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Ashmont, Collingullie, Glenfield, Lloyd, San Isidore

The West Wagga Wag

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Coming Events

Vianney College Open Day	Sun 5
Our Lady of the Rosary	Tues 7
Prayer Vigil for Peace	Thurs 9
Patrician Talk	Fri 10
Day of Prayer and Fasting for Family Synod	Fri 10
Card Party for Micah House	Mon 13
Mass for the Sick	Fri 17
Parish Retreat	Fri-Sun 17-19
Ho.T Primary School Fete	Fri 24



October—month of the Rosary!

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The due date for the next Wag is:

Sunday November 2th.

Ron and Dulcie's Farewell Mass



Ron and Dulcie Carey of 17 Eugene Avenue, San Isidore were farewelled at the Saturday Vigil Mass by Fr Gerard and the Congregation on Saturday, September 27, 2014. The Carey family have been residents of San Isidore since Easter 1973. When they first arrived they had four children and while in San Isidore four more; Sean, Thérèse, Patrick and Dianne. Both Ron, Dulcie and family have been

energetic parishioners during their time in the parish and had been involved in anything that was happening.

Ron was: President of P&F of the San Isidore Public School; on the WWCP Parish Council; a finance committee member; the Ho.T School Board and enthusiastic in P&C; curator of the grounds of Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist Church for over 30 years; and annually lit the Easter Vigil fire at San Isidore.

Dulcie was: a key participant in the ladies auxiliary for the parish; arranged the flowers with the other ladies; organised the SI church cleaning roster for 30 years and steadfastly, with others, did her part in church cleaning throughout those years.

Together Ron, Dulcie and Therese: took the roles of Joseph, Mary and Baby for Bethlehem scene at the first outdoor Christmas Mass. They were inspirational in working with Father Mick Burgess to provide the San Isidore Church hall. They arranged for the heating and cooling in San Isidore church and hall, and conducted a family group within the parish for more than a decade. Their parting gift to San Isidore were the last renovations in Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist Church by way of the crucifix and artwork on the back wall of the church.

They are hoping to move into their new home at The Grange in Lake Albert on the 10th of December, just in time for Christmas. With gratitude, we wish them every grace and blessing in their new home.



Praise can be given to those young men from the parish who not only love their football but also manfully and faithfully practice their faith. Involved in Riverina Footy League grand final this year were the four Kennedy brothers James, Dan, Nick & Matt who along with Brayden Ambler, Chris Gow (Doris Gow's grandson) and

Matt Beckmans (OLF parishioner) played for CAK and won against MCUE. Of note also was Craig Ambler who was their CAK's trainer; and overall was the coach Shane Lennon (whose brother Craig is a regular Mass goer at Ho.T and is presently struggling with lymphoma). Jordan Ambler played in both Under 15 and Under 17 RFL grand finals. Mention also needs to be made of Luke Murray who captained and played in the Hardy Shield and won for TRAC. Joshua his brother coached the team. Luke also played in the Group 9 Rugby Grand final for Temora and made the first try against the Brothers.

Pope Francis on St Therese and Charisms

To mark the first day of October, the Feast Day of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Pope Francis highlighted the charisms that all Christians have, more or less. Pope Francis recalled that St. Thérèse, who died at the age of 24, “loved the Church so much that she wanted to be a missionary; she wanted to have every sort of charism. And in prayer she realised that her charism was **love**. She said, 'In the heart of the Church, I will be love', a beautiful phrase. And we all have this charism: the capacity to love.”

The Pope continued,

“Ask St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus for this capacity to love the Church, to love her dearly, and to accept all charisms with this filial love for the Church, for our hierarchical holy mother Church.”

