

The West Wagga Wag

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Coming Events

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament, Holy Trinity
- 6 to 7am daily;
- overnight from 9pm Friday
through to 7am Saturdays

Monthly Cuppa, after 9am Mass
on last Sunday of the month.

Saint Benedict	Thu 11
Saint Bonaventure	Mon 15
Saint Mary Magdalen	Mon 22
Saint Bridget of Sweden	Tue 23
Saint James, Apostle	Thu 25
Saint Joachim and Saint Anne	Fri 26
Saint Martha	Mon 29
Saint Ignatius Loyola	Wed 31
Saint Alphonsus de Liguori	Aug Thu 1



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Don't let sin twist
you. The minute
you say, 'Lord
have mercy', the
devil disappears.



Servant of God Catherine Doherty

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The date for submissions for the next
Wag is: **Wednesday July 31st.**

Parish Confirmations



Congratulations to all twenty who received the Sacrament of
Confirmation at St Michael's Cathedral on 23rd June on the Feast of
Corpus Christi!



Thanks firstly to God! And thanks to sponsors, servers, singers,
musicians and all who contributed and who prayed for those who were
Confirmed. More photos on page 6.



PASTOR'S PAGE - LIVING OUR CONFIRMATION TOGETHER

On June 23, twenty young people with their families and sponsors went to St Michael's Cathedral to be made firm in their Catholic Faith by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

They were given a grace to make them dedicated disciples, intentional and practical people who, as the ritual of Confirmation encourages, are to be "living members of the Church". They have been given a good example by the wonderful teachers who gave so much time willingly to accompany them, and our kind musicians and servers who helped make the ceremony both joyful and reverent.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit which they received have equipped them with the grace to become heroes for God. A true hero, the kind we see in the Marvel and DC movies, is not just powerful. More than that, he or she is good. There are many powerful people who are not good, or who use their powers to serve only themselves. What qualifies a hero to be called such is inside: selflessness, generosity, wisdom, courage, humility, kindness, perseverance. We see all of these things in the true Hero of Heroes, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hero of the greatest story ever told. The Confirmed are called to be heroes with Him, to be part of that greatest Story, to work with Jesus in the greatest cause ever: to battle evil on the side of Good, and help get ourselves and many others to Heaven. This goodness Jesus called "salt" and "light": we are to be the light of the world, by living the grace Jesus gives us in Baptism

and especially in Confirmation. "So let your light shine before others", said Jesus, "that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matt 5:16)

A few weeks ago, we had an example of the Confirmed working together to let that light shine. You may have heard how the Wagga Council was debating whether to keep the tradition of beginning Council Meetings with a prayer. When our Federal and State Parliament meetings begin, they say the "Our Father". When Australia was established it was also done with Christian Prayer. Our Christian principles have helped build our country into a wonderful place to live, a place of mutual respect and peace. The actual prayer of the Wagga City Council reflects our Christian love for all. It takes about 26 seconds to pray. It was surprising that some councillors and others in the community were working to get rid of it. It was even more odd that they did so in the name of the diverse newcomers to Wagga from different cultures, since those very newcomers almost always love God and appreciate prayer!

Thanks be to God, Council voted to keep the prayer. But how did that happen? By many different people standing up for their faith, living their Confirmation. One worked in council, and spoke there and in the community and rallied the troops. Due to his encouragement, we put information in our bulletin and contacted different churches



around, using Facebook and other handy tools. A few stories went into the Daily Advertiser; a radio interview was organized. The result was that of the nearly 300 submissions received by Council, only 4 were asking to abandon prayer.

This is only one example of how we can bear witness to the Faith, to Jesus, in a world which wants us to hide what we believe. All people of good will can and must stand up together to defend our rights to live our Faith without shame and to share Jesus with the world. If we love everyone, we must offer them the greatest gift which we have been given, the Faith and grace to reach heaven.

Whether we are councillors, teachers, radio hosts, rugby players, parents, students, retired, priests, nuns, or any other confirmed Catholic, let's respond to the wind of the Holy Spirit and shine in our world.

Fr Thomas Casanova
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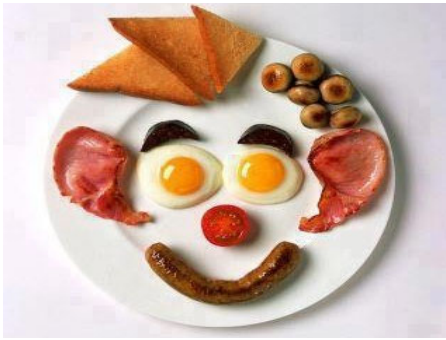


Christopher West ✓

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"When truth is divorced from love it is untruthful. When love is divorced from truth it is unloving."

