

The West Wagga Wag

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Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart:	Fri 7
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The due date for the next Wag is:

Sunday June 23th.

On Thursday May 23rd Bishop Gerard Hanna celebrated the Solemn Mass of Christ the High Priest at Holy Trinity Church at 7am.

For the Confraternity this was their Silver Jubilee for this Solemnity. It has the distinction of being able to celebrate this occasion as a solemnity for both the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. After the Mass Bishop Gerard blessed the newly commissioned 110cm statue of Christ the Priest and Victim.

On this bigger statue the chasuble is in violet colour reminding us that Jesus was both Priest and Victim as recorded in St John's Gospel 19:2. The statue is now displayed in the left corner of Holy Trinity



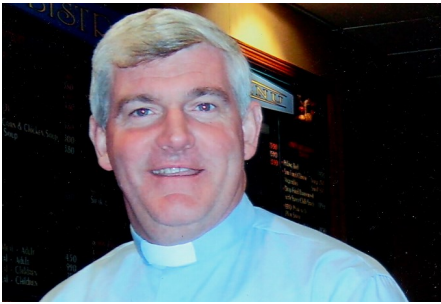
Parish Retreat

Marriage as found in the Book of Tobit
3rd Weekend of June
Friday 21 at 7pm
Saturday 22 from 9am
(includes Mass)
Sunday 23 from 9am
All welcome
Timetable available in Holy Trinity Foyer
Bookings only necessary if attending meals; see Parish web page.

Congratulations

- Confraternity of Christ the Priest for the 25th Jubilee of liturgical celebrations for the Solemnity of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest. This is the only approved celebration of this solemnity in the English speaking world, though Spanish speaking countries also celebrate it as a solemnity.
- * Mrs Patrica Danvers on the occasion of her 75th birthday. If you wish to include a congratulatory note, please email or put in parish mail box.

pastor's page



Each June there are two special solemnities in the liturgy which have a natural and supernatural significance for all of us.

They are the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Friday June 7 and Saturday 8.

They have a natural and a supernatural significance because understandably the human heart expresses love. This is in every culture and language. Supernaturally the heart of Jesus expresses Divine love in a human heart. Jesus loves us with the greatest love. He loves us "to bits"; that is to death! (Jn 15:13)

The Blessed Virgin Mary loves us with an unchanging maternal love that remains real in time and in eternity. Jesus said to the young Apostle St John, "behold your mother". (Jn 19:27)

We know all too well that when children are deprived of human love, (that is a willed and emotional love) they usually have a deep sense of deprivation. They experience an unquiet heart. They long to be satisfied. Yet they often do not know what ails them. Similarly some human beings do not understand that without spiritual love they also experience deep spiritual disquiet and an insatiable appetite. This they often erroneously believe can be satisfied with lesser material and human likes and loves.

For us who are blessed with an experience of both natural and supernatural love from God, our parents and other significant people, it is easy to understand why God decided to express himself through

the Sacred Heart of his Son and the Immaculate Heart of his holy Mother.

Celebrating the solemnities of Jesus and Mary is a very normal human experience. We do this often when sharing with family and friends. The Saints and Angels in heaven do likewise; or perhaps the emphasis should be the other way around.

This month perhaps you can join with the celebrations of both heaven and earth and spend a few minutes in prayer and praise with Jesus and Mary. Of course like many celebrations there are gifts given and received. These feasts are no different. We give our attention, time and veneration. From Jesus and Mary we receive beautiful promises and spiritual blessings. The 12 Divine Promises of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus are always worth rereading and living. Then there is the Great Promise of the Immaculate Heart of Mary which is likewise well worth pondering and acting.

Of the many promises Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to Saint Margaret Mary in 1673 (340 years ago) the principal ones are as follows:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.



12. In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

Then in 1925 we received the Great Promise of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who said:

I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes, while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.

In conclusion, I strongly recommend that every individual and family dedicate, consecrate or entrust oneself and one's family to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. This is a special devotional practice and priests will always lead a family in this generous enterprise.

Whatever else this month spend a little time pondering in your heart something of the love that the Hearts of Jesus and Mary always have for you.