It is the charisms that build the Church and make her fruitful. The Catechism among others thing states:

“There are special graces, also called charisms after the Greek term used by St. Paul and meaning "favour," "gratuitous gift," "benefit." Whatever their character - sometimes it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues - charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace, and are intended for the common good of the Church. They are at the service of charity which builds up the Church.” [CCC 2003]

“Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them, and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire Body of Christ, provided they really are genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit and are used in full conformity with authentic promptings of this same Spirit, that is, in keeping with charity, the true measure of all charisms.” [CCC 800]

“Among the special graces ought to be mentioned the graces of state that accompany the exercise of the responsibilities of the Christian life and of the ministries within the Church...” [CCC 2004].

Pope Francis in his catechesis on the charisms during Wednesday’s general audience in St. Peter’s Square, attended by over 35,000 people, taught:

“Ever since the beginning, the Lord has filled his Church with the gifts of His Spirit, making her forever alive ... and among these gifts, we find some that are particularly valuable for the edification and the progress of the Christian community: these are charisms”,

explaining that in everyday language we often refer to



“charisma” in relation to a talent or natural ability.

“However, from a Christian point of view, a charism is far more than a personal quality, a predisposition or a gift: it is a grace, a gift from God the Father, by the action of the Holy Spirit ... so that with the same gratuitous love it may be placed at the service of the entire community, for the good of all”.

On the other hand, Pope Francis emphasised that alone it is impossible to understand whether or not one has received a charism or what form it takes, as it is within a community that we learn to recognise them as a sign of the Father’s love for all of His sons and daughters. It is therefore good for us to ask ourselves, “Has the

Lord made a charism issue forth in me, in the grace of His Spirit, that my sisters and brothers in the Christian community have recognised and encouraged? And how do I act, in relation to this gift: do I experience it with generosity, placing it at the service of all, or do I neglect it and end up forgetting about it? Or does it perhaps become a pretext for pride, so that I expect the community to do things my way?”

“The most beautiful experience, however, is discovering how many different charisms there are, and with how many gifts of the Spirit the Father fills His Church. This must not be regarded as a cause for confusion or unease: they are all gifts that God gives to the Christian community, so that it might grow harmoniously, in faith and in His love, like one body, the body of Christ. The same Spirit that grants this diversity of charisms also constructs the unity of the Church”.

But he warned,

“Beware, lest these gifts become a cause for envy, division or jealousy! As the apostle Paul recalls in his First Letter to the Corinthians, all charisms are important in the eyes of God, and at the same time, no-one is indispensable. This means that in the Christian community everyone needs the other, and every gift received is fully realised when it is shared for the good of all. This is the Church! And when the Church, in the variety of her charisms, is expressed in communion, she cannot err: it is the beauty and the strength of the *sensus fidei*, of that supernatural sense of faith, that is given by the Holy Spirit so that together we can enter into the heart of the Gospel and learn to follow Jesus in our life”.

October Jokes



The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and tells whether you are qualified to be a "professional." According to Andersen Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers!

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Wrong Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the door.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.

OK, even if you didn't answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

An Apple sat on a railroad track...
Feeling blue and cross...
Around the bend came number 10...
Toot Toot...
Apple Sauce

PASTOR NORTON

The Reverend Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So, he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420-METRE HOLE IN ONE! St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

A peanut sat

On a railroad track,
His heart was all a-flutter,
Round the bend
Came number ten.
Toot! Toot! Peanut butter!

DUMB INVENTIONS

Solar powered torch
Windscreen wipers for a submarine
Helicopter with an injection seat
Inflatable dart board
A dictionary index
Powdered water
Pedal-powered wheel chair

Why do we wait until a PIG is dead, to "CURE" it?
Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have an "S" in it?

There was once a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So, he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him, "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."

The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him.

Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward, the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter. Seeing the suitcase, Peter says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

But the man explains to him that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, "You brought pavement?!!!"

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YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FIT A CAMEL THROUGH A NEEDLE

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Paul Smith, Cerebral Palsy, Typewriter Artist

You don't have to be able to hold a pencil or a paintbrush to be a brilliant artist.

