

happen. This weekend the second team preparation is taking place at The Pines.

LADIES HEALTH NIGHT Dessert & Coffee provided
Speaker: Dr Melinda Nelson; **Topic:** Arthritis
Where: Presbyterian Church Hall, Moruya. **Time:** 11/9, 7 pm. **RSVP:** Sandra 0447 674 936 or Sue 0426 820 860 by Monday 9th September 2019 for catering purposes'

'LADY'S MANTLE' O VIRGO SPLENDENS. Directed by Maia Harrison Marian music from medieval chants to settings from the great classical composers. Music from the Llibra Vermell de Montserrat and composers Brahms, Mozart, Poulenc, Saint Saëns and Arcadelt. Pianist – Caroline Fox
2pm Sunday 6 October, St Bernard's Church, Batehaven
Entry by donation. Lady's Mantle is a small Canberra-based women's vocal ensemble of experienced singers.

FR ALEX OSBORNE IN A PACKED CATHEDRAL
Addressing the congregation, Fr Alex Osborne said that if you'd have told him some years ago that the Cathedral would be packed for his ordination, he wouldn't have believed you. And yet, from front to back, each pew was filled and there was standing room only at the Ordination of Fr Alex Osborne at St Christopher's Cathedral on Friday, August 30. Around 80 priests and 25 seminarians, many from outside of the Archdiocese, joined with Archbishop Christopher Prowse who celebrated the ordination. Friends and family of Fr Alex travelled from around the country and from overseas to celebrate the occasion with him.

In his homily, Archbishop Christopher praised Fr Alex's parents for the Christian upbringing they had provided for him, and also recognised the impact Fr Neville Drinkwater had had on Fr Alex as his parish priest for much of his upbringing. Archbishop Christopher said that Fr Alex had chosen to dedicate his life to the Church at a difficult time in the Church's history, but that Fr Alex was hopeful and excited about being a missionary disciple within the Church that he loves so much. The Archbishop described Fr Alex as a young man with a great thirst for learning, particularly as related to his theological studies. "He has often told me how much he has enjoyed the studies at the seminary and relished in the essays," Archbishop Christopher said.

"I have sometimes heard him preach and delighted that he was able to integrate his theological training in being able to produce a Homily that drew people to truly believe in all the Catholic Church proclaims to be truth."

Archbishop Christopher quoted a recent article in which Fr Alex said his love of learning about his faith developed from about the age of 15. "There was something inside of me that was so hungry to learn more," Fr Alex said in the article. "It was around this time I fell in love with the Church. She wasn't old, grey, cynical, negative and unwelcoming. She was the Bride of Christ, young, beautiful, intriguing and radiant with the reflected glory of God."

In his talk to the congregation, Fr Alex cautioned the Archbishop that he didn't know what he'd gotten himself in for. Mixed in with a large measure of humour, Fr Alex thanked his family and friends who had supported him in his journey of faith and said he was excited to begin his life as a priest. Family, friends, clergy and well-wishers joined with Fr Alex in an equally packed Haydon Hall after the ordination for specially prepared cakes and a wide range of food.

Fr Alex will take up his first appointment as the Assistant Priest of the Goulburn Mission from Tuesday, October 1.

WORLD WIDE GLOBAL ROSARY Last year, The world prayed the rosary in 56 countries on six continents, including Australia, 'united' as a Global Rosary, in publicly praying the Rosary for our country and the world. In Australia on that day there were over 200 locations in all states, we prayed the rosary in churches and in over 100 school locations and other locations.

The countries of the World Wide Global Rosary will again pray for world peace, penance and reparation for the world. This will take place on the 13th October, 2019, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Intentions are:-for our country Australia and her people; as Reparation for our sins and those of the whole world; as reparation for the Holy Souls in Purgatory; for our Priests and Religious; for the 'Protection of the Innocent both at the beginning and end of life; for the Sanctity of Marriage and Family; for Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; for Australia to live it's calling to be the 'Great Southland' of the Holy Spirit with a renewed devotion and spirit of evangelism.
15th Aug 2019 – 07th Oct 2019: 54 Day Rosary Novena.

