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Coming Events

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

Adoration - 6 to 7am daily, all night Fridays starting 9pm

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thu 8

Triumph of the Holy Cross Wed 14

Our Lady of Sorrows Thu 15

St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist Wed 21

St Pio Fri 23

Our Lady of Mercy Sat 24

St Vincent de Paul Tue 27

Archangels Thu 29

"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."
Pope Francis



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The date for submissions for the next Wag is: Wednesday Sept 28th.

New Catholics!

Tabitha James-Arbuckle, Charlotte James-Arbuckle and Ellie James were baptised at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 27th August.



Jarrold Roesler would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers over the last few years. He has been listed on the parish Bulletin for several years and of course prayed for during our Sunday prayers of intercession. The Roesler family are from Yarragundry and attend the Collingullie Mass. Last Thursday Jarrod was the recipient of a donor kidney. He had been extremely sick, especially earlier this year, and this donation will give him a new lease on life.

All the Roesler family are grateful to God for this very important development, given that Jarrod has been on dialysis for a couple of years now.

While thanking God for prayers answered, we continue to pray with faith and thanksgiving that his body will not reject the kidney transplant and he will grow strong and healthy. Thanks be to God.



Parishioners head to Rome!



Ten parishioners have flown to Rome to celebrate the Canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

More details on the Pastor's Page.

And more about St Teresa on pages 6 and 7.

pastor's page - canonization of Mother Teresa



This Sunday I am in St Peter's Square in Rome along with 10 of our parishioners and another 26 people who have joined our West Wagga Pilgrimage to attend the Canonization of Bl Mother Teresa of Calcutta. On this day she will be called St Teresa!

From the time she died in 1997, we looked forward to this day. Even during her life, we were thanking God who even in our time raises up saints - people on fire with the love of God and neighbour, people whose hearts belong all to Jesus.

Mother Teresa is famous for her love (and that means service!) of the poorest of the poor throughout the world, a love that is shared especially by the thousands of Missionaries of Charity sisters. My own sister, Veronica, now Sr M Bridgid MC is a Missionary of Charity and has had the joy of stretching out Jesus' hand of mercy to the poor in Melbourne, Manila, Catherine, here in Wagga, Sweden, Calcutta, Ireland and now in Rome. I heard on the grape-vine (actually from our mother) that Sr Bridgid is going to be doing a reading at the Canonization Mass. Look for the one who looks a bit like me, only with a white and blue habit on.

Mother Teresa is being canonized by the Church as an infallible declaration that she is a saint in heaven, a model of heroic love of God and neighbour, an example of the Christian virtues. The Church encourages us to pray through her intercession, "St Teresa of Calcutta pray for us!" especially on her feast day, September 5.

But there is another point to her canonization. Mother Teresa always encouraged her sisters not only to care for the poor, important though that is, but also and especially to become holy! The Second Vatican Council stressed that this is a call for everyone. Every one of us is called to repent, to turn away from sin, and give our complete "yes" to God, so that He can fill us with His holiness, purity, truth, generosity, and use us for His good purposes.

We are called to be centred on the Will of God, to be Christlike, people of silence, prayer, faith, love, service and therefore people of joy. We receive the power to become holy through humble prayer and obedience, and through the Sacraments, especially the Most Blessed Sacrament. Every one can become a saint, by doing ordinary things with extraordinary love and so satisfying Jesus who said from the Cross, "I Thirst!"

There are three special aspects of the spirit of the Missionaries of Charity which are based on the Gospel. These are "Loving Trust", "Total Surrender" and "Cheerfulness". These make us more like Jesus, help us to carry our cross joyfully and to be a blessing to those around us.

Like all Saints, Mother Teresa never aimed to be popular, but to be faithful. She was a prophet, i.e. a witness to truth. One of the truths she proclaimed was the dignity of every person from the womb to natural death, so she was with

Christ against abortion. Here is what she said before the Clintons and other world dignitaries:

But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself.

And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts.

Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems.

And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion.

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

May St Teresa of Calcutta pray for all of us that we will become saints, loving God and neighbour.

Fr Thomas Casanova CCS

The greatest man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him master. He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

September Sillies

Walking through Chinatown, a tourist is fascinated with all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners. He turns a corner and sees a building with the sign, "Hans Olaffsen's Laundry."

"Hans Olaffsen?", he muses. "How does that fit in here?" So he walks into the shop and sees an old Chinese gentleman behind the counter.

The tourist asks, "How did this place get a name like 'Hans Olaffsen's Laundry?'" The old man answers, "Is name of owner."

The tourist asks, "Well, who and where is the owner?" "Me...is right here," replies the old man.

"You? How did you ever get a name like Hans Olaffsen?"