And Paul Smith, a man born with severe spastic cerebral palsy, proved just that. He couldn't dress, feed or bathe himself, but he discovered a way to express his passion for art through rather unconventional means: the typewriter located in his childhood bedroom.

He taught himself how to use 10 symbol keys at the top as his tools for creating hundreds of portraits and landscapes that are nothing shy of incredible.

Paul's movements are severely limited, his determination, endless," Stofflet says in a video about Paul and his art. Smith moved to the Rose Haven Nursing Center in Oregon in 1967 and spent the following 40 years there

creating his masterpieces. He died in 2007 at the age of 85, but his work remains posted in the hallways of his old home with the people he considered his family for the latter half of his life. Paul was devoted to his family and was a committed Catholic.



I saw a child

I saw a child who
couldn't walk,
sit on a horse, laugh and
talk.

Then ride it through a
field of daisies
and yet he could not
walk unaided.

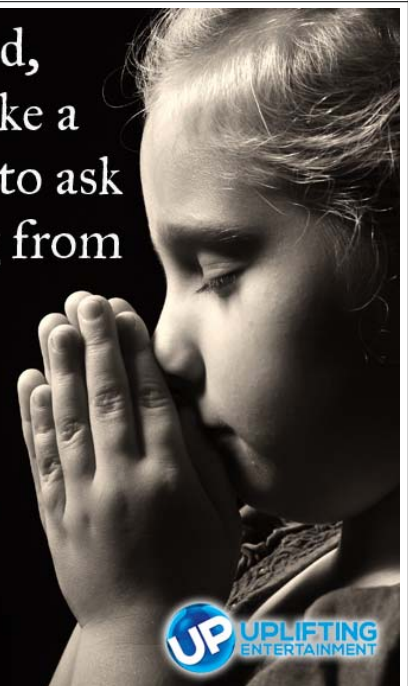
I saw a child, no legs
below,
sit on a horse, and make
it go
through woods of green
and places he had never
been
to sit and stare,
except from a chair.

I saw a child who could
only crawl
mount a horse and sit up
tall
Put it through degrees of
paces
and laugh at the wonder in
our faces

I saw a child born into
strife,
Take up and hold the reins
of life
and that same child was
heard to say,
Thank God for showing
me the way.

Author Unknown

Dear God,
I wanna take a
minute, not to ask
for anything from
You, but
simply
to say
thank You
for all
I have.



Saint-Jean de Dieu Hospital



Muslim pilgrims travel miles to be cured by Catholic monk-doctor

An Italian doctor and member of the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God has been caring for the sick at a hospital in Benin for forty years. His patients include many Muslims from a city in Niger who have been sent by the great Caliph

In one tiny corner of Africa it is still the norm for a Muslim “big fish” to send his followers to be treated by a Catholic monk. Moussa Aboubakar Hassouni Kiota is the spiritual leader of the Muslim confraternity of Tijaniyya, Great Caliph of Kiota, a city in southern Niger. Brother Fiorenzo Priuli is a doctor and a member of the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God (also known as Fatebenefratelli) order, who has lived and worked in the Saint-Jean de Dieu hospital in Tanguiéta, in northern Benin, for over forty years. There are 700 kilometres between them. But that is not far to go if you know that at the end of your journey of hope you will find a well-equipped hospital with friendly staff that doesn't judge you by your religion. This is what leads hundreds of sick people from Kiota to frequently undertake the journey to reach the missionary doctor based in Tanguiéta.

This unique story appears in the latest issue of bi-monthly magazine Africa, published by the White Fathers. And it is all the more interesting given the current mistrust between Muslim and Christians, which ISIS has contributed to.

“Muslim patients began their pilgrimage approximately 30 years ago. A sick man arrived here from Kiota and recovered here in this hospital. When he returned home, he told the great Marabout all about it and he started sending me more patients on a regular basis. Each of them arrives with a written message summarizing their ailment and placing the patient under my care. The letters end with the promise of prayers being said for the doctor,” Brother Priuli explains. Here is an example: “Dear Florent, I am placing this patient under your care. We will be praying for you in the mosque this Friday.” “All patients turn up with a letter of accompaniment which the caliph asks some trusted individual to write,” Brother Priuli continues.

