

West Wagga Wagga Catholic Parish  
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# The West Wagga Wag

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### Coming Events

**Adoration - 6 to 7am daily (Fri night adoration starting Feb)**  
**Presentation of the Lord** Thu 2  
**St Paul Miki and companions** Mon 6  
**Chair of St Peter** Wed 22  
**St Polycarp** Thu 23  
**Ash Wednesday March 1st**  
**Monthly Cuppa, after 9am Mass on last Sunday of the month**  
**Eucharistic Adoration - The daily Adoration roster will resume on Monday 6th February at 8 AM at the Bishops chapel, at St Michael's and at 9pm Friday 10th of February at Holy Trinity Church West Wagga for the overnight to 7 am Saturday.**

### PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring in your old Palm Sunday blessed Palms and place them in the basket at the back of the Holy Trinity church.

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The date for submissions for the next Wag is: Wednesday March 1st.

## Fr Quinn, Parish Priest in 70s, 80s

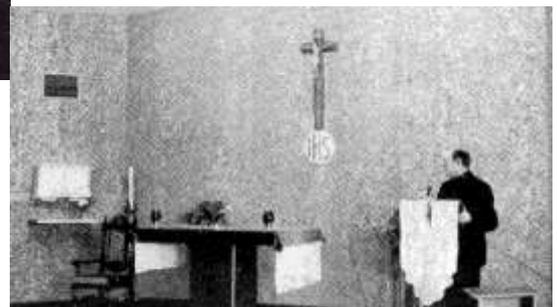


It is with sadness that we have learnt of the death of Fr Andrew Quinn.

Fr Andrew Quinn, former parish priest of West Wagga Wagga was in his 100th year when he died on Sunday 29th January at St John Vianney Villa, Randwick.

Born in County Cork, Ireland in 1917, he was ordained at St Patrick's College, Carlow in 1944 and spent two years as Assistant Priest at Blackpool, Lancashire in the United Kingdom.

In 1946 he came to Australia and served in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga where he was first appointed Assistant Priest at St Michael's Cathedral and later at the Parish of St Mary, Corowa.



He was Parish Priest at Malwala, Urana, Tumbarumba and Ganmain.

In 1972, Fr Andrew Quinn became Parish Priest of West Wagga Wagga Parish and was here for fourteen years.

One of the first things Fr Andrew did was to have a transportable home moved into Bardia Street



where he then took up residence. This house remains today as the parish presbytery. He was appointed to Ganmain in 1986 and retired in 1988, becoming chaplain at St Joseph's Convent, North Sydney. He resided at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Randwick.

Fr Andrew Quinn's Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of St Joseph, Frederick Street, Oatley next Thursday 9th February at 10.30am. The Holy Trinity Thursday 7am Mass will be for Fr Andrew.

We remember in our prayers past parishioners Kevin Laurent and Judy Ellis who have passed away in January, and we keep their families in our prayers. They have both made invaluable contributions to our parish over many years.

## pastor's page - Marriage is to be honoured by all

The Reading for Mass last Friday was from the Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 13 and included these words:

***Continue to love each other ...Marriage is to be honoured by all, and marriages are to be kept undefiled, because fornicators and adulterers will come under God's judgement.***

Marriage is something worth honouring and also celebrating! It is the foundation of family and of a healthy society. More than that, the Sacrament of Matrimony is a special way in which God blesses the world with His grace. It is a sure road to heaven.

My parents are entering their 60th year of living the Sacrament of Marriage, and I hope to have a big party for them on May 31 2018, maybe in the now unused church of St Therese next to Lake Wendouree in Ballarat.

I'm so grateful they met at that country dance. And so are their other children, 35 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. I'm also very grateful they married the way God planned, in the Church. At their wedding people celebrated because this good looking couple were making Jesus present in the world in a powerful way: did He not say, "Where two or more are gathered in My Name, I am there"? Marriage is the joining of two people in the Name of and in the sight of God. In that sacrament they gain the grace to become holy, to love God in a new way, to become more like Jesus, to witness to Him in the world. Married holiness is not automatic; no, the graces are there, but the couple have to "seek the Lord", seek to do God's will, obeying God's laws for marriage, praying, serving, forgiving, persevering. My parents have done that well.