"Is simple," says the old man.

"Many, many year ago when come to this country, was stand in line at Documentation Center. Man in front was big blonde Swede. Lady look at him and go, 'What your name?' He say, 'Hans Olaffsen.' Then she look at me and go, 'What your name?'"

"I say Sem Ting."

Q: Why did the boy tiptoe past the medicine cabinet? A: He didn't want to wake the sleeping pills!

Q: What goes up when the rain comes down? A: An umbrella.

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope? A: Stick with me and we will go places!

Q: Who can shave 10 times a day and still have a beard? A: A barber.

Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road? A: Because the chicken joke wasn't invented yet.

Q: What dog keeps the best time? A: A watch dog.



S-pug-hetti

Translation from Finnish

I had a dream I was a muffler and I woke up exhausted.

Today I gave my dead batteries away....Free of charge.

If you are running next to me on the treadmill, the answer is YES, we are racing.

I'm going to stand outside. So if anyone asks, I am outstanding.

A young man was driving along a country road on the way to see his fiancé. As he passed a field the idea struck him to stop and pick a bouquet of flowers. He had barely begun walking through the paddock when he became aware of a rather mean looking bull not far away, with head lowered and an evil look in his eye.

Far away, leaning comfortably on the prudent side of the fence, stood a farmer taking in the situation. The young man called out to him, "Hey, mister! Is that bull safe!"

To which the farmer shouted back, "Safe as anything! Can't say the same about you, though!"

Q: What did the judge say when the skunk walked in the court room? A: Odor in the court.

Q: Why did the man with one hand cross the road? A: To get to the second hand shop.

Q: Did you hear about the painter who was hospitalized? A: Reports say it was due to too many strokes.

Q: Why did the robber take a bath? A: Because he wanted to make a clean getaway.

Q: What did the judge say to the dentist? A: Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth.

Q: Why is a baseball team similar to a muffin? A: They both depend on the batter.

The past, present and future walk into a bar. It was tense.

If you think of a better fish pun, let minnow.

I tried to catch some fog earlier. I mist.

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.



A big-city lawyer was representing the railroad in a lawsuit filed by an old rancher. The rancher's prize bull was missing from the section through which the railroad passed. The rancher only wanted to be paid the fair value of the bull.

The case was scheduled to be tried before the justice of the peace in the back room of the general store. The attorney for the railroad immediately cornered the rancher and tried to get him to settle out of court. The lawyer did his best selling job, and finally the rancher agreed to take half of what he was asking.

After the rancher had signed the release and took the check, the young lawyer couldn't resist gloating a little over his success, telling the rancher, "You know, I hate to tell you this, old man, but I put one over on you in there. I couldn't have won the case. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your ranch that morning. I didn't have one witness to put on the stand. I bluffed you!"

The old rancher replied, "Well, I'll tell you, young feller, I was a little worried about winning that case myself, because that durned bull came home this morning."

Q: What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark? A: Flood lights!

Q: Why don't you see giraffes in primary school? A: Because they're all in High School!

It's been scientifically proven that too many birthdays can kill you!

I moustache you a question, but I'll shave it for later.

I love pressing F5. It's so refreshing.

Olympic Champions Praising God



Ryan Murphy, gold medal - the 100-meter backstroke. 'I hope always to live life based on God's Will'.



Immediately after crossing the finish line, women's 5000m final, gold medal winner Meseret Defar pulled a picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help from under her jersey, showed it to the cameras and held it up to her face in prayer.



Helen Maroulis won a gold medal in women's wrestling. As she walked into the arena and stepped onto the mat, she said over and over again, "Christ is in me, I'm enough". Just hours after winning her gold medal, she posted a photo online with Psalm 115 in the caption: "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness."



Gold medalist Almaz Ayana broke a 23-year-old world record in the 10,000 metres track competition. Suspected by some of her colleagues of drug cheating, she replied: "I am crystal clear. No. 1, I've been training specifically (for this event). No. 2, I pray to the Lord. The Lord has given me everything, everything. And No. 3, my doping is Jesus. Those are the reasons."



The Fijian rugby sevens team won the nation's first gold and then broke into song, singing a hymn of thanksgiving. One line from the song of praise was this: "We have overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of the Lord." One of the Fijians said, "First of all, I thank the Lord, he has been our source of strength."



Swimmer Katie Ledecky won 4 gold and a silver. Just before the Olympics she said this, "My Catholic faith is very important to me. It always has been and it always will be."



Neymar who kicked the winning goal in a penalty shootout to give Brazil Olympic gold over Germany. When the team later mounted the award podium he proudly displayed a headband with the words "100% Jesus".

