

SR ELIZABETH GLASS 17 June 1934 – 26 April 2019

Elizabeth Margaret Glass was born in Leeton NSW on 17 June 1934, the eldest child of Jesse Patrick Glass, a farmer, and his wife Alice Margaret O’Grady. Her siblings are Ellen, Edward and Janet rsj.

Elizabeth grew up on the family aa near Griffith NSW and from an early age attended St Joseph’s College North Goulburn possibly because while there was a school bus Catholics were not permitted on it in those days. Goulburn was probably the school of choice because her aunt, Sr Mary Michael, was in Goulburn. After completing her education Elizabeth entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St Joseph in Goulburn on 19 March 1951. She was received on 7 January 1952 taking the religious name Sr M. Matthew of Our Lady of Fatima. She was professed on 9 January 1954 and made her final profession on 9 January 1959. Her first place of appointment and ministry was to Ardlethan teaching primary classes.

Sr Matthew was trained as a primary school teacher though she also taught infants and secondary classes. She taught in schools across our vast Diocesan lands, beginning after her Profession at Ardlethan, then Holbrook, Hanwood, Yoogali, Temora, O’Connor ACT, Leeton, Taralga, Narrandera, Yenda, Coolamon and Batemans Bay. Her ministry after her years of teaching saw her also live in Burwood, Galong and Goulburn. Elizabeth was often the Principal of the schools in which she taught and was Superior of the Community when she lived in Yenda and Goulburn. In 1976 she reverted to the use of her baptismal name. She was a creative and adaptable Teacher who taught across all grades including secondary French at Leeton for a time, was Teacher-Librarian, and was gifted with Special Needs students. Her contribution to Education was considerable and she was a much-loved Teacher. Sr Elizabeth valued her religious vocation and decided as a very young Sister to devote all her energies to it. She liked being a teacher and saw her years of teaching as a very rewarding experience, delighting when her young charges made progress in their learning. Her practical and helpful nature was highly valued in both the schools and within her community. Besides her teaching and community commitments her interests included reading, cooking, crochet and gardening. Elizabeth enjoyed a good film and watching sport on TV.

After her years of active ministry Elizabeth lived in the Mary of the Cross Apartments in Goulburn. From there earlier this month she was admitted to St Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney for surgery. Complications following the surgery led to her death on April 26th 2019. She was 84 years of age and in the 66th year of her religious profession.

Elizabeth is remembered as a loving Sister to her Community and most generous in care and support for them. She was a woman of deep faith and prayer, who fully and joyfully lived her Josephite life.

A Vigil celebrating the life of Sr Elizabeth Glass will be held in Our Lady of Dolours Chapel North Goulburn at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday April 30 2019. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the same Chapel at 11am on Wednesday May 1 after which interment will take place at St Patrick’s Cemetery, Goulburn.

LES MURRAY: NOT ABSOLUTELY ORDINARY AT ALL

The greatest of Australian poets has “vanished into the future”, writes Dr Greg Clarke of Catholic poet Les Murray, who died on Monday at the age of 80. Source: *Eternity News*. Les Murray’s unique poetry will endure in the same manner as Seamus Heaney and Walt Whitman. And each volume he dedicated “To the glory of God”.

Murray’s poetry was about language itself. He was a translator and a savant, whose syntax baffled and then delighted many a school student. He punned happily, a quality I admire in a grown man (my favourite title of Murray’s is “Lunch and

Counter Lunch”). As fellow poet Geoff Page said, “In the days before Google, Murray was its human equivalent. He seemed to know at least something about everything”.

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He was also enamoured by the creator God, with a suite of poems that will endure for centuries as reflections on the relationship between God and the physical world. In poems such as “The Broad Bean Sermon”, “Bat’s Ultrasound” and “Pig” he outlined a theology of divine attentiveness: nothing in God’s world was too small, apparently ugly or useless, to be unworthy of poetry.