Africa magazine says the monk “lights up” when he speaks of this “unusual” friendship, which was set in stone after a face-to-face meeting. “I will never forget the day I visited the Caliph of Kiota,” Brother Priuli says. “I made a very discreet appearance but was welcomed like a President! The Caliph had got thousands of people involved. All of my patients! I never expected to receive such a warm welcome.”

One need only take one look at Niger's healthcare facilities to understand why sick people try to



get treatment elsewhere. Sometimes the Caliph gives a helping hand, but more often people organise it all themselves, using public transport or sharing cars. The monk-doctor always welcomes the sick pilgrims with a big smile when they arrive in Tanguiéta. This in itself is amazing when one looks at how busy the man is, working from dusk till dawn, always running from one operating theatre to another, juggling medical appointments and dealing with administrative problems and numerous last minute glitches. “Our attention to the sick is an important element which makes us stand out here: we are a Catholic hospital in a part of the world where there are many different people, cultures and religions,” he stressed.

When the Saint-Jean de Dieu hospital was first built it had sixty beds. Now it is a reference point for the entire region and has 290 beds, but patients almost always number more than 300. Some of them have to “camp out” on the veranda. Almost 10,000 patients pass through here each year. Some of them come from far afield and often from neighbouring countries: Burkina Faso, Togo and Nigeria, in addition to Niger.

**Reminder—
Fri 10th Oct
Day of Prayer
and Fasting**

The Extraordinary Synod on the Family is taking place in Rome from 5th to 19 October.

This Synod will help prepare for next year's larger meeting of Bishops.

Australia's Bishops have invited us to pray and fast on October 10th for God's blessings on this year's Synod



PRAY.

for the Synod on the Family

Why Steve Jobs was a low tech parent?



BY DENYSE O'LEARY

In an announcement that coincides with the release of the Apple iPhone 6 Plus—a predicted preteen must-have—New York Times tech columnist Nick Bilton tells us that Steve Jobs (1955–2011), Apple co-founder and pioneer of the Mac, the iPhone and the iPad, restricted his four children's use of technology:

I had imagined the Jobs's household was like a nerd's paradise: that the walls were giant touch screens, the dining table was made from tiles of iPads and that iPods were handed out to guests like chocolates on a pillow.

Nope, Mr. Jobs told me, not even close.

Since then, I've met a number of technology chief executives and venture capitalists who say similar things: they strictly limit their children's screen time, often banning all gadgets on school nights, and allocating ascetic time limits on weekends.

What, Bilton wonders, do the high tech whizzes know that the rest of us don't?

Well, one thing they told him is that people become addicted to electronic devices. Indeed. We've not only seen it, some of us have been it. It's addiction when — we prefer online relationships to natural ones. — instead of helping us with focused work or study projects, the Net wastes our time, costing us promotions and marks—and we don't even care as long as we can keep surfing.

Children are at risk for Internet addiction because, unlike substances, it isn't forbidden, controlled, or restricted, except by parents or teachers. Add to that the fact that some children spend far too much time alone in their rooms online, and addiction can be predicted. To say nothing of the fact that the kid may be making statements—or acquaintances—she is much better off without ...

How strict are these high tech parents? Chris Anderson, the former editor of *Wired* and now chief executive of 3D Robotics has kids who accuse him and his wife of being "fascists."

Alex Constantinople, the chief executive of the OutCast Agency, a tech-focused communications and marketing firm, said her youngest son, who is 5, is never allowed to use gadgets during the week, and her older children, 10 to 13, are allowed only 30 minutes a day on school nights.

Evan Williams, a founder of Blogger, Twitter and Medium, and his wife, Sara Williams, said that in lieu of iPads, their two young boys have hundreds of books (yes, physical ones) that they can pick up and read anytime.