Fr Gerard

June Jokes



An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, a German, an Indian, several Americans (including a Hawaiian and an Alaskan), an Argentinean, a Dane, an Australian, a Slovak, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Moroccan, a Frenchman, a New Zealander, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Guatemalan, a Colombian, a Pakistani, a Malaysian, a Croatian, a Uzbek, a Cypriot, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Chinese, a Sri Lankan, a Lebanese, a Cayman Islander, a Ugandan, a Vietnamese, a Korean, a Uruguayan, a Czech, an Icelander, a Mexican, a Finn, a Honduran, a Panamanian, an Andorran, an Israeli, a Venezuelan, an Iranian, a Fijian, a Peruvian, an Estonian, a Syrian, a Brazilian, a Portuguese, a Liechtensteiner, a Mongolian, a Hungarian, a Nigerian, a Canadian, a Moldovan, a Haitian, a Norfolk Islander, a Macedonian, a Bolivian, a Cook Islander, a Tajikistani, a Samoan, an Armenian, an Aruban, an Albanian, an Ecuadorian, a Greenlander, a Micronesian, a Virgin Islander, a Georgian, a Bahaman, a Belarusian, a Cuban, a Tongan, a Cambodian, a Qatari, an Azerbaijani, a Romanian, a Chilean, a Jamaican, a Filipino, a Ukrainian, a Dutchman, a Sudanese, a Costa Rican, a Swede, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Belgian, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, an Ethiopian and a South African,

...walk into a gourmet restaurant.

"I'm sorry," says the Maitre D' after scrutinizing the group..... "You can't come in here without a Thai."

After every flight, Qantas Airlines pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour.

Here are some supposedly actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution as recorded by Qantas maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is still one of the safest companies in the world.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot.)

(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers.)

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

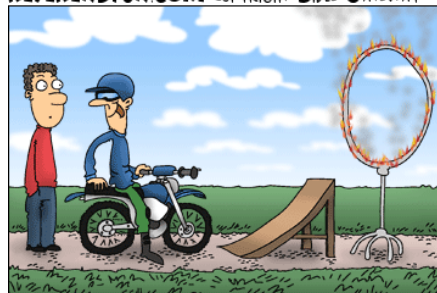
P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

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(See Matthew 7:13-14)

THERE'S NO REASON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW CAN'T BE AWESOME!

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P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on backorder.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

Q: How does the Pope travel from cathedral to cathedral?

A: By holy-copter.

Miracle Baby Born Amid Oklahoma Tornado Devastation God Was With Them



by Steven Ertelt | LifeNews.com

The Oklahoma tornadoes last week took people's lives and caused massive destruction that will undoubtedly cost billions to repair. But amid the devastation and destruction was the birth of a miracle baby.

A 25-year-old mother went into labour as the monster Oklahoma twister approached last Monday. She said, "I was five centimetres already and having contractions."

Shayla Taylor was on the second floor of the Moore Medical Centre and was not particularly worried about the tornado. Or at least that was the case until the nurses charged in.

"I was kind of just like, 'Oh [no],'" she said. "I pull out my phone & pull up the weather app. It says it's coming down 4th St in Moore, which is the street that the hospital is on."

Shayla closed her eyes as the tornado hit Moore. When she opened them again, the hospital room had all but disappeared.

A group of strangers helped

husband Jerome get his wife to an ambulance, who by now was almost fully dilated. Their son was delivered at an undamaged hospital a few miles away on Monday evening.

The Taylors named their son Braeden Immanuel. "Immanuel



Pope warns comfortable living causes 'gentrification of the heart'

Pope Francis has warned against "gentrification of the heart" as a consequence of comfortable living, and called on the faithful to "touch the flesh of Christ" by caring for the needy.

The Pope's words came in a homily during Mass in St. Peter's

Square, when he canonised the first Colombian saint, as well as a Mexican nun and some 800 Italians martyred by Ottoman Turks in the 15th century.

Mexico's St Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala (1878-1963), the pope said, gave up a "comfortable

life to follow the call of Jesus, taught people to love poverty, in order the more to love the poor and the sick."

"How much damage does the comfortable life, well-being, do," the pope added, looking up from his prepared text.

WASHING ON THE LINE

A young couple moved into a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbour hanging the washing outside.

"That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry detergent." Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbour would hang her washing to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see nice clean washing on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she's learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her?"

The husband gingerly stated, "I got up early this morning



DINKY-DI RECYCLING



Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

Mmm... was she right?

Didn't our generation have the green thing in "old" days?

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were truly recycled.



But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbings. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But too bad we didn't do the green thing back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 240 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house, not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the State of Queensland.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not environmentally unfriendly Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap that

ends up in the ocean.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn.

We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we sharpened razors by hand on leather or replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service.

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest fast food takeaway joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were, just because we didn't have the green thing back



Kindness Pays!

One day, a struggling youth who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through university, found he had only a dollar left, and he was very hungry.

He decided he would ask for some food at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of food he asked for a drink of water.

She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied "Mother has taught us never to accept payment for a kindness." He said... "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Years later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

Dr Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes.

Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room.



She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side as she read these words...

"Paid in full with one glass of milk." (Signed) Dr Howard Kelly.

Over joyed and with tears, her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God that your love has spread

Imagine ...