Arguably, his most memorable poems reflect on the surprising discovery that human beings are more than animals. His most famous poem, “An Absolutely Ordinary Rainbow” describes a man weeping in Martin Place, an unlikely spiritualising of the world of the city and a recurrent theme for Murray. His reflections on the confusion of intimate relationships in poems such as “Burning Want” (about school) and “The Last Hellos” (about his father’s death) never leave the reader. I mourn his passing and give thanks to God for his imagination and humility, his humour and his seriousness, and his ability to turn personal pain into an offering for others.

– Dr Greg Clarke is the chief executive of Bible Society Australia.

JESUITS UNVEIL 5 YEAR APOSTOLIC PLAN

The Australian Jesuits have announced the “apostolic priorities” that will guide the religious order’s activities in Australia over the next five years. In February, the international Jesuits announced the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), the result of a 16-month discernment process for the Jesuits and their partners in mission across the globe.

In Australia, the Jesuits and partners in mission have been taking part in this discernment process, including a review of the needs of the Society of Jesus and the broader Church in Australia.

Australian provincial Fr Brian McCoy SJ announced the results of this discernment process at the province gathering at Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview, on 24 April.

He noted that the Australian province review has taken place at a time when the Church in Australia is coming to grips with the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

“We are acutely aware that our own province has not been immune to serious failures in this regard,” he said. “This Province Apostolic Plan includes our commitment to ensuring that the highest professional standards prevail in all our ministries, making the safety, protection and flourishing of the young and vulnerable our paramount concern.”

The five apostolic priorities are: Nourish [Jesuit] ministries through Ignatian spirituality; Heal humanity and our world; Form the young in a faith seeking justice; Strengthen Jesuit and lay partnership in mission; Serve Christ through the Church within the Jesuit and Ignatian tradition.

Fr McCoy announced a number of initiatives aimed at supporting the various priorities. A new body called Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia will be established to have oversight of the ministries of the Spiritual Exercises and of Ignatian formation. “The members of this body will be tasked to have oversight of these two foundations and to be creative, imaginative and bold in the outreach and expressions of this priority,” said Fr McCoy.

Another new body, called Jesuit Social Ministries Australia, will have oversight of the province’s social ministries.

Fr McCoy said that with regard to strengthening Jesuit and lay partnership in mission, a priority was to ensure that women’s voices are welcomed and encouraged in the province, particularly on boards and councils.

CHURCH GOVERNANCE REVIEW: A panel of experts has been convened to conduct a national review of the governance and management structures of Catholic dioceses and parishes. Source: ACBC and CRA.

This will include issues of transparency, accountability, consultation and lay participation. The review was a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse after the commission concluded that the governance and management of some dioceses and parishes contributed to the child sexual abuse crisis.

Among other organisations, the review will consider the approaches to governance of Catholic health, community services and education agencies – as suggested by the Royal Commission. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said the review of governance will examine how Church structures – some of which were devised centuries ago – can be improved.

“We cannot ignore the wisdom that the Church has handed down through the years, but we must also be mindful that some of our practices fail to acknowledge and draw upon the best practice of other large, contemporary organisations,” he said. Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, president of Catholic Religious Australia, added: “The Royal Commission uncovered some practices that could have exacerbated the abuse of children and hampered the response to that tragic reality.

“The establishment of this panel is another step in our serious response to the Royal Commission and will help establish a way forward for the Church into the future.”

URSULA STEPHENS TO LEAD CSSA: Former New South Wales senator Ursula Stephens will take over as the new CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia on July 1. Source: *ACBC Media Blog*. Bishops’ Commission for Social Justice – Mission and Service chair Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. welcomed Dr Stephens and, on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, wished her well in the new role. CSSA chair Maria Harries said Dr Stephens was chosen from among a field of high-quality candidates, “which is a testament to the work that Catholic social services providers carry out each day across the country. The appointment of Dr Stephens promises to enable CSSA to continue to implement its strategic vision of a fairer, more inclusive Australia,” Dr Harries said. Bishop Long’s announcement outlined some of Dr Stephens’ achievements in her time, including her work advocating for social inclusion policies while in government. Dr Stephens served in the Australian Senate from 2002 to 2014.

Dr Stephens also has experience within the social services sector, in social policy development, government relations and community services more broadly, he explained.

