



The Bulletin Board

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we welcome **Berni Sullivan**. Berni has been volunteering as Lay Capuchin Missionary in the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Laleia, East Timor. This particular Parish has been under the care of the Capuchin Friars since 2003 and the Lay Capuchin Missionaries have also been based here since 2011. This weekend Berni will share with us her journey as a Lay Missionary in East Timor, and what we might be able to do to assist the Capuchin Friars and Lay Missionaries in their work in this particular Parish and outlining areas.



Our next Winter Warmer
Thursday 24th September,
7pm

As in past years we will again be educated, entertained and amused by a range of speakers, whilst at the same time enjoying the company of fellow parishioners and providing a great chance for new parishioners to come along and introduce your selves. The talk normally goes for about 20-30 minutes with a time for questions afterwards.

Our next WW speaker will be Fr Julian, who is a member of the OFM.Cap order. Father will speak to us about his own journey as a Capuchin and of the work that the Capuchin order is involved in.

Meals will be \$15 with a choice of 5 dishes including 1 vegetarian option. Drinks will be at bar price. As bookings are required for this event, there is a signup sheet at the back of the Church.

The Limerick Hotel is situated on the corner of Park & Clarendon Streets, easily accessible by car, tram or shanks pony.

Last week's Winter Warmer was a great success with Bill & Carmel Bateson as our speakers, many thanks to all who attended the evening.

Thoughts on the Scripture Readings for this 22nd Sunday ...

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." In the days of Jesus, this issue was about performing empty external rituals of cleanliness instead of purifying the heart. For most of us, the issue is probably a bit different. Our fixation on externals is not so much with religious prescriptions and practices; instead, our daily obsession tends to be with appearances in general. In our media saturated culture, we are extremely tuned in to how things look. We are trained to respond to current fashion trends in clothing, hair, makeup, and accessories. Even bodies, cars, houses, and landscaping all fall into the realm of highly marketed images. The risk for us is to be so concerned with having the right "look" on the outside that we fail to consider what's happening on the inside.

Life is about more than what we have or what we parade around for others to see. As human beings we are a unity of body and soul, and if we neglect our souls, then we are neglecting the fulfilment of our human nature. We need to make sure we are not like the Pharisees in today's reading who were too concerned with outside appearances. Jesus tells us in response to them that "from within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." This list makes a good starting point for some personal meditation on our interior life. Let's ask ourselves, "Which of the behaviours on this list threaten to defile my soul?" Then, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help purify us of that spiritual ugliness so we can appear beautiful in the sight of God.



The Pharisees' and scribes' complaint that Jesus' disciples did not perform a ritual washing that was supposed to protect them from being polluted by the world.

But Jesus went to the very heart of the matter. Fundamentally, human beings don't do evil because something in the world makes them bad. The evil begins inside each person. It arises from our disordered desires. When we consent to these impulses they defile us

What are we to do if evil arises from inside us? The answer is the New Law of the Gospel which reforms our hearts by the grace of the law of love.

The New Law fulfils the Old Law. As the law of charity, it is "the perfection here on earth of the divine law, natural and revealed," accomplished by Christ and the Holy Spirit. It shows that the fulfilment of the promises of the Old Testament is the kingdom of God. It extends the exterior law to the interior of the person and provides the means to reform the heart.

"The New Law is called a law of love because it makes us act out of the love infused by the Holy Spirit, rather than from fear; a law of grace, because it confers the strength of grace to act, by means of faith and the sacraments; a law of freedom, because it sets us free from the ritual and juridical observances of the Old Law, inclines us to act spontaneously by the prompting of charity and, finally, lets us pass from the condition of a servant who 'does not know what his master is doing' to that of a friend of Christ . . . or even to the status of son and heir."

Practical application: Soul searching.... The law of charity rules and directs all other commands. The law of love is to will the good of the other. This includes willing our

own good by not doing evil. The law of love wants to reform our heart or interior dispositions and gives us the grace or power to do so. On our part, it requires our cooperation and effort. This calls for some soul searching

What is the state of my interior dispositions, from which arise all my conduct?

- Do I simply do what I want? In other words, am I selfish?
- Am I a divided soul, partly doing God's will, partly serving myself?
- Do I act out of fear: of God or of some other authority?
- Do I want what God wants? This is the making of a saint.
- Do I at least want to want what God wants? This is a good beginning.

The law of love is a daily struggle or a multi-times-a-day struggle. Jesus Christ gives each of us an everyday hope. Our Lord will help you and me right now, despite our weakness, the weakness of not wanting to do what he wants.

Confirmation – 2015



Sacrament of Confirmation – Sts Peter and Paul's - Wednesday 11th November 7.00pm

Parent Information Session 7.00pm - Wednesday 14