POPE GETS STUCK IN ELEVATOR FOR 25 MINUTES

Pope Francis begged the pardon of the crowd gathered in St Peter's Square yesterday, explaining he was late because he'd been stuck in a Vatican elevator. Source: *CNA*. "First of all, I have to apologise for the delay, but there was an accident: I was locked in the elevator for 25 minutes!" the Pope said yesterday, after arriving seven minutes late for the noon Angelus and reflection. He said "there was a drop in voltage and the elevator stopped. Thank God the fire department came – I thank them so much! – and after 25 minutes of work they managed to make it go. A round of applause for the fire department!"

Pope's September prayer: For protecting the oceans

Oceans contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, and also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them are threatened for various reasons.

Creation is a project of love given by God to humanity. Our solidarity with the "common home" is born from our faith. Let us pray this month that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

The Pope's **Worldwide Prayer Network of the Apostleship of Prayer** developed "The Pope Video" initiative to assist in the worldwide dissemination of monthly intentions of the Holy Father in relation to the challenges facing humanity.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

"And God saw that it was good" (*Gen 1:25*). God's gaze, at the beginning of the Bible, rests lovingly on his creation. From habitable land to life-giving waters, from fruit-bearing trees to animals that share our common home, everything is dear in the eyes of God, who offers creation to men and women as a precious gift to be preserved.

Tragically, the human response to this gift has been marked by sin, selfishness and a greedy desire to possess and exploit. Egoism and self-interest have turned creation, a place of encounter and sharing, into an arena of competition and conflict. In this way, the environment itself is endangered: something *good* in God's eyes has become something to be *exploited* in human hands. Deterioration has increased in recent decades: constant pollution, the continued use of fossil fuels, intensive agricultural exploitation and deforestation are causing global temperatures to rise above safe levels. The increase in the intensity and frequency of extreme weather phenomena and the desertification of the soil are causing immense hardship for the most vulnerable among us. Melting of glaciers, scarcity of water, neglect of water basins and the considerable presence of plastic and microplastics in the oceans are equally troubling, and testify to the urgent need for interventions that can no longer be postponed. We have caused a climate emergency that gravely threatens nature and life itself, including our own. In effect, we have forgotten who we are: creatures made in the image of God (cf. *Gen 1:27*) and called to dwell as brothers and sisters in a common home. We were created not to be tyrants, but to be at the heart of a network of life made up of millions of species lovingly joined together for us by our Creator. Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation. Now is the time to repent, to be converted and to return to our roots. We are

beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation. For this reason, I strongly encourage the faithful to pray in these days that, as the result of a timely ecumenical initiative, are being celebrated as a *Season of Creation*. This season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home begins today, 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. It is an opportunity to draw closer to our brothers and sisters of the various Christian confessions. I think in particular of the Orthodox faithful, who have celebrated this Day for thirty years. In this ecological crisis affecting everyone, we should also feel close to all other men and women of good will, called to promote stewardship of the *network of life* of which we are part. This is *the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew* by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator. Saint Bonaventure, that eloquent witness to Franciscan wisdom, said that creation is the first "book" that God opens before our eyes, so that, marvelling at its order, its variety and its beauty, we can come to love and praise its Creator (cf. *Breviloquium*, II, 5, 11). In this book, every creature becomes for us "a word of God" (cf. *Commentarius in Librum Ecclesiastes*, I, 2). In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received. We can even say that creation, as a *network of life*, a place of encounter with the Lord and one another, is "God's own 'social network'" (*Audience for the Guides and Scouts of Europe, 3 August 2019*). Nature inspires us to raise a song of cosmic praise to the Creator in the words of Scripture: "Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the earth, sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever" (*Dan 3:76* Vg).