All the good things my parents have done for the last 59 years have been

more blessed because of marriage; getting a cup of tea, cooking a meal, all the thousands of little ways of helping each other, have been blessed because they are offered on the altar of Marriage. Because they have deliberately lived this vocation from the heart, they will receive a much higher place in heaven.

I think one of the great graces they received at their wedding was the grace to pray as a couple. God has not forced them to pray, but always offers them the grace, which they have committed to accept especially via the Family Rosary. As they have prayed together, they have grown together, and received so many blessings. They have been helped to persevere and grow as a couple, despite all the usual challenges. It hasn't always been easy; coming onto a farm was a big challenge for mum; there were droughts and financially strapped times and sickness; but through all of the usual ups and downs, there was a spiritual up-and-up.

The Bible says that all of us should honour marriage. We should sing it's praises, seek to understand it in the light of the Gospel, something Pope St John Paul did in an amazing and unsurpassed way.

These days in western society, marriage is being attacked, and it's meaning weakened; it is presented merely as a way of making oneself happy instead of the far deeper reality of a vocation to service, a true man+woman+God romance which (especially through children) becomes a blessing for the wider community.

Many people now do not get married, choosing instead to live uncommitted, insecure, outside the blessing of God and in sin. For many people marriage is a fairy tale that they have given up on. They don't realize how good marriage is, good for the couple, children and the world. It is right that we should be compassionate towards those who are in difficult situations,

affected by separation or divorce. But for the good of everyone, now is the time to support and honour the vocation to Matrimony, especially in our own parish.

One way we can honour marriage is by praying each month for the couples celebrating their Church wedding anniversary. **Husbands and wives, get ready:** you will be invited to come forward on the fourth Sunday of each month to receive a special prayer as we thank you for your vocation.

**Here are some of the prayers we find in the Rite of Marriage:**

*(Straight after vows have been pronounced:)*

May the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God who joined together our first parents in paradise, strengthen and bless in Christ the consent you have declared before the Church so that what God joins together, no man may put asunder.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(The final blessing of the married couple:)*

May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another, that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.

**R. Amen**

May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

**R. Amen**

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.

**R. Amen**

God bless you all!

*Fr Thomas Casanova CCS*

# February Funnies



## Small Town Justice

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. "But officer," the man said, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet!!!" snapped the officer. "...or I'm going to let you cool off in jail until the chief gets back."

"But officer, I just wanted to say...."  
"And I said KEEP QUIET! Now you're going to jail!"

A few hours later, the officer checked up on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."  
"Don't count on it," said the man in the cell. "I'm the groom!"

A police officer had just pulled over a car full of nuns for going too slow on a major highway.

Police officer: "Why were you driving so slowly?"

Nun driver: "I kept seeing all these signs with the number 20 on them and figured that was the speed limit."

Police officer: "No, Sister, that is the highway number."

Nun: "Oh, I'm so sorry, Officer, I didn't know that."

Then the police officer looks into the back seat and sees that the nuns there have panic-stricken faces and white knuckles from holding on to each other too tightly.

Police officer: "What's wrong with the nuns in the back seat?"

Nun: "Oh, we just got off Highway 220 a few kilometres ago."

I was sitting at a stop light. The lady in front of me was going through papers on the seat of her car, and when the light changed to green she did not obey its command. You know, a green light is a

commandment - NOT a suggestion. When the light turned to red, and she had still not moved, I began (with my windows up) screaming epithets and beating on my steering wheel.

My expressions of distress were interrupted by a policeman, gun drawn, tapping on my window. Against my protestations of, "You can't arrest me for yelling in my car," he ordered me into the back seat of his.

After about two hours in a holding cell, the arresting officer advised me I was free to go. I stormed out at him, "I knew you couldn't arrest me for yelling in my own car. You haven't heard the last of this."

The officer replied, "I didn't arrest you for shouting in your car. I was directly behind you at the light. I saw you screaming and beating your steering wheel, and I said to myself, "What a mug. But there is nothing I can do to him for throwing a fit in his own car. Then I noticed the 'Cross' hanging from your rear view mirror, the bright yellow 'Choose Life' license tag, the 'Jesus is Coming Soon' bumper sticker, and the Fish symbol, and I thought you must have stolen the car!"

Why is a traffic policeman the strongest man in the world?  
Because, he can stop a 10 tonne truck by holding up his hand!

Police Accident Report - incomplete  
I am writing in response to your request for additional information.