July Jokes



Breakfast

A piece of toast and a hard boiled egg walked into a bar. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve breakfast here."

The Breakfast Couples: (Bacon)-Don't go bacon my heart (Egg)-I couldn't if I fried

Knock, knock! Who's there?
Omelette. Omelette who?
Omelette smarter than I look.

A guy walks into a doctor's office. He has a sausage coming out of one ear and bacon coming out of the other ear. He says worriedly, 'Doc, what's wrong with me?' The doctor replies, 'You're not eating properly.'

Dallas: Why did the bacon laugh?
Austin: I'm stumped.
Dallas: Because the egg cracked a yolk!

Soup

We were eating in this open-air café when it started raining. It took us an hour and a half to finish our soup.

Having recently returned from a foray deep into cannibal country, famed explorer Angus MacDonnegal was asked by a hometown newspaper reporter whatever became of his trusted companion and ever-present protege, Heathcliff. Angus sighed and replied, "Well, there we were, standing in front of this fierce-looking cannibal tribe's chief. Looking around at the band of imposing warriors all around us he asked me why I brought along such a seemingly frail-looking young man with me on such a perilous

journey. I smiled, put my arm around Heathcliff and proudly said those fateful words..." Here Angus' voice trailed off into soft sobs. "Poor Heathcliff!" he groaned, dabbing his eyes with his handkerchief. "I say," said the reporter, "Whatever did you say that now seems so dreadful in retrospect?" Angus composed himself and, with an ironic smile, said, "What do you suppose? I had the misfortune to tell the chieftain, 'Well, he's such a fine broth of a lad!' And the next thing you know..." his voice trailed off. "Pity," noted the reporter. "Quite," nodded Angus.



Main Course

I tried to get into my house the other day, but I couldn't. Wanna know why? Because I had gnocchi!

Q: What's better as a nursery line than a kitchen dish? A: Peas porridge in a pot nine days old.

Q: If you call a large turkey a gobbler what do you call a small one? A: Goblet

Q: What do you call a cow with no front legs? A: Lean Beef

Q: What do you call a cow with no legs at all? A: Ground beef

Q: What do you call a cow that has 1 leg? A: Steak

Q: What did one pasta say to the other? A: Penne for your thoughts.

Q: Why was the pickle given the top shelf in the kitchen cooler?
A: The chef thought it was kind of a big dill.

After Dinner

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours? A: Nacho cheese!

If Jake has 30 chocolate bars, and eats 25, what does he have?
Diabetes..... Jake has diabetes...

Why did the cookie cry? Because his mother was a wafer so long!

Who's there? Ice cream! Ice cream who? Ice cream if you throw me in the cold water!

Two ice cream vans crashed on the motorway, police put some cones out, thankfully no-one suffered whippy lash.

The young man entered the Ice Cream Shop at the amusement park and asked, "What kinds of ice cream do you have?" "Vanilla, chocolate, strawberry," the girl wheezed as she spoke, patted her chest and seemed unable to continue. "Do you have laryngitis?" the young man asked sympathetically. "Nope," she whispered, "just vanilla, chocolate and strawberry."

Barista: How do you take your coffee? Me: Very, very seriously.

Q: Why are Italians so good at making coffee?
A: Because they know how to espresso themselves.

Q: What's the technical name for a pot of coffee at work?
A: Break fluid

New word: Procaffeinating (n). – the tendency to not start anything until you've had your coffee.



Polish explorer who saved 100s of thousands during Great Irish Famine - and named Mnt Kosciuszko



Paul Strzelecki

ANNE CHATHAM MAY 13, 2019

The life of a Polish explorer who saved over 200,000 children during the Great Irish Famine is being honoured in a new exhibition in Dublin.

The exhibition entitled "A Forgotten Polish Hero of the Great Irish Famine: Paul Strzelecki's Struggle to Save Thousands", is in honour of

the Polish explorer.

The Irish famine of 1845-1949 was the worst in Europe in the 19th Century. It occurred after the potato crop failed due to late blight, a disease that destroyed the potato plants. With a large part of the Irish population at the time reliant on potatoes for food, many families were left starving. Around one million people died from starvation or famine-related diseases.

To help starving children, Strzelecki decided that the best way to feed them was directly through schools. Children across western Ireland, which was the most famine-stricken, received daily rations of food. In 1848, 200,000 children – from all denominations – were being fed. Without that help, many of them would have died.