It is also *a season to reflect on our lifestyles*, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful. Too many of us act like tyrants with regard to creation. Let us make an effort to change and to adopt more simple and respectful lifestyles! Now is the time to abandon our dependence on fossil fuels and move, quickly and decisively, towards forms of clean energy and a sustainable and circular economy. Let us also learn to listen to indigenous peoples, whose age-old wisdom can teach us how to live in a better relationship with the environment.

This too is *a season for undertaking prophetic actions*. Many young people all over the world are making their voices heard and calling for courageous decisions. They feel let down by too many unfulfilled promises, by commitments made and then ignored for selfish interests or out of expediency. The young remind us that the earth is not a possession to be squandered, but an inheritance to be handed down. They remind us that hope for tomorrow is not a noble sentiment, but a task calling for concrete actions here and now. We owe them real answers, not empty words, actions not illusions.

Our prayers and appeals are directed first at raising the awareness of political and civil leaders. I think in particular of those governments that will meet in coming months to renew commitments decisive for directing the planet towards life, not death. The words that Moses proclaimed to the people as a kind of spiritual testament at the threshold of the Promised Land come to mind: "Therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live" (*Dt 3:19*). We can apply those prophetic words to ourselves and to the situation of our earth. Let us choose life! Let us say "no" to consumerist greed and to the illusion of omnipotence, for these are the ways of death. Let us inaugurate farsighted processes involving responsible sacrifices today for the sake of sure prospects for life tomorrow. Let us not give in to the perverse logic of quick profit, but look instead to our common future!

In this regard, the forthcoming United Nations Climate Action

Summit is of particular importance. There, governments will have the responsibility of showing the political will to take drastic measures to achieve as quickly as possible zero net greenhouse gas emissions and to limit the average increase in global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius with respect to pre-industrial levels, in accordance with the Paris Agreement goals. Next month, in October, the Amazon region, whose integrity is gravely threatened, will be the subject of a Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Let us take up these opportunities to respond to the cry of the poor and of our earth! Each Christian man and woman, every member of the human family, can act as a thin yet unique and indispensable thread in weaving a *network of life* that embraces everyone. May we feel challenged to assume, with prayer and commitment, our responsibility for the care of creation. May God, "the lover of life" (*Wis 11:26*), grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late.

JESUS ON HUMILITY AND SELFLESS GENEROSITY

Pope Francis says that Jesus, "invites us to selfless generosity, to open the way for a much greater joy: that of being partakers of God's own love." He recalled Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus takes part in a banquet in the house of a leader of the Pharisees, and observes how the guests run to get the top places. The Pontiff commented that "this is a rather widespread attitude, even today, and not only when we are invited to a meal. We also seek the first place to affirm an alleged superiority over others", he said. In reality, "this race to the first places hurts the community, both civil and ecclesial, because it ruins fraternity." **The Parables** Faced with that scene, "Jesus recounts two brief parables, through which he indicates two attitudes that are fundamental to our lives: **humility** and **selfless generosity**."

The first parable "is addressed to the person who is invited to a banquet, and Jesus exhorts him not to take the higher place, "because, a person more distinguished may have been invited". Instead, Jesus invites the person to take the lowest place, so that when the host comes, he will say, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Jesus, said the Pope, teaches us the way of humility, "because it is the most authentic one, which also allows us to have authentic relationships."

In the second parable, the Pope recounted how Jesus, addressing the host of the banquet, tells him to invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."

Pope prays for victims of Hurricane Dorian in Bahamas

Pope Francis invites everyone to pray for the victims of Hurricane Dorian, those poor people who from one day to the next have lost their homes, everything, even their lives." The storm came to the Bahamas with high winds and killed at least 7 people, a Category 5 hurricane, packing sustained winds nearing 300 km/h and storm surges of 5 m over normal tide levels in which nearly 13,000 homes were destroyed.. -Devin Watkins Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said the death toll is expected to rise as rescue teams are able to reach flooded areas. He called it "one of the greatest national crises in our country's history." Hurricane Dorian first slammed into the Abaco Islands with the highest-ever-recorded wind speeds at landfall. On Monday, the storm struck Grand Bahama and hovered there for 2 days, causing severe damage and flooding.