In block number three of the accident reporting form, I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more and I trust that the following details are sufficient:

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 225 kilograms of bricks left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor. Securing the rope at the ground level, I went up to the roof, swung

the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 225 kilograms of bricks. You will note in block number 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh 65 kilograms. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured scull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately, by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground - and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately 22 kilograms. I refer you again to my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and lacerations of my legs and lower body. The encounter with the barrel, slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of bricks and fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks in pain, unable to move, and watching the barrel six stories above - I again lost my presence of mind.

I let go of the rope!



# 5 Myths About the Papacy That Too Many People Still Believe (Maybe Even You!)

ChurchPOP Editor



The papacy is one of the most distinctive aspects of Catholicism. Unfortunately, it's also one of the most misunderstood. Note that these myths are about the office of the papacy, not myths about a particular pontiff. Here are 5 of the most common myths about the papacy:

## Myth 1: The pope is always infallible

**Truth:** When it comes to defining a new teaching, it's actually very rare for a pope to invoke papal infallibility.

The conditions for a papal teaching to be infallible were defined by the 1st Vatican Council in 1870: he is infallible "when, in the exercise of his office as shepherd and teacher of all Christians, in virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Church..."

Most popes never invoke papal infallibility (unless you count canonizations). This doesn't mean Catholics can ignore what a pope is teaching, it just means it might not be infallible (unless what he's teaching has already been defined infallibly previously).

## Myth 2: Papacy is not Biblical

**Truth:** Actually, the papacy was established by Christ himself in Scripture. Much could be said, but

here are a few examples.

Though he gave to all of his Apostles the power to "bind and loose" (Matthew 18.18), to Peter alone Jesus gave the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" (cf. Matthew 16.15-19), saying that Peter was the "rock" on which he would build his Church. Just before his passion, Christ told Peter, "I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22.32) And after his resurrection, Jesus – who is the Good Shepherd of the whole Church – told Peter to "take care of my sheep." (cf. John 21.15-19)

All of this ultimately means Jesus gave Peter a special and essential role among the Apostles in the governance and teaching function of the Church. The pope is the successor of St. Peter and continues to exercise today this essential role given to Peter by Christ.

## Myth 3: Popes are always holy

**Truth:** First off, the Catholic Church has never claimed that popes have to be holy, and she is under no illusion about the holiness of many of her pontiffs. Popes are sinful human beings in need of the grace of Jesus Christ as much as anybody.

Note that only 95 of the 266 popes of history are recognized as saints or are at some stage in the process of becoming one, and more than a third of these popes lived in the first few centuries of the Church.

Second, the powers of the papacy depend entirely on Christ and his grace – not on the intelligence, holiness, or wisdom of the person who is pope at any given time. God can use sinful persons for his

purposes.

Lastly, the fact the Church has survived so long and so well even though many of her leaders have been highly corrupt actually serves as evidence that the Church is truly guided by Christ.

## Myth 4: The pope can add to the Word of God

**Truth:** Actually, the Catholic Church teaches that public divine revelation has already been given in its fullness and the task of the Church, including the pope, is simply to preserve, interpret, and preach this Gospel to every age.

As the 2nd Vatican Council teaches, the Church's teaching office (which includes the papacy), "is not above the word of God, but serves it, teaching only what has been handed on, listening to it devoutly, guarding it scrupulously and explaining it faithfully in accord with a divine commission and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it draws from this one deposit of faith everything which it presents for belief as divinely revealed." (DV 10)

So the pope doesn't have the authority to add to the Word of God, only to faithfully interpret it and preach it to his generation.

## Myth 5: The papacy is a special kind of Holy Order

**Truth:** There are only three kinds of Holy Orders: deacons, priests, and bishops. Other titles like cardinal, archbishop, even pope – are offices that bishops might hold.

A bishop elected pope is not ordained; he simply assumes the office of bishop of Rome and so receives all powers and authorities that come with that office.

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Infallibility

**889** In order to preserve the Church in the purity of the faith handed on by the apostles, Christ Who is the Truth willed to confer on her a share in his own infallibility. By a "supernatural sense of faith" the People of God, under the guidance of the Church's living Magisterium,

"unfailingly adheres to this faith."

**890** ... It is this Magisterium's task to preserve God's people from deviations and defections ... To fulfill this service, Christ endowed the Church's shepherds with the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and morals...