Strzelecki was born into a Polish noble family in 1797, in what was Prussia at the time. After leaving Poland in his early 30s, he travelled widely outside Europe. In 1839, he arrived in Sydney, where he explored the Snowy Mountains and Tasmania. He also climbed Australia's highest mountain, which he named Mount Kosciuszko – after Polish military leader Tadeusz Kościuszko. He became a naturalised British subject in 1845.

After returning to Europe, Strzelecki served as the main agent of the British Relief Association, a private charity that provided support to people during the Irish famine.



An Irish Peasant Family Discovering the Blight of their Store

Although he was suffering from typhoid fever he had contracted in Ireland, Strzelecki pressed on with his work helping the victims of the famine.

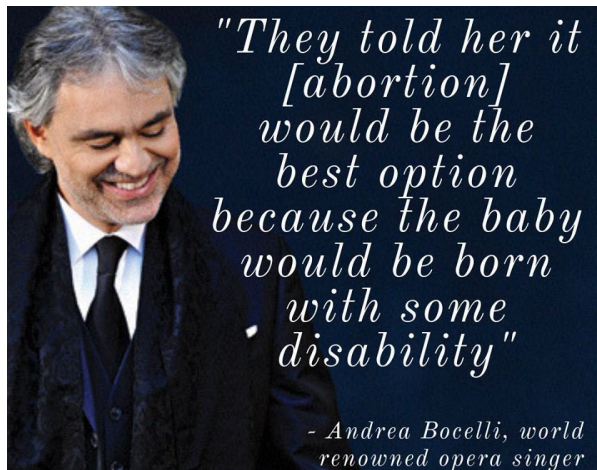
Back in London, he was made a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and recognised for his exploration of Australia. He died in the British capital in 1873.



Strzelecki commemorative plaque on the summit of Mount Kosciuszko



Statue of Strzelecki Ranges at Lake Jindabyne, Victoria



"They told her it [abortion] would be the best option because the baby would be born with some disability"

- Andrea Bocelli, world renowned opera singer



When a Mule Adored the Eucharist: How St. Anthony of Padua Proved Christ's Real Presence to a Heretic

This is such an cool story about the amazing St. Anthony of Padua!

June 13 is the feast of the miraculous St. Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost items, the poor, and travellers.

The Catholic Church attributes many miracles to this 13-century saint, one of which proved the presence of the Eucharist to a heretic.

St. Anthony fought and taught against heresies, including the Cather heresy, which denied the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Toulouse, Italy was the central point of this heresy, and St. Anthony participated in multiple public debates against it.



During one debate, a man named Bononillo challenged St. Anthony's belief of the Eucharistic presence.

He said, "If you can make my mule bow down before what you call the Body of Christ, I will believe."

St. Anthony tried to convince him in other ways, but did not see any other option.

Bononillo decided to then starve his mule for three days.

On the third day, St. Anthony celebrated Mass in the city's public square. After Mass, Bononillo went before St. Anthony, and offered his mule food, while St. Anthony carried a consecrated host.

St. Anthony said, "Mule! Come here and show reverence to your Creator!"

St. Anthony held up the Eucharistic host, and rather than accepting Bononillo's food, the starved mule bowed down and kneeled before the Eucharist.

Once Bononillo saw this, he also bowed and knelt before the Eucharist. Many other heretics converted that day.

Signs and notices outside churches

1. There was a church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lots so they put up a sign: CHURCH CAR PARK - FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptized.
2. "No God - No Peace; Know God - Know Peace."
3. "Free trip to heaven. Details inside!"
4. "Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin Robbins."
5. "Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"
6. An ad for one Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads: "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."
7. When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

8. "People are like tea bags -- you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."



9. "Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily."
10. "How will you spend eternity: Smoking or Non-smoking?"

11. "Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives"
12. "Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."
13. "It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."
14. "Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."
15. "If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."
16. "If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."
17. "Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon."
18. "This is a ch__ch. What is missing?" (U R)
19. "In the dark? Follow the Son."
20. "Running low on faith? Step in for a fill-up."
21. "If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

More Confirmation Photos



More photos?

www.facebook.com/pg/HolyTrinityPrimarySchoolWW/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1159184194289949

Polish nun who helped hide Jewish children from Nazis dies aged 110

Harriet Agerholm



A Polish nun who risked her life by hiding Jews from the Nazis during the Second World War has died aged 110, the archdiocese of Krakow in Poland has announced.

Sister Cecylia Roszak, who was believed to have been the oldest nun in the world, died last week in the Dominican convent in the city

of Krakow, southern Poland, where she had lived for nearly 90 years.