Swimmer Maya DiRado, who won two gold medals, a silver and a bronze, said just prior to the Olympics:

"Knowing that I'm a child of God and that His love for me is determined by nothing I can achieve or



do on my own has given me a quiet confidence. ... I don't think God really cares about my swimming very much. This is not my end purpose, to make the Olympic team. I think God cares about my soul and whether I'm bringing His love and mercy into the world. Can I be a loving, supportive teammate, and can I bless others around me in the same way God has been so generous with me?"

Wayde van Niekerk won a gold medal in the 400 meters track race. "Immediately afterwards got down on my knees and thanked God." He also said, "Jesus did it".



These are just a few examples of many Olympians who praised God in various ways, from choosing their unborn over Olympic glory, to a Cuban marathoner running with a small banner with the words, "Love Jesus."

Cf. billmuehlenburg.com

2016 Olympic individual all-around champion

Written by Michael Matt

Simone Arianne Biles was born March 14, 1997. The other night she became the 2016 Olympic individual all-around champion. But this little dynamo is no stranger to winning. She is a three-time world all-around champion, three-time world floor champion, two-time world balance beam champion, four-time US national all-around champion, and a member of the gold medal-winning American teams at the 2014, the 2015 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships and the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

More importantly from our perspective, Simone Biles ... might have been a victim of abortion had her birth mother been someone other than Shannon Biles who suffered from drug and alcohol addiction but, rather than aborting her baby, gave Simone up for adoption.

The story is like something out of a feel-good movie, with little Simone—rather than ending up i [killed by an abortionist]—getting a chance to live, and then going on to become the first woman in history to win three consecutive



world all-around titles and, by the way, the most decorated American female gymnast in World Championships history, with a total of fourteen medals, ten of them gold.



Why? Because she was taken in by a loving and generous family who believed in her, challenged her, and showed her how to love Christ and keep her Catholic faith -- all of which was only possible because Simone's birth mother cared more for the sanctity of the life of her child than her own "reproductive rights as a woman."

In 2003 Simone's grandparents took the child and her sister, Adria, out of

foster care, in order to give them a loving home and a chance to thrive despite all they'd been through. Simone's grandfather is a retired air traffic controller while her grandmother is the former co-owner of a chain of nursing homes, and a woman obviously blessed with great compassion.

Simone Biles spent all her secondary education as a homeschooler and graduated in the summer of 2015. The family is Catholic, and the little gymnast, who is now taking the world by storm, lights a votive candle to St. Sebastian (patron saint of athletes) before all of her meets. She also keeps her rosary with her at all times, and isn't afraid to proudly admit it.

The 19-year-old told US Weekly that her mother gave her the cherished rosary, and that she keeps it with her at all times, praying before every competition "just in case."

Some of Simone's recent tweets:

"Do Not Be Afraid" is repeated in the Bible 365 times. This is a daily reminder from God to live everyday FEARLESS.

"Athletes: Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

"God has a bigger plan for me than I have for myself."

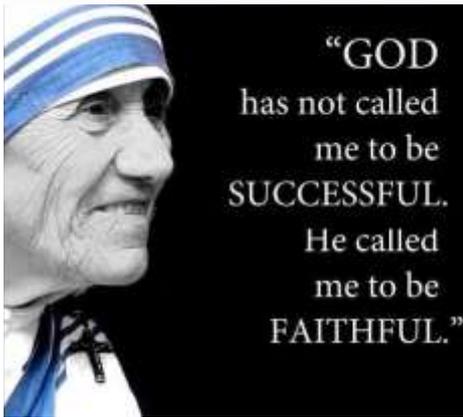
"Dear God, I want to take a minute, not to ask for anything from You, but to simply say thank you for all I have."



Simone Biles
@Simone_Biles



Who is Mother Teresa of Calcutta?



“GOD
has not called
me to be
SUCCESSFUL.
He called
me to be
FAITHFUL.”

1. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born Aug. 26, 1910, in Macedonia to a financially comfortable Albanian family (they owned two houses). Her father died when she was 8, ending her family's financial security.

2. Agnes was fascinated with missionaries, and by 12 she knew that she would commit herself to a religious vocation.

3. When she was 18, Agnes left home and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham, Ireland.

4. Although she lived to be 87, she never saw her mother or sister again after the day she left for Ireland.

5. After a year learning English in Ireland, Agnes transferred to the Sisters of Loreto convent in Darjeeling, India.

6. She took her vows as a nun in 1931, choosing the name Teresa to honour Saints Therese of Lisieux and Teresa of Avila.

7. Sister Teresa began teaching history and geography in Calcutta at St. Mary's, a high school for the daughters of the wealthy. She remained there for 15 years and enjoyed the work, but was

distressed by the poverty she saw all around her.