Dr Stephens will replace Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who is leaving CSSA to take on the role of Rector at Newman College at the University of Melbourne from next year. Bishop Long paid tribute to Fr Brennan as someone who “has been an advocate for marginalised and vulnerable people for decades”.

Dr Stephens also praised Fr Brennan, saying she looks forward to taking up the task of “supporting the work and commitment of the CSSA members to improve the lives of so many Australians. CSSA’s advocacy and research work is critically important at a time when governments seek to silence dissent,” she said. “I intend to be a strong voice for those least able to advocate for themselves because of their life circumstances, and the services that support them.” CSSA operates in more than 650 locations, providing direct support to hundreds of thousands of people in need each year on behalf of the Church.

POPE: ‘JESUS’S GIFTS OF PEACE, JOY AND MISSION’

Pope Francis celebrated the second Sunday of Easter reflecting on how Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room, bringing three gifts: peace, joy and apostolic mission. *By Linda Bordon*

Pope Francis addressed the faithful in St. Peter’s Square for the recitation of the Regina Coeli Prayer with a reflection on the

Gospel of the day. He recalled how on the second Sunday of Easter the Lord appeared to the Apostles who had plunged into bewilderment and fear after the capture and death sentence of their Master, revealing that he brought peace as a fruit of his victory over evil.

‘Peace be with you’

“The Risen One brings authentic *peace*, because through his sacrifice on the cross he has achieved reconciliation between God and humanity and has overcome sin and death”, the Pope said. He recalled how the apostle Thomas, who had not witnessed first-hand the extraordinary event of the Lord’s appearance in the Upper Room, needed Jesus to come forward to dispel his disbelief, inviting him to touch his wounds. “Those wounds represent the source of peace, because they are the sign of the immense love of Jesus who defeated the forces that are hostile to man: sin, evil and death”, he said.

The gift of joy The second gift that the risen Jesus brings to his disciples, Pope Francis said, is *joy*. The evangelist, he explained, tells us that “the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord”. And reiterating that the Easter season is a time of joy, the Pope said “Jesus’ resurrection is the greatest reason for our joy” as he has destroyed the obstacles and negative forces of the world which prevent us from being truly joyful.

Apostolic mission In addition to peace and joy, Pope Francis continued, Jesus also brings *mission* to his disciples. He says to them “As the Father has sent me, I send you” putting into motion a new dynamism of love which, the Pope said, is capable of transforming the world with the power of the Holy Spirit.

This love, he said, is spread through the Apostles and their successors, but also through all the faithful. The Risen Jesus, Francis explained, entrusts every Christian with the task of announcing the wonderful event of his Resurrection.

“Every baptized person is called to transmit the divine gifts of peace and joy, thus continuing Jesus’ saving mission in the world, each according to his or her own vocation”.

On this second Sunday of Easter, he concluded, we are invited to approach Christ with faith, opening our hearts to peace, joy and mission, which is the proclamation of divine mercy, the joyful witness of his transforming and redeeming love.

Christian life is impossible without the Holy Spirit: Pope

Christians must allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit if they expect to live a Christian life, Pope Francis has said. Source: *CNS*. Only through the Spirit can men and women “rise from our limitations, from our deaths”, the Pope said

“A Christian life – or a person who calls himself or herself a Christian – that does not leave space for the Spirit and does not allow the Spirit to go forward is a pagan life, dressed as a Christian one,” he said. The Pope based his homily on the day’s Gospel reading in which Jesus speaks to Nicodemus about the need to be “born of the Spirit”. Listening to and understanding God’s will through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, is similar to hearing the sound of wind blowing, yet “you do not know where it comes from or where it goes”.

Jesus’ message to Nicodemus is that “we need to be reborn” and “give way to the Spirit. The Spirit is the protagonist of Christian life; (it is) the Spirit – the Holy Spirit – that is in us, that accompanies us, that transforms us and is triumphant within us,” he said.

Francis encouraged Christians to heed Christ’s words to his disciples after his resurrection and “receive the Holy Spirit” who will “be your companion in Christian life. Let us ask the Lord, to give us this knowledge that we cannot be Christians without walking with the Holy Spirit, without acting with the Holy Spirit, without letting the Holy Spirit be the protagonist in our lives.”

