

Monty & Eltham

The Catholic Parishes of
St Francis Xavier & Our Lady Help of Christians



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Kulin Nation.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognizing him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection:

During Lent we heard three splendidly crafted stories from the gospel of John - the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Each one blended human interest with theological intent and made telling use of irony. Luke's account of the Emmaus episode is no less finely composed. It too is humanly appealing, theologically oriented and spiced with irony.

The women who went to the tomb never saw the risen Lord yet believed he was alive, while the two disheartened disciples do see him but fail to believe. When faith finally dawns on them and Jesus vanishes from their sight, we are reminded of Jesus' words to Thomas in last Sunday's gospel: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

The story contains the basic elements of a catechumenal journey: disorientation, the stirring of faith, an openness to enlightenment, discovery and belief, and the impulse to share. It can also be seen through a liturgical lens. There's a sequence of gathering, breaking open the word, sharing the sacrament and sending forth.

What matters here is that Luke has left us a story that engages us deeply and holds our attention. We can readily imagine ourselves to be those disciples, sharing each stage of their experience. It should be a joy for the minister of the word to proclaim and heart-warming for the assembly to hear.

Break Open the Word 2023

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

For more information visit pol.org.au/eltham or pol.org.au/montmorency.

We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



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Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 22

12:00pm Baptisms: Lara, Dylan, Samuel,
Bonnie & Blair Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 23

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Raphael Eltham

Tuesday 25 - ANZAC Day

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:30am ANZAC Day Service Montmorency/Eltham RSL

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 26

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Thursday 27

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 28

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 29

12:00pm Baptism: Lily, Romeo, Wyatt Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 30

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Quincy Eltham

Tuesday 2

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Funeral: Maureen Cranenburgh Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 3

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

1:00pm Small Church Community Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Thursday 4

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

2:30pm Mass Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views

Friday 5

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 6

12:00pm Baptisms: Maia, Mia, Elodie Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 7

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Stevie Eltham

Monday 8

7:00pm First Eucharist Parent Faith formation Evening
Montmorency

Tuesday 9

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yr 2) Montmorency

RECONCILIATION			
available half an hour before any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.			
Collections: 9 & 16 April 2023			
	OLHC	SFX	
Thanksgiving			
Cash	\$477.15	\$1,159.00	
Electronic	\$4,620.15	\$4,720.00	
Presbytery			
Cash	\$1,375.15	\$1,277.70	
Electronic	\$2,655.15	\$2,437.70	
Stewardship Offering			
Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
January	\$7,248.10	\$8,760.60	\$16,008.70
February	\$5,345.56	\$8,405.00	\$13,750.56
March	\$5,590.48	\$10,815.00	\$16,405.48

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Let us pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith ...

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

Arturo Bacani, Maureen Cranenburgh

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Terry Carrigg

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Gay, Gayle, Helen, Maurice, Edwinda Bacani, Perly Bacani, Rita Bevanda, Maria Bredle, Kim Brisbane, Feliksa Chwasta, Pat Collins, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Ysabelle Fanlo, Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Lita Lee, Cindy Morrissey, Anne Pearce (nee Callahan), Andrew Pighin, Aquatha Spina

Eltham

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Clara Doroszlay, Bryan Gillard, Peter Tangent

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Violetta, Bill Boyce, Shannon Donahoo, Jade McAlear, Fiona Rogers, Rosemary Scully, Ian Sturman, James Sutton, Sarah Thompson

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or eltham@cam.org.au.



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Saturday 22 April 2023

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Blair Louise Connell

Lara Maria Muscat

Dylan James Nicholls

Samuel Ryan Nicholls

Bonnie Rose Rizzi

Baptism

Baptism

Baptism

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Baptism

Sunday 23 April 2023

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm

Raphael Deane Gale

Baptism



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The Montmorency Conference of St Vincent de Paul are saddened to learn of the passing of Edna Collins. Edna was one of the first women to join the conference some 48 years ago. Her husband, Terry, was a foundation member of the Montmorency conference 58 years ago. On behalf of the community Edna served, we thank her for assistance she gave to the community. We also thank her for her continuing support of the conference over her life and her purchase of many packets of SVDP Christmas Cards each year.

Rest in Peace Edna.