Church preparing emergency aid Archbishop Patrick Pinder, whose jurisdiction covers the Bahamas, said the local Catholic Church is working to procure humanitarian aid to send to those suffering the effects of Dorian. "We have a huge task ahead of us, and we are going to need a lot of help," he said. The Archdiocese of Nassau will be collecting water, food, hygiene kits, and children's products to distribute to those affected. "The initial response is in itself a huge task and will require a lot of resources," said Archbishop Pinder. He called Dorian "a very powerful and destructive hurricane", adding that "its impact has been particularly direct and severe on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama."

The Liturgy of the Word

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Pope played soccer with homemade ball as child -Devin Watkins Pope Francis met with Mozambican members of Scholas Occurrentes, telling them a story from his childhood.

The Pope told the young students about his own childhood in Buenos Aires. He noted that young people often play on Mozambique's beaches with a soccer ball made from strips of cloth, and recalled his own experience. "When I was a child I played with a ball made of cloth strips because at that time soccer balls were made of leather and were very expensive. In Argentina, "cloth-strip balls became a cultural symbol of that time, so much so that a popular local poet even wrote a poem entitled "cloth-strip ball". He concluded saying that sport and work go hand-in-hand. "With this symbol, you gather the entire story of amateur sport – and the work that goes into it – as well as joy for the game," he said.

Pope to Oncologists: personalized cancer treatment Pope Francis praised the Italian Association of Medical Oncology for "encouraging research and prevention, working to improve diagnosis and treatment, and developing numerous initiatives to update and train doctors and other operators in the oncology sector. Creating and fostering relationships is an essential commitment to building the common good. The choice of participating together (as doctors and patients) represents a strong message and an eloquent sign not only for the world of health care, but for the whole of society, called to renew itself in a fraternal and supportive way".

The meeting has as its theme: "The best care for each patient". The Pope called this "an oncology of mercy", because the effort to personalize treatment reveals an attention "not only to the disease, but to the patient and to his or her characteristics. An oncology of this kind goes beyond the application of protocols and reveals the use of technology that is at the service of people.

Technology is not at the service of man when it reduces him to one thing, when it distinguishes between those who still deserve to be cared for and those who do not. The practice of euthanasia only apparently aims to promote personal freedom. In reality, it is based on a utilitarian vision of the person".

A healthy environment. The best prevention "is that of a healthy environment and a lifestyle respectful of the human body and its laws". This is why we must respect our common home, he said, "because it respects us in turn.

The protection of the environment and the fight against cancer become two sides of the same problem, two complementary aspects of the same battle of civilization and humanity".

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Principal: Mrs Noeleen O'Neill

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CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY National Child Protection

Week is coordinated by NAPCAN starting on Father's Day on the first Sunday of September (1-7 September 2019). The aim of the week is to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children.

2019 THEME In 2019 National Child Protection Week focus on introducing a 'child development' communication frame to promote the messages that:

Kids do well when parents are supported & To raise thriving kids, parents need support to navigate life's choppy waters This theme is based on evidence from the Frameworks Institute research commissioned by the Parenting Research Centre, which shows us the most effective way to talk about parenting and child wellbeing is with a 'child development' frame that:

- Focuses on children and what they need to thrive, rather than blaming or evaluating parenting
 - Establishes the importance of interaction with parents and caregivers to child development, rather than assuming that young children simply grow
 - Helps people see that circumstances shape options, rather than assuming that good parenting comes naturally to individuals
- Uses a 'navigating waters' metaphor where boats represent families/parenting, weather/hazards represents the circumstances that can affect us all, and lighthouses and safe harbours represent the support that we all need.

Changing the way we communicate and engage with families can take time and consideration.

This is a whole new way of 'framing' the conversation about child well being and parenting, which will require a long term commitment from Australian organisations.