**891** "The Roman Pontiff, head of the college of bishops, enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office,

when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful - who confirms his brethren in the faith he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals. . . . The infallibility promised to the Church is also present in the body of bishops when, together with Peter's successor, they exercise the supreme Magisterium," above all in an Ecumenical Council. ...

# The REAL Door to Moria: See the Medieval Church that Inspired J.R.R. Tolkien



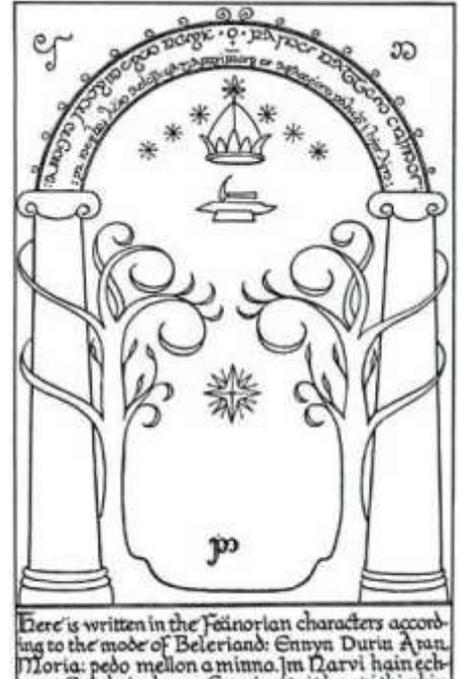
The ancient, cavernous, underground complex of Moria is one of the coolest places of Middle Earth in J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings.

But did you know that part of it may have been inspired by a real place? St. Edward's Church serves the small town Stow-on-the-Wold in Gloucestershire, England.

Parts of it date back to 11th or 12th century, with various additions having been made over the centuries.

Although originally a Catholic church, it has been an Anglican church since the 16th century.

And it has a truly unique and beautiful door, flanked by two old trees. It may have inspired Tolkien's design of the Doors of Durin, an entrance to Moria:



See the resemblance?

# Saint Teresa of Calcutta's foot

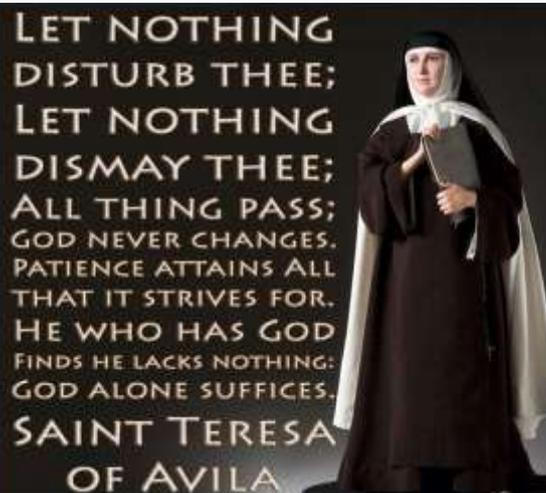


This is a close up photograph of Mother Teresa's foot.

As you can see, she has deformed toes, they are gnarled and pressed in the wrong directions. Why you may ask? Was it a birth defect, the result of an accident, the side effects of a disease or illness? No, it was none of those. The mission organization that Mother Teresa worked for used to receive a shipment of used shoes to be distributed amongst those that needed them. This amazing woman used to dig through that pile of shoes and find the very worst pair. She would take them for herself regardless of how badly they may

have fitted. What was her reason for this seemingly mad act? It was so those who she was caring for, those that she was loving did not have to put up with the worst pair of shoes. She wanted to love them and wanted them to have the best of the worst rather than the worst. Doing this for many years deformed her feet. She crippled herself showing love and compassion to those that had nothing.

That is uncomfortable love at its finest....



LET NOTHING  
DISTURB THEE;  
LET NOTHING  
DISMAY THEE;  
ALL THING PASS;  
GOD NEVER CHANGES.  
PATIENCE ATTAINS ALL  
THAT IT STRIVES FOR.  
HE WHO HAS GOD  
FINDS HE LACKS NOTHING:  
GOD ALONE SUFFICES.  
SAINT TERESA  
OF AVILA

## REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.

## 3 Common Traits of Youth Who Don't Leave the Church

*What is it that sets apart the kids who stay in the church? This does—and it's a must read.*

“What do we do about our kids?” The group of parents sat together, wiping their eyes. I'm a high school pastor, but for once, they weren't talking about 16-year-olds drinking and partying. Each had a story to tell about a “good Christian” child, who had walked away from the faith during the college years. The daunting statistics about church-going youth keep rolling in. Panic ensues. What are we doing wrong? It's hard to find the real story. However, we can all look at the 20-somethings in our churches. What is it that sets apart the kids who stay in the church?

