportunity to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and the desire of First Nations Peoples to have a Voice that will be acknowledged and listened to, enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

RESURRECTION ... 2023

Revealed by the rolled back stone
Empptying the forlorn darkness
Symbolising now the light of revelation
Unearthing one's evolution of life's growth
Repeating the dynamic Paschal pattern of the
Resurrection's truth of its
Embracing of the pattern: life, loss, life after loss
Consolidating the process of life's
Transformation which
Initiates the realisation & the gratitude for
Operating in our gifted human
Nature

St. Paul wrote : " All I want is to know Christ & the power of his resurrection & to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death." (Phil. 3:10)

Notice here it is the 'pattern' of his life & death not the circumstances!

The 'Pattern' (?): "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Ps.32:5; Mt. 23:46)

The life, loss, & life after loss is the pattern of/for each of us; another way of expressing : life, death & resurrection in all events here & now.

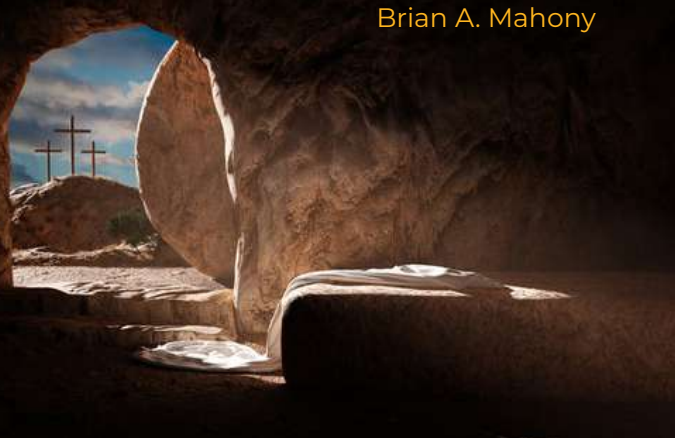
This I must add:

"Perhaps we have here on a grand cosmic scale an insight known to mystics for centuries:

- abnegation is a precondition for fulfillment;
- struggle is a pathway to happiness;
- sickness is the shadow side of health;
- failure is success in disguise;
- Calvary precedes resurrection;
- darkness gives way to light."

(O'Murchu D. ,2004, 'Quantum Theology', p.135)

Brian A. Mahony



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Death notices



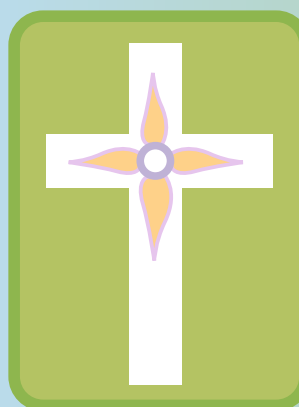
Mariangela Millucci

1 AUGUST 1939 –
 11 MAY 2023



Robert Egan

2 NOVEMBER 1944 –
 12 MAY 2023



Giuseppe Miceli

17 OCTOBER 1938 –
 21 MAY 2023

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen

JUNE 2023

1	Thursday	
2	Friday	10:00am morning tea to celebrate Fr. Chung's 1st Anniversary of Ordination Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library
3	Saturday	Matthias Tuli – First Eucharist Vigil Mass
4	Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity
5	Monday	Year 8 SFX students attending 9:30am mass
6	Tuesday	
7	Wednesday	Year 7 SFX students attending 9:30am mass
8	Thursday	PPC meeting 7:30pm Parish Library Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament 7:30–8:30pm
9	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library
10	Saturday	
11	Sunday	The Most Holy body and Blood of Christ
12	Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Kings Birthday
13	Tuesday	
14	Wednesday	
15	Thursday	
16	Friday	 FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART 9:30am mass followed by morning tea 6:00pm Pot luck dinner Meditation – 5:15pm – Parish Library
17	Saturday	
18	Sunday	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19	Monday	Sacrament of the Eucharist Formation evening for Parents – Parish Centre 7:00-8:30pm • Pins & Needles – 7:15pm Parish Library
20	Tuesday	
21	Wednesday	
22	Thursday	Liturgy Team Meeting @7:30pm
23	Friday	Meditation @ 5:15pm – Parish Library Film Night @ 7:00pm – <i>The Castle</i>
24	Saturday	
25	Sunday	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Eucharist – Presentation Masses Aid to the Church in Need speaking at all masses
26	Monday	
27	Tuesday	Women's Breakfast @7:30am – Bean Origin Belconnen
28	Wednesday	SJA Friendship Group – Morning tea after 9:30am mas
29	Thursday	
30	Friday	Anointing of the Sick within mass @11:00am followed by Lunch