The following resource is designed to help you use the new research to communicate and engage parents:

Navigating Waters: Talking About Parenting – A FrameWorks Institute Toolkit <<https://www.parentingrc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Talking-About-Parenting-A-FrameWorks-Toolkit-preview.pdf>>

CHILDREN'S FIRST EUCHARIST NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 17 Year 3 students of the primary school will be having their First Eucharist. Their names and pictures are on the glass doors in the foyer of the church. Please pray for them at this time, and also their parents and teachers.

WORK IN PRESBYTERY: In the upstairs (private) section of the presbytery, we have advanced significantly, having taken up the carpet, removed the old wall paper, planned the plumbing and are close to deciding on the remaining incidentals. This will mean the original plans I had can soon be put into practice, ie, of re-opening the downstairs lounge room for social gatherings, I have been made aware of some gossiping that has been going on, which is as ill-informed as most gossip is. If you want to know what is going on, ask me, and I'll generally be happy to explain it to you.

SACRED HEART PARISH

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

8/9/2019

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm Moruya;

Sunday at 'The Pines', Tuross 8am; Moruya 10am

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9.15am;

Weekday Masses: Tues 5.30pm, Wed 9.15am (+ 2pm, Banksia Village/Lodge, Broulee), Thurs & Fri 9.15am.

-Rosary after Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 10—10.30am

Baptisms, Anointings, Weddings & Funerals by appointment.

For the sick: Peter Morris, Debbie Morris, Gail Moss, Kay Morton, Lauri-Anne Foran, John Bolton & Olivia Russell (baby)

For the deceased: Pat Dallas

The long term plans have taken a lot longer than I had expected; however, things are moving again to make an institution, as it rightly was, into a place more homely for a priest to live in. Further details regarding the use of the 'semi-public' downstairs of the presbytery are under discussion. Your views can be made known to me or to Tim Cahill, PPC Chairperson.

PAT DALLAS FUNERAL: We had a fine funeral for our beloved parishioner, Pat Dallas, the legendary linesman, man of prayer, fishing, a grower of fruit and vegetables, husband and parent. Thanks to Paddy Pollock for delivering a fine and heartfelt eulogy! Let us continue our prayers of gratitude for Pat's life and for his family and friends grieving at this time. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

FUNERAL OF FR FRANK BRENNAN'S MOTHER

It is with sadness and deep sympathy that I advise you of the death of Father Frank Brennan's mother, Patricia Brennan. Patricia died peacefully at Lulworth House, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 3.

Described as witty and inspirational, Patricia was the adored grandmother of twenty-one and great grandmother to eighteen children. Patricia's long and rich life will be celebrated with a Requiem Mass at St Canice's Parish, 28 Roslyn Street, Elizabeth Bay/King's Cross at 11am on Monday September 9. May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory. -Fr Tony Percy VG (NOTE: I will be attending this funeral, leaving Sunday evening and returning late on Tuesday evening. There will be a Communion service on that day at the usual time. SA)

SPRING EMBER DAY This occurred on Friday 6/9, marking the calendar's change of season from winter to spring! If it doesn't always feel like a change of season has occurred, that just is another instance of calendars not dictating reality!

BODALLA CEREMONY Please note the important parish ceremony taking place on Sunday, **October 13**, at 3pm, at St Edmund's Church. Pope Francis will canonize Blessed John Henry Newman as a saint that day in the Vatican; we will celebrate also the ecumenism of the Mort Family, for having built and maintained the Anglican and Catholic churches; we'll re-open St Edmund's, following the beautiful repairs done to our stained glass windows and also the raising of the sanctuary's sunken floor!

A special guest will be Fr Mick Kelly SJ, a long time friend of the Mort Family and me.

We hope it is going to be a very inclusive event for the local and neighbouring communities. All kinds of involvements are possible. So, parishioners of Bodalla, Tuross Head, Moruya Heads and Moruya, please put this date and time and place in your calendar: Sunday, October 13, at 3pm.

KAIROs weekend for Women at the Pines from the 13th. September to Sunday 15th. All are urged to give their prayerful support. So much work from wonderful people is making it