'Imagine that you are creating a fabric of human destiny with the object of making men happy in the end, giving them peace and rest at last, but that it was essential and inevitable to torture to death only one tiny creature — that baby beating its breast with its fist, for instance — and to found that edifice on its unavenged tears, would you consent to be the architect on those conditions? Tell me, and tell the truth.'

'No, I wouldn't consent,' said Alyosha softly.

Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*, 1880



Ho.T Free FILM NIGHT



Friday June 14th, 7.30 pm - Join together to watch:

Marriage Retreat PG

A trio of unhappily married couples head to a mountain retreat where they are subjected to unorthodox and seemingly comical methods by Dr Sullivan and his wife Katrina. As the couples struggle through the program for marital bliss they soon discover it's not "what" they're missing from their lives but "Who", Jesus.

Tea and coffee provided. Come and enjoy a social evening!

Ex-Baseball Phenom Discusses Life in a Norbertine Abbey

In Jan 2010, Grant Desme shocked the baseball world by announcing his retirement. Only 23 at the time, Desme had recently been named the 2009 Arizona Fall League MVP & was on the verge of playing in the majors. Despite his athletic success, the former center fielder knew he was called to something greater.

In a rare interview, Grant, now Br Matthew, recently discussed his new



life inside St. Michael's Abbey.

Do you miss playing baseball?

When I first left baseball, I didn't miss it one bit. I was very happy to be giving it up for good. However, I have been able to play the game since then, because there are other brothers here who play baseball.

I still don't miss playing professionally, but I've come to enjoy the game of baseball itself more. When I let go of it as my idol, I was enabled to enjoy it for what it's worth. When you're projecting your own designs on something and taking it more seriously than it should be, you don't get what God intended you to get out of it.

When you simply accept things for what they are and don't expect more than what they can give, you experience the satisfaction you're supposed to.

How did you first realize that baseball wouldn't bring you ultimate happiness?

At every stage of my career, I thought happiness was around the corner. No matter how well I played or how far I advanced, I never gained the complete, lasting happiness I was expecting. There were thrills, but none of them lasted. Everything here below is fleeting.

I injured my shoulder while playing for the Vancouver Canadians, a minor-league team for the Oakland A's, in 2007. During rehab, I sat out with another player, who didn't speak much English. I was separated from the team and even from the other player who was injured. It was initially disconcerting, but it was really a period of great grace.

I was removed from the superficial chatter & other noise that I had been accustomed to via electronic media. It was through the silence & solitude that I started to think beyond the baseball field & about life in general. I realized that even if I played 20 years in the major leagues & ended up a Hall of Famer, I would still die one day. No matter what I achieved, I would be just as dead as everyone else. ... It became clear that I had to get into a deeper, more prayerful relationship with the Lord.

Former professional soccer player Chase Hilgenbrinck announced in 2008 that he would be leaving soccer to pursue the priesthood. Did his decision influence yours?

I remember reading about Chase's decision, but it didn't affect my own. At that point, I hadn't seriously considered becoming a priest. I was still on the road back to the Lord in a more general way.

Once I started to consider the priesthood seriously, I almost immediately knew it was for me. There was no gut-wrenching discernment; just a simple knowledge that Jesus was calling me to continue his life and ministry.

That was the Lord's loving invitation to me, and I knew living it out would make me truly happy.

I would recommend looking into the priesthood to young men who think they might be called. There's nothing the world needs more than the mercy of Jesus Christ, which is granted through his priests. It's a spiritual fatherhood that is even more profound than physical fatherhood. It's something the saints have written about in almost unbelievable terms. It's mind-boggling to think of what Jesus wants to give us through spiritual fathers.

What would you say to young men who think they may have a priestly or religious calling but are afraid of giving up worldly things to pursue it?

I was living out every young man's dream. I was playing well enough to be a Major League Baseball player. I had a big, shiny SUV and even bigger bank account. That's what most people would think of as being at the pinnacle of manhood. You've got all these things that display how strong and capable you are: You become better known, people want to be around you, and everything looks great.

That's a very superficial form of masculinity, though. It's based on externals and trying to put yourself before others. I've since learned an authentic masculinity based on self-sacrificing love. Being a man is not about stepping on others, but lifting others up. It's about using the God-given strength you have to protect others and guide them to eternal life.

Some people have the idea — which I shared at one time — that Christianity is kind of a soft religion, not worth giving much attention to. What I've come to know, however, is that if you truly attempt to live it out, Christianity is anything but soft. A sincere attempt to be a follower of Jesus requires nothing less than a

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Serving: Ashmont,
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and San Isidore

“A centurion there had a servant, a favourite of his, who was sick and near death. Having heard about Jesus he sent some Jewish elders to him to ask him to come and heal his servant.”

THE HEALING OF THE CENTURION'S SERVANT (LUKE 7:1-10)



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No one comes to Jesus unless the Father draws him

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