Other parents have rules like using Internet media only in the living room or only on creative projects, not just aimless surfing. Or allowing only Snapchat, which deletes messages on sending, so they can't as easily hang around to haunt a teen later in life.

But there's another factor that Bilton doesn't address: Generally speaking, upper middle class people do not live the lifestyles that the advertising agencies of many of their companies promote to less well educated/less well off social classes.

I wrote about this fact back in 2012, while reviewing sociologist Charles Murray's

book, *Coming Apart*. While marriage and churchgoing are collapsing among the shrinking working class, the upper middle class are more likely to continue to marry and profess a religion:

In working class neighborhoods today, like Murray's emblematic "Fishtown," nonmarital births as of 2008 were around 43 to 48 per cent of all births. (In nearby middle class neighbourhoods like Murray's example of "Belmont" they were around 6 to 8 percent.) ...

Strikingly, residents of nearby fashionable Belmont are more likely to go to church. Despite the widely publicized stereotype that the educated elite are materialist atheists, "Of the academics and scientists in the GSS sample, only 16 per cent said they had no religion" (p. 206).

So heads up!, working parents: The late Steve Jobs' high tech peers do not raise their children to live for, with, and through all the toys that their ad agencies market to yours!

It's not easy to say no to a teen who claims all her friends have the latest tech toy. One approach might include getting to know other parents and teachers in the same boat. Once a whole group starts looking past Jobs' company's ad agency to what Jobs himself actually did as a parent, there's a bit more hope for the kids.

Fight all error, but do it
with good humor, patience,
kindness, and love.
Harshness will damage
your own soul and
spoil the best cause.

— St. John Cantius



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Isn't it Strange ...

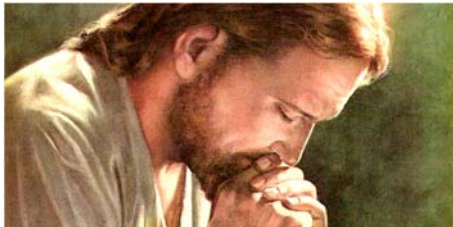
Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar note seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?



Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?



Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?



Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a boring novel?



Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?



Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God, and to



share it with others, but how easy it is to gossip?



Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?



Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do or say anything to get there?



The Fire

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly

aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would



rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had singed her small body, the mother remained steadfast. She had been willing to die so those under the cover of her wings would live.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
Psalm 91:4

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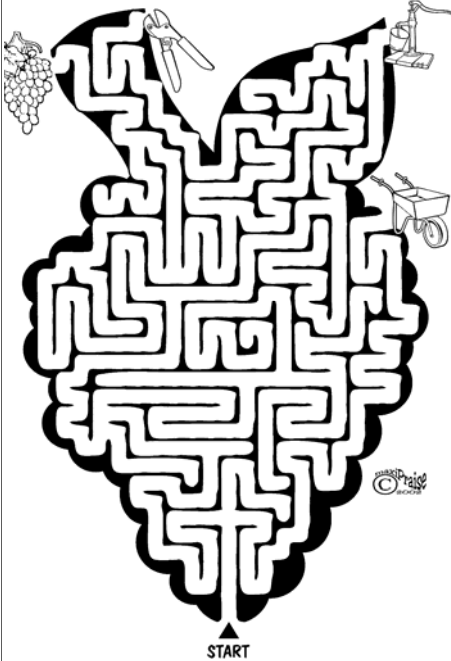
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The Vineyard Laborers

Help the labourers to find their way through the vineyard to the grapes.



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| LISTEN | WATCHTOWER |
| SENT | LANDOWNER |
| BUILT | SERVANTS |
| DUG | COLLECT |
| WALL | FARMERS |
| FRUIT | JOURNEY |
| LAST | PARABLE |
| SON | HARVEST |
| KILLED | REJECTED |
| TIME | VINEYARD |

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)



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