Roster for THIS WEEKEND: 22/23 April

Beckford, Peter	R10:00
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Davidson, John	PRYR
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Dunell, Linda	ASE
French, Jossie	W8:30
Furtado, Lorraine	C10:00
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Love, Philip	W8:30
McAleer, Peter	ASRC
Nolan, Kathleen	H10:00
Nolan, Mike	H10:00
Rodriguez, Carlos	W6:00
Rough Family	PRSE
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Williams, Peter	W6:00

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 29/30 April

Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Azzopardi, Michael	R10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Beckford, Peter	PRYR
Bowyer, Darrell	ASRC
Bowyer, Rosemary	ASRC
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	H10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	H10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
Heyhoe, Margaret	C10:00
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Northrop, Greg	E10:00
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Ryan Family	PRSE
Scully, Greg	E10:00
Scully, Helen	E10:00

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham; C = Commentator; E = Euch. Minister;
H = Hospitality; PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;
W = Minister of the Word; R = Reader



We have an urgent request for housing for a mature-age solo parent with a 9 year old child.

Due to the current difficulties in the rental market, and lack of social housing available, if anyone has or knows of any suitable accommodation in the Eltham or Montmorency areas, please contact the Parish Office on 9435 4742.

"We are quiet, respectful and considerate. I do not smoke, drink or have parties, and we do not own a pet. We will look after a property and keep it clean and in good order."

Please help if you can.

UPDATE from the TRANSITION LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY**

The TLC members, from both SFX & OLHC parishes, have been working over the past 2 years bringing together the combined 'stories' of these two Faith communities with the ultimate aim of creating a new parish name and identity by:

“Journeying together towards one community in prayer and practice”

The process of transition required a number of phases:

- Listening to the hearts of the communities.
- Community open dialogue addressing the positive & negative experiences of being a Catholic and belonging to the Church.
- Gathering the insights ready for discussion, and recording of same.



Much energetic dialogue resulted in creating a synopsis of learnings from many parishioners who openly expressed their inner feelings, their doubts, their anger, and their astute recommendations ... thus providing the basis for moving forward.

These combined learnings have addressed and informed the VISION and MISSION statements (soon to be published) which summarises the current position of the TLC's future aspirations.

The collation of documentation has been delivered to the Archbishop for his examination and discernment.

In time, it is eagerly anticipated that a future visit from Archbishop Peter Comensoli will announce the success of the TLC's endeavours, with the naming and proclaiming of our New Parish identity.

When successful, the TLC group will have established a 'Milestone Moment' in the histories of both the Eltham and Montmorency Catholic Faith Communities.

Noel Vincent & Elizabeth Warrillow

*** the Transition Leadership Community (TLC) is made up of parishioners from SFX & OLHC parishes. It's purpose is to establish and enact a discerning process or strategy for growth and development of the two faith communities into one new parish community.*

Prayers of the Faithful for 23 April 2023 - Third Sunday of Easter

Leader: With the disciples on the way to Emmaus let us pray for a renewal of our faith and the faith of the whole Church.

For Pope Francis, that his Easter message to bring peace and humanity to the many conflicts in the world may come to fruition. May we join with him in praying "Lord, help us to run to meet you! Help us to open our hearts!"
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, that we grow more deeply into Christ and proclaim the message of Jesus' resurrection for our time.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those returning from holiday, especially our children and teachers returning to school, may their sense of community be enlivened by the word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For places of civil unrest and war, that Christ's message of peace will remove the pain of war and violence from human hearts and allow for those suffering to find comfort and love amidst the destruction and loss. In particular we remember people in the Middle East, Africa and Ukraine.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the men and women who struggled against fear and hopelessness so that we may be free. As we commemorate ANZAC day this week we remember their sacrifice and generosity. In particular we pray for Indigenous and Vietnam veterans who were denied recognition.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our nation, as citizens discuss the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, that justice, good reason and truth will shape the discussion and the result of the referendum later in the year.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all touched by sorrow and tragedy this week, may they know the support of a loving community and the healing grace of God.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the sick and especially those mentioned in our bulletin - may they know the presence of Jesus in their lives and the grace of his healing touch.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, including *Arturo Bacani & Maureen Cranenburgh*, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including *Terry Carrig, Clara Doroszlay, Bryan Gillard & Peter Tangent*, may the certainty of Jesus' resurrection bring hope to those who mourn their passing.
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, you open our eyes to your Son. Hear our needs and grant what will bring us closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



We proclaim a crucified Christ
1 Cor 2:3

Dear Father Michael Sierakowski,

My prayerful greetings to you.