PLASTIC is choking our oceans. Everywhere we see the carnage: dead whales washing up with stomachs full of plastic, seabirds suffocating, turtles drowning in plastic nets. Rich countries are shipping their plastic waste to poorer countries, (who do not have recycling equipment).

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading **Acts 5:27-32. 40-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said,

'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

- I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)*
- Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)*
- The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)*

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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PARISH SCHOOLS: St Mary's Parish Primary School

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PARISH BBQ TODAY! All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and lunch being served in the school hall after Mass.

A lift to the hall will be available and parking is available at the School car park

in front of the St Mary's Performing Arts Centre.

PLEASE BRING YOUR NAME TAG

and make sure your name is also on a yellow strip of paper to be included in the parish chain of friendship.

Thank you to all the volunteers and for the food being donated.



OPENING MASS FOR TERM 2, ST MARY'S COLLEGE: Thanks to all the Staff and Students who celebrated this Special Mass on Friday together with the other parishioners. It was a wonderful occasion that followed much preparation by readers, musicians, singers, welcomers, leaders of prayer, offertory processors, and everybody who was there. May the blessings of the occasion continue to bear fruit throughout this term. Congratulations on the great start!

MOTHERS' DAY: This will come up, in accordance with Australian custom, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2019. Ideas for our celebration will be very welcome! What I have often done in the past is to have an intercessory prayer and a then a blessing for all mothers present just before the Dismissal of the Mass. Better ideas very welcome! (Please see next notice!)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: The amount donated by our parishioners and visitors was \$952.25. Thanks to all for your generosity. The money is being forwarded to the Commissariat.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians: Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 26. Our Archdiocese has four young men who have answered God's call to serve as priests and are currently studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. Formation of men for the priesthood requires the support of the entire Church community – please pray for the future of the priesthood in our Archdiocese and contribute financially towards the many years of academic training and seminary formation they will serve. The appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend. Donations are not tax deductible. Please give generously.

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to [advertise your business](#) in this bulletin, please let me know. The Bay has a good model, and we'd be following a similar pattern. We can do variety re size, colour, etc, for varying rates. Please send your response to me via stephen.astill@cg.org.au. Thank you in anticipation!

PASTORAL LETTER CALLS FOR AN 'ECONOMY OF INCLUSION' Australia's Catholic bishops have released an annual pastoral letter calling for renewed efforts to create an economy of inclusion for all workers. Source: *ABC Media Blog*. For more than 20 years, the Church in Australia has marked the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on May 1 with a pastoral letter that places Catholic Social Teaching in dialogue with current work issues in Australia. In this year's letter, Bishop Terry Brady, Bishop Delegate for Social Justice, said: "Opinions may differ on what will best serve the common good, but let us remember that the common good is not served when vulnerable or disadvantaged people and groups are left out.

"As we approach the federal election, let us revisit the invitation of the 2014 pastoral letter: 'Think of the older worker made redundant by technology and becoming long-term unemployed; a son or daughter completing their training but frustrated in the search for a job; a single mother trying to make ends meet on the Newstart Allowance; a household with work but still below the poverty line'."

This year's letter looks at a number of key principles related to the Church's teaching on work, including: A just wage; The value of unpaid work; The social wage; Unemployment; An economy of inclusion; and Knowing our tradition. Bishop Brady said "these pastoral letters place Catholic Social Teaching in dialogue with current work issues in Australia, making a uniquely Australian contribution to the Church's teachings on work". The letters "come from and belong to the whole Church" and were "initiated and created by laity and bishops together," he said. "The pastoral letters for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker might not be well known, but they are a useful resource for reflection and action on contemporary work issues."

Regarding the issue of a just wage, Bishop Brady said that this was a key indicator of the justice of our society. "Right now, the Australian bishops, with help from our Employment Relations Reference Group, are arguing at the Fair Work Commission for the national minimum wage to be set at a level that would allow people to live with dignity," he said.

"Always take the high road; it's far less crowded there" -Warren Buffett