### 1. They are converted.

The Bible doesn't seem to mess around with platitudes like: “Yeah, it's a shame he did that, but he's got a good heart.” When we listen to the witness of Scripture, we find that there is very little wiggle room. Listen to these words: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Cor. 5:17) We youth pastors need to get back to understanding salvation as what it really is: a miracle that comes from the glorious power of God through the working of the Holy Spirit.

We need to stop talking about “good kids.” We need to stop being pleased with attendance at youth group and fun retreats. We need to start getting on our knees and praying that the Holy Spirit will do miraculous saving work in the hearts of our students. How many of us are preaching to unconverted kids? Youth pastors, we need to preach, teach, and talk—all the while praying fervently for the miraculous work to occur in the hearts and souls of our students by the power of the Holy Spirit! It is converted students who go on to love Jesus and serve the church.

### 2. They have been equipped, not entertained.

Recently, we had “man day” with some of the guys in our youth

group. We began with an hour of basketball at the local park, moved to an intense game of “Chicago Style” softball, and finished the afternoon by gorging ourselves on meaty pizzas and 2-liters of soda. I am not against fun (or gross, depending on your opinion of the afternoon I just described) things in youth ministry. But youth pastors especially need to keep repeating the words of Ephesians 4:11-12 to themselves: “[Christ] gave...the teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Christ gives us—teachers—to the church, not for entertainment, encouragement, examples, or even friendship primarily. He gives us to the church to “equip” the saints in order that the church may be built up. If I have not equipped the students in my ministry to share the gospel, disciple a younger believer, and lead a Bible study, then I have not fulfilled my calling to them. We pray for conversion. But after conversion, it is our Christ-given duty to help fan into flame a faith that serves, leads, teaches, and grows. If our students leave high school without Bible-reading habits, Bible-study skills, and strong examples of discipleship and prayer, we have lost them. We have entertained, not equipped them... and it may indeed be time to panic!

### 3. Their parents preached the Gospel to them.

As a youth pastor, I can't do all this. All this equipping that I'm talking about is utterly beyond my limited capabilities. It is impossible for me to bring conversion, of course, but it is also impossible for me to have an equipping ministry that sends out vibrant churchmen and churchwomen if my ministry is not being reinforced tenfold in the students' homes. The common thread that binds together almost every ministry-minded 20-something that I know is abundantly clear: a home where the gospel was not

peripheral but absolutely central. The 20-somethings who are serving, leading, and driving the ministries at our church were kids whose parents made them go to church. They are kids whose parents punished them and held them accountable when they were rebellious. They are kids whose parents read the Bible around the dinner table every day. And they are kids whose parents were tough but who ultimately operated from a framework of grace that held up the cross of Jesus as the basis for peace with God and forgiveness toward one another.

This is not a formula! Kids from wonderful gospel-centered homes leave the church; people from messed-up family backgrounds find eternal life in Jesus and have beautiful marriages and families. But it's also not random. In general, children who are led in their faith during their growing-up years by parents who love Jesus vibrantly, serve their church actively, and saturate their home with the gospel completely, grow up to love Jesus and the church. The words of Proverbs 22:6 do not constitute a formula that is true 100 percent of the time, but they do provide us with a principle that comes from the gracious plan of God, the God who delights to see his gracious Word passed from generation to generation: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Pray with all your might for true conversion; that is God's work. Parents, preach the gospel and live the gospel for your children; our work depends on you.



## The Man Who was Proud to have no religion



Tom Peterson  
*CatholicsComeHome.org*

I recently came across this disheartening article on a new study that shows Americans are giving up on God and no longer believing in miracles. Soon after reading it, I met a gentleman who seemed to exemplify what I had read.

It happened when I went for a haircut after work. Sitting next to me was a man with a kind smile, originally from Mexico.

As we talked, I was shocked to learn that he was 77 years old, since he only looked 57! He chuckled, telling me he cheated death twice,

as he beat lymphoma cancer two different times in his life.

