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*News of This ‘n’ That around St. Leonard’s*

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Mass Times: Mon – Sat 9.15am (except Wed. Communion Service at 9.15am)

**Sat (Vigil) 6.00 PM** **Sun: 8.30 AM and 10.00 AM**

timeline of TnT Submissions

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**NOTE**: Electronic submissions to Fr John – ***glenwaverley@cam.org.au***

**How do I share my faith with friends who have stopped going to Mass?**

(Michael King, Mission Projects, Catholic Enquiry Centre)

“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel”. (Evangelii Gaudium #114)

When a friend says, “I didn’t go to Mass on the weekend; gently ask “Why?” Listen carefully.

-If they say it’s a logistics problem, are you able to help them out? For example, do they need a lift or someone to look after an elderly parent or a young child while they go to Mass?

-If they say, they can’t be bothered anymore, or that Church has lost its relevance, can you pluck up the courage to challenge this?

-If your friend offers you a reason, but you do not feel confident or competent to respond, then do something about it. For example, if it is about Church teaching, then do some reading on the topic. Practice your response, ensuring it is expressed in a language that suits the person.

To be able to encourage others to return to going to Mass may mean doing some self-evaluation. Why are you still going to Mass? Is that reason worthy of sharing with your friend?

Let your friend know that the faith community is incomplete without their presence. Let them know they are valued and that they have something to offer the community. And Jesus, in his presence in the Eucharist, certainly has something to offer them.

Invite your friend to a Mass where you would like their company, for example on the anniversary of the death of a loved one.

Returning to Mass again can be daunting especially if one has forgotten the words and gestures. So invite your friend to go with you to your parish Sunday Mass. Meet them outside the Church, go in and sit together, and introduce your friend to other members of the Parish community. If a “cuppa” isn’t offered after Mass then consider going for a coffee and a chat.

**Important Dates**

Sunday 10th November: Fr John’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination

Tuesday 19th November: Annual Bereavement Mass

Sunday 1st December: Morning Tea for Parish Volunteers.

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|  | **Financial Report - Enzo Silverii, Parish Accountant** |  |  |
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|  |  | **2018** | **2017** |
|  |  | **Actual** | **Actual** |
|  |  | **$** | **$** |
|  | **INCOME** |  |  |
|  | Thanksgiving Contributions | 189,883 | 202,087 |
|  | Less: allocation to School Building Fund | 27,369 | 36,917 |
|  | **Net Thanksgiving Contributions** | 162,514 | 165,170 |
|  | Second Collection (Outreach Program) | 31,574 | 36,220 |
|  | Fund Raising Events (Net of Expenses) | 6,280 | 7,215 |
|  | Community Centre Income | 53,952 | 41,551 |
|  | Interest | 26,494 | 25,692 |
|  | Other Income | 10,028 | 10,895 |
|  | **INCOME FOR THE YEAR** | **290,842** | **286,743** |
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|  | **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |
|  | Operating Costs | 80,128 | 79,530 |
|  | Property Costs | 104,572 | 96,993 |
|  | Outreach Program (Second Collection) | 31,574 | 36,220 |
|  | Diocesan Extension Fund (Quota) | 32,288 | 30,092 |
|  | Capital Expenditure | 1,690 | 130,912 |
|  | Other Expenditure | 3,573 | 4,554 |
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|  | **EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR** | **253,825** | **378,301** |
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|  | **OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR** | **37,017** | **(91,558)** |
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|  | **CASH FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER** |  |  |
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|  | **OPERATING BANK ACCOUNTS** | **98,253** | **84,258** |
|  | **ADD GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT - CDF** | **1,043,396** | **1,021,859** |
|  | **TOTAL CASH FUNDS AT END OF YEAR** | **1,141,649** | **1,106,117** |
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|  | **Comments on the Financial Report** |  |  |
|  | A surplus was achieved in 2018 after a deficit in 2017 which was caused by major capital expenditure. | | |
|  | Thanksgiving income continues to decline whilst interest and Community Centre income increased. | | |
|  | Costs are being contained and there were no major capital expenditure items. | | |
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**Pope Francis warns against “Sacristy Faith” (The Tablet)**

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to stop wasting time worrying about the past and start finding ways to take their faith out into the world. The Pope has called for October to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission which, he says, should “jolt us and motivate us to be active in doing good”.

Pope Francis warned Catholics about keeping their faith confined within the walls of Church buildings. “Please let us not live a “sacristy faith”, he said, referring to the place where a Priest dresses for liturgical services and where vestments and sacred vessels are kept.

The Church, he says, needs to become a community of believers which is “on the go” rather than a static institution. To do so, Catholics need to stop brooding over past mistakes or what might have been. “If it is not on the go, it is not Church,” Francis stressed. “A Church on the go, a missionary Church is a Church that does not waste time lamenting things that go wrong, the loss of faithful, the values of the time now in the past.”

He added that the Church should not “seek safe oases to dwell in peace”, but instead look to become “salt of the earth and a leaven in the world”. The Pope is currently leading a Synod of Bishops on the Amazon, a three-week gathering focusing on how the Church can better serve a region suffering from environmental devastation and where communities go for months without sacraments due to a lack of Priests

To be missionary in outlook, Francis stressed, requires focusing on what it means to witness, a word which has the same etymological root as the word martyr.

“The martyrs are the primary witnesses of faith; not by their words but by their lives” he said.

**“If one doesn’t have a sense of humour, it is very difficult to be happy”- Pope Francis**

Donald Trump went to London and met with the Queen.

“Your Queenship”, he asked her. “I am finding things way more difficult than I could ever have imagined. May I ask you- how do you run such an efficient government? Are there any tips you can give me?”

“Well”, replied Her Majesty, “the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people.”

Trump frowned. “But how do you know the people around you are really intelligent?” he asked.

“Oh, that’s easy” the Queen replied. “You just ask them to answer an intelligent riddle”. She pushed a button on her intercom. “Please send Theresa May in here.”

The Prime Minister walked into the room. “You called for me, Your Majesty?”

“Answer me this, if you would, Theresa,” the Queen said. “Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?”

Without pausing for even a second, Theresa May answered, “That would be me.”

“Yes! Very good” said the Queen.

Trump went back home, returned to the White House and called for Mike Pence to come and see him. “Mike, answer this for me,” he said. “Your father and mother have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?”

“I’m not sure,” said Pence “let me get back to you on that one”.

Pence went panicking off to his advisors and asked everyone, but none of them could give him an answer. The next night, as it happened, Pence ran in to Hillary Clinton in a restaurant. By now, desperate for an answer to give to his tyrannical boss, he approached her, much to her surprise.

“Hillary, I know we haven’t always seen eye to eye but I would really appreciate it if you could answer this riddle for me.”

“Sure, Mike” Hillary said. “I am not one to hold a grudge. What is it?”

“Thanks” said Pence, “it is this. Your mother and father have a child and it is not your brother or your sister. Who is it?”

Hillary answered right back, “That’s easy, it’s me!”

Pence smiled, “Thanks”.

Pence then went back to speak with Trump. “Say, boss, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It is Hillary Clinton.’

Thump got up, stomped over to Pence, and angrily yelled at him. “No, you idiot! It’s Theresa May!”

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