8. In 1946 Teresa travelled to Darjeeling for a retreat. It was on that journey that she realized what her true calling was: “I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.”

9. It took two years of preparation before she was able to begin doing the work she felt compelled to do. She needed to receive permission from the Sisters of Loreto to leave the order – while retaining her vows – as well as permission from the Archbishop of Calcutta to live and work among the poor. She also prepared by taking a nursing course.

10. In 1948 Sister Teresa set aside her nun's habit – adopting instead the simple sari and sandals worn by the women she would be living among – and moved to a small rented hovel in the slums to begin her work.

11. Teresa's first year in the slums was particularly hard. She was used to a life of comparative comfort, and now she had no income and no way to obtain food and supplies other than begging. She was often tempted to return to convent life, and had to rely on her determination and faith to get herself through it.

12. One of her first projects was to teach the children of the poor – drawing on her experience with teaching the children of the rich. She didn't have any equipment or supplies this time, but she taught them to read and write by writing in the dirt with sticks.

13. In addition literacy, Teresa taught the children basic hygiene.

She visited their families, inquiring about their needs and helping provide for them when she could.

14. Word began to spread about Mother Teresa's good works, and soon she had other volunteers wanting to help. By 1950 she was able to start the Mission of Charity – a congregation dedicated to caring for “the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.”

15. She went on to open a hospice for the poor, a home for sufferers of leprosy, and a home for orphans and homeless youths.

16. Mother Teresa was honored with many awards throughout her life, from the Indian Padma Shri in 1962 to the inaugural Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971 to Albania's Golden Honour of the Nation in 1994... and, most famously, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

17. She refused the traditional Nobel honor banquet, instead requesting that the \$192,000 budget be given to help the poor of India.

18. She continued her work with the poor for the rest of her life, leading the Missionaries of Charity until just months before her death Sept. 5, 1997.

19. By 1997, the Sisters numbered nearly 4,000 members, and were established in almost 600 foundations in 123 countries of the world.

20. Mother Teresa was beatified in 2003.

Mother Teresa and a family with 8 children

“One night a man came to our house and told me,
*There is a family with eight children.
They have not eaten for days,
I took some food and I went.*

“When I finally came to the family, I saw the faces of those little children disfigured by hunger. There were no sorrow or sadness in their faces, just the deep pain of hunger. I gave the rice to the

mother. She divided it in two, and went out, carrying half the rice with her. When she came back, I asked her, *Where did you go?* She gave me this simple answer,
To my neighbours-they are hungry also.

“I was not surprised that she gave—because poor people are generous. But I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves we have no time for others.”



How to Pray Mother Teresa's Famous "Flying Novena" to Our Lady

Mother Teresa found this a never-fail quick novena to turn to our Blessed Mother for speedy assistance. *By Joseph Pronechen*

What of those times when you are in need of an answer but time doesn't permit for prayers in petition for a day or more? Mother Teresa of Calcutta knew what to do. She turned to our Mother, and prayed her "Flying Novena."

Msgr. Leo Maasburg, her friend and spiritual advisor, explained in his book *Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait* that it was "Mother Teresa's spiritual rapid-fire weapon. It consisted of ten Memorares — not nine, as you might expect from the word novena. Novenas lasting nine days were quite common among the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity. But given the host of problems that were brought to Mother Teresa's attention, not to mention the pace at which she traveled, it was often just not possible to allow nine days for an answer from Celestial Management. And so she invented the Quick Novena." For some reason he calls it by this name rather than the

"Flying Novena" which her Missionaries of Charity continue to use and pray. Here are the words of the centuries-old Memorare:

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen."

"Mother Teresa used this prayer constantly: for petitions for the cure of a sick child, before important discussions or when passports went missing, to request heavenly aid when the fuel supply was running



short on a night-time mission and the destination was still far away in the darkness. The Quick Novena had one thing in common with nine-day and even nine-month novenas: confident pleading for heavenly assistance, as the apostles did for nine days in the upper room 'with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the women' (Acts 1:14) while waiting for the promised help from the Holy Spirit."

Msgr. Maasburg explains why Mother Teresa always prayed 10 Memorares. "She took the collaboration of Heaven so much for granted that she always added a tenth Memorare immediately, in thanksgiving for the favor received."

Some Mother Teresa Quotes

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person."

"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much."

"I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbour. Do you know your next door neighbour?"

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

"It is impossible to walk rapidly and be unhappy."

"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."

"Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

"Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God."

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."

"Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus."

"The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion."

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness."

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."

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| ENOUGH | COST |
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The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 (NIV)

CROSS



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1 Cor. 1:23



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Titus 2:13-14



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Lam. 1:12



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Heb. 10:12



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Gal. 6:14

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