Thank you for your letter and documentation dated 1 December 2022, seeking my approval for the amalgamation of the Parishes of St Francis Xavier, Montmorency and Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham - to create a new parish. I was glad to hear of the process of consultation undertaken with the faith communities and the commitment to meet the needs of a new local parish community and to deepen its heart in the Gospel.

I do apologise for the delay in this response. As you will be aware, there were consultative steps that I needed to take before giving a determination. In particular, it is required that I consult the Council of Priests (can. 515§2) and the College of Consultors before making any changes to the status of a parish.

I am now pleased to advise you that following the above-mentioned consultations held, I am happy to proceed with the Amalgamation of the Parishes of St Francis Xavier, Montmorency and Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham.

However, before this is announced to the Parish communities, I ask that a different name be sought. There are several parishes within the Archdiocese under the name of Holy Trinity, and we need to seek some further expressions of unity. If you could provide me with an alternative name that meets the requirements below, I will be happy to issue a Decree of Amalgamation that will take effect 30 days from the date of its issuance. In providing that Decree you will also be given instructions for the lawful notification of the Amalgamation to your people.

Archdiocesan Naming Policy

5.2 The Code of Canon Law provides guidelines for determining how churches are named. The relevant canons are 1214 - 1222. The chosen name of a church can be:

- The name of the Trinity, or
- A name for Christ, invoked in the liturgy, or a mystery of his life, or
- The name of the Holy Spirit, or
- A name for Mary, invoked under a title for her used in the liturgy, or
- The name of a holy angel, or
- The name of a canonised saint, as it appears in the Roman martyrology (or appendix), or
- The name of a Blessed provided the Apostolic See has given its permission.

The aforementioned guidelines can also apply to merging churches/parishes. If several parishes are merged into one, the names of the churches from the former parishes must be retained and the newly merged parish, for pastoral reasons, can adopt a name different from the names of the churches it will inherit. The naming of a new parish can include many elements in terms of research, considerations of the location of the new parish and any particular devotions of parishioners.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing ministry in these neighbourhoods of grace, and the work of bringing together these communities of God's people in Montmorency and Eltham. Please be assured of my constant prayers for you and your people.

With every grace and blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

I remain,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

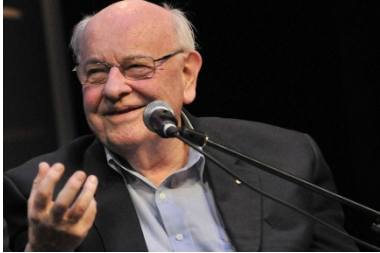


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In his Patrick Oration this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reflected on the presence of young people in the Church, saying, ‘On any given day, you may be quietly surprised just how many are engaging earnestly and fruitfully with their faith.’ A clear example of this engagement has been the enthusiastic response to Melbourne’s World Youth Day pilgrimage to Lisbon in August. The numbers are in: those journeying from Melbourne to Lisbon will be part of our largest overseas WYD pilgrimage *ever*.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/excitment-builds-for-melbournes-largest-ever-wyd-pilgrimage-overseas>



In sadder news, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has paid tribute to the late Fr Bob McGuire – ‘fierce friend of the downhearted, the broken and the lost throughout his whole life’ – who died Wednesday morning.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/vale-fr-bob-mcguire>



We also hear the fascinating stories of two men whose experiences of God’s faithfulness through the ups and downs of life have uniquely formed them for ordained ministry. Fr Wieslaw ‘Tony’ Slowik SJ – chaplain to the Polish community here in Melbourne – looks back over 50 years of priestly ministry, recalling the memorable day at St Ignatius Church in Richmond when he was ordained by Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, later Pope John Paul II – a man he came to regard as a father figure.

<http://melbournecatholic.org/news/ordained-by-jpii-the-story-of-melbournes-fr-wieslaw-tony-slowik-s-j>



Deacon Hoa Tran, on the other hand, is just starting out on his journey as a permanent deacon after being ordained at St Patrick’s Cathedral in March. Having escaped to Australia from Communist Vietnam as a young man, he has lived a rich and eventful life, and embarks on this next phase of his journey with a sense of hope forged through adversity and joy.