I asked if he was Catholic, a strong possibility given he was originally from Mexico. He explained that he was not Catholic, but was proudly a "none" (in other words, he didn't believe in God and had no religion). He went on to say all religions are the same: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism...he wants no part of any religion and doesn't believe in God.

I prayed for the words to say next, then shared, "God is our loving Father, who has a wonderful plan for each of our lives, and sent Jesus to save us so we could spend eternity in heaven with Him forever. Do you ever wonder if God is the one who gave you two extra chances at life, so you could get to know Him now and forever?"

Just then, he was called by the

barber for his haircut. During my own haircut, a few chairs away, I prayed for him, saddened by his lack of faith and lack of belief in God. As my haircut was finishing, he came up to me and said, "It was nice to meet you." I said the same to him, and asked his name (so I could continue to pray for him by name). He said his name is Gonzalo, but people call him by his nickname, Tom. He was surprised to hear that we share the same nickname. I now pray daily for Gonzalo to know, love, and serve God. With so many in our country now proudly professing atheism and agnosticism, and with a dramatically increasing rate of "nones," we must pray fervently to help lead more souls to Christ. Please join me in praying for Gonzalo's salvation, and pray for God to use us to help lead others to Christ each day.

## Saint Hubert – Patron Saint of Bowhunters

By Dr. Taylor Marshall

Whenever I talk about hunting, I get critics who think I'm a mean red-neck killer. Before the critics cast their stones, let it be known that I hunt because:

- Hunting provides organic, grass-fed, hormone free meat for my family of 8 children.
- It feels exhilarating to serve food to your family that you trained for, hunted, butchered, prepared, and cooked.
- I like having a tangible connection with the food that I prepare & eat.
- Hunting is the #1 way to promote funding for wildlife conservation.
- I love the outdoors.
- It's a craft or an art that requires practice and dedication.
- All of our ancestors did it.

We were recently discussing the Troops of Saint George achievement in "Hunting" and I suggested that we focus on Saint Hubert, the patron saint of hunting:

Saint Hubertus was born around the year AD 656. Saint Hubert's wife (the daughter of a count) died giving birth to their son who would eventually become a bishop. Heartbroken by the death of his

wife, Saint Hubert retreated from the court and gave himself up entirely to hunting.

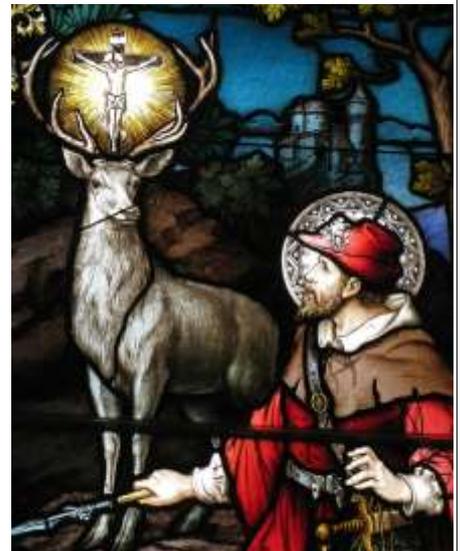
On Good Friday morning, when the faithful were crowding the churches, Hubert went hunting. As he was pursuing a magnificent stag, the animal turned and he beheld a crucifix standing between its antlers, while he heard a voice saying:

"Hubert, unless thou turn to the Lord, and lead an holy life, thou shalt quickly go down into Hell".

Hubert dismounted, prostrated himself and said, "Lord, what would Thou have me do?" He received the answer, "Go and seek Lambert [bishop of Maastricht-Liège, Tongeren], and he will instruct you."

He was condemned by God not for hunting but for withdrawing from the world and shirking his duties as a member of court and as a Christian (on Good Friday!).

Saint Hubertus is honoured among hunters as the father of ethical hunting behaviour. It is said that Saint Hubertus established the hunting principle of conserving wildlife, not killing a mother with



its young, and preferring older bucks and bulls past their breeding prime. He also advocated only shooting an animal when a humane, clean and quick kill is assured.

After leaving the wilderness as a hunter, he became a priest and eventually the successor bishop to his master Saint Lambert of Maastricht. He was famous for his asceticism and preaching.

He is thus the patron saint of hunters, and bowhunters in particular.

# The West Wagga Wag

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You are the salt of the earth.  
Matthew 5:13

## THE SALT OF THE EARTH SECRET MESSAGE

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