The archdiocese posted a photo of the nun on Twitter with the message: "In Krakow the oldest sister in the world died – sister Cecilia Maria Roszak from the monastery of Dominican sisters."

Ms Roszak was born on 25 March 1908 in the village of Kielczewo in west Poland and joined the Dominican monastery of Gródek in Krakow, aged 21.

In 1938, with a group of nuns, she went to Vilnius in Lithuania to establish a new monastery, but the plans were scrapped when war broke out.

During the fighting, the sisters reportedly hid around a dozen Jews from Nazis. One of those she helped was activist and writer Abba Kovner, who later testified at the war trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann.

German authorities arrested Ms Roszak's superior and closed down the convent in 1943.

Following the war, Israel awarded the nuns the "Righteous Among the Nations" medal, which it gave to non-Jewish people who risked their lives during the war to save Jews.

After the war Ms Roszak returned to Krakow, where she worked as an organist and cantor for more than 80 years.

A priest was about to baptise a baby. Turning to the father, he inquired, "His name, please?"
 "William Patrick Aurthur Timothy John MacArthur" the father announced.
 The priest turned to his assistant and said, "A little more water, please."

In this little jingle, there is a lesson true, you belong either to the building or to the wrecking crew.

Vale Maureen Frances Willis Pioneer of the West Wagga Parish

On June 28, 2019, a wonderful wife, mother, and woman entered into eternal life. Maureen Frances Freemantle was born in 1932 and grew up in central Wagga Wagga. Maureen was educated at St Mary's Primary School and at Mount Erin High School, where she met her lifelong friend Patricia Kelly (née Roushen).

Col Willis and Maureen were childhood sweethearts, and when love blossomed, they married in 1953. Happy soul mates, they shared a loving sacramental bond for 66 years. They moved into Tarakan Avenue in 1964, a couple of years before the Holy Trinity hall/church was built.

Maureen and her family lived just a few house blocks from Holy Trinity Church. Over many years, Maureen frequented the 9AM Mass with all of her friends, and in particular, Jill Brindley. Until just a few years ago, Maureen cleaned the church as a regular participant on the cleaning roster, helped with altar linen and many other jobs.

All the same, Col and Maureen together enjoyed the growing company of their children Graeme, Jeff, Julianne, and Michael (pictured). Maureen was the proud grandmother of Kelly and Taryn and a great-grandmother to Zahli,

Byron, Saige and Vera. She was a devoted mother.

Col and Maureen kept the inside and outside of their home beautifully, even as it stands today in all its glory at the very bottom of Bardia Street. Together they would often be seen tending their well-formed trees and perfect grass.

Maureen was used to hard work not only caring for her family but also working as a cleaner, cook, waitress and dressmaker. For over 50 years, Maureen was a stalwart of the parish. She was involved in all of the activities associated with the valiant women of the pioneering days. It was by means of these skills that Maureen generously contributed to all the early flurry of fundraising and busy activities. Always willing to assist with bingo and to bring a delicious dish to the various events of the ladies auxiliary, she made many friends. Maureen was a quiet person with plenty of energy and a kindly love. After retirement, Maureen was busy visiting her various friends, and she was a frequent visitor at the Loreto Home of Compassion.

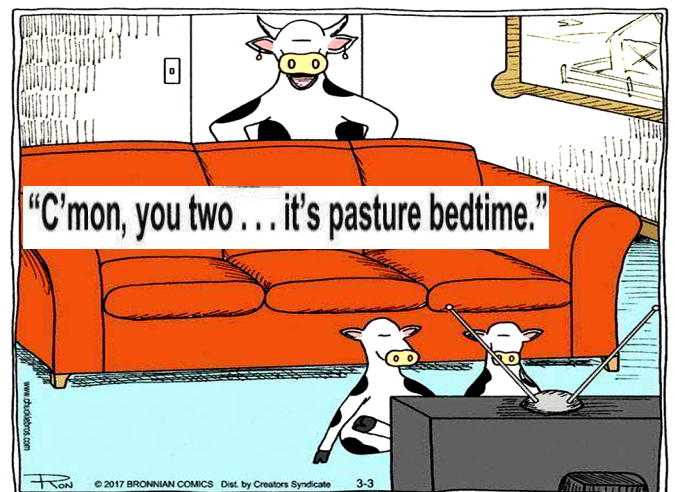
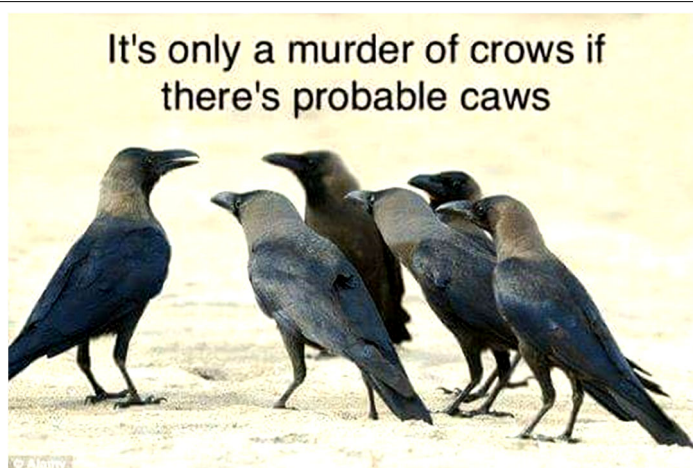
Maureen's last illness set in relatively quickly and lasted just six weeks. But this was time enough for the family to spend many special moments together in preparation for