<http://melbournecatholic.org/news/hoa-tran-finding-hope-as-a-permanent-deacon>



In other news, a couple of newly released documents shed light on the diversity of backgrounds and perspectives to be found among the people of God in Australia and our region. Produced by the National Centre for Pastoral Research and based on recent census data, the *Social Profile of the Catholic Community in Australia* provides extensive demographic information on Australian Catholics.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/new-report-reveals-makeup-of-australian-catholic-population>



And in the recently published Oceania response to the Synod of Bishops document *Enlarge the Space of your Tent*, the bishops of Oceania have shared their ‘prayerful and considered thoughts’ on what they have heard from their people through the synodal process.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/oceania-bishops-publish-response-to-synod-of-bishops-document>



Finally, we hear about the Nourish and Flourish program recently launched by St Anthony of Padua Primary School and Catholic Victoria, which through its breakfast club and other initiatives is helping to build thriving communities, especially among disadvantaged families in Melton South.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/nourish-and-flourish-program-launches-in-melton-south>

As we continue to celebrate the dawning of new life and hope this Easter season, may we rediscover the youthfulness of the risen Christ in our own lives.



Synod organisers say process should lead to greater local control in Church

21 April 2023

Organisers of Pope Francis' consultation with Catholics around the world say there is a growing consensus that the ongoing Synod of Bishops process should result in the Vatican giving more deference to local Church authorities. Source: NCR Online.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/21/synod-organisers-say-process-should-lead-to-greater-local-control-in-church/>



Government extends review of religious exemptions for schools

21 April 2023

A review of religious exemptions for educational institutions has been granted an end-of-year extension by the Albanese Government. Source: Yahoo News.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/21/government-extends-review-of-religious-exemptions-for-schools/>

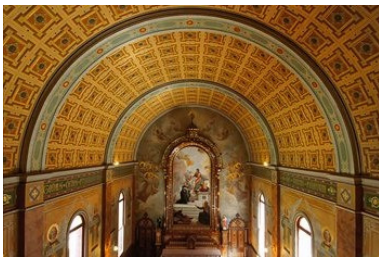


Rosaries on the run: Pat Farmer's 14,500km marathon for the Voice

21 April 2023

Ultramarathon runner and proud Catholic Pat Farmer is on a mission. The former federal Liberal MP is running 14,500km around Australia in support of the "yes" vote in the Voice to Parliament referendum. Source: The Catholic Weekly.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/21/rosaries-on-the-run-pat-farmers-14500km-marathon-for-the-voice/>



Tiny town big on Benedictine hospitality

21 April 2023

Western Australia's monastery town, New Norcia, has made it to the last stage of the state's Tiny Tourism Town award. Source: The Record.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/21/tiny-town-big-on-benedictine-hospitality/>



University students to receive free mental health training

21 April 2023

University of Notre Dame students will be better equipped to recognise mental health disorders and help those who are in crisis with the introduction of free mental health first aid training.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/21/university-students-to-receive-free-mental-health-training/>



Catholic school parents alarmed by bad behaviour in classrooms

20 April 2023

Nearly 60 per cent of Catholic school parents believe increasing disruptive behaviour in their children's classrooms is causing a decline in their learning, a survey has revealed. Source: The West Australian.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/20/catholic-school-parents-alarmed-by-bad-behaviour-in-classrooms/>



Pope gifts True Cross relic to King Charles

20 April 2023

Pope Francis has given King Charles III a relic of the True Cross of Jesus as a personal gift ahead of the King's coronation next month. Source: The Table.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/04/20/pope-gifts-true-cross-relic-to-king-charles/>



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Natalie Bucknell



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- Parish Secretary - Holy Family Parish, Maidstone & Braybrook
- Parish Secretary - St Joseph's Parish, Malvern
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Torquay & Anglesea
- Philanthropy Lead - Carmel Impact, Middle Park
- Parish Secretary - St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South



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committed to contemplative spiritual and pastoral formation through its
programs, seminars, people and resources

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST).

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8)

Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Pondering Grief' (in-person event), Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead." The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is simply this: despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in the moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is. And this is our hope. Let us go forward with this hope! Because he is beside us and walks with us. Always! **Pope Francis 2017**