*Jeff, Graeme, Michael;
Julianne, Maureen and Colin.*

final goodbyes and expressions of love.

The week of her death in the palliative care wing of Calvary Hospital, saw Maureen celebrate her 86th birthday on Monday, June 24, with all her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and with many friends. And over that week, she finally breathed her last under the watchful care of her children. Maureen died at 7am on the 88th birthday of her beloved friend and husband Col. Her supernatural birthday into eternal life not only coincided with Col's natural birthday, but it was also the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As a parish, we thank Maureen for all her devoted and generous service, her lifelong fidelity to Almighty God and her love for Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ. Requiescat in pace, Maureen.



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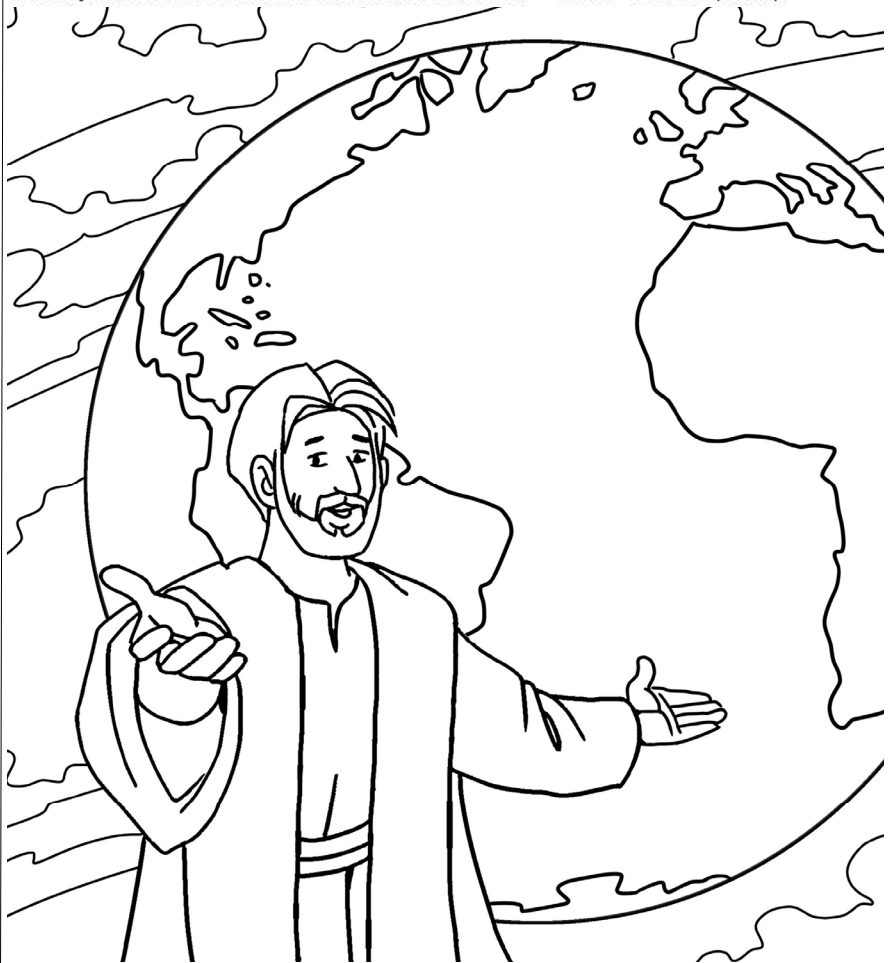


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Go in Jesus' Name

"However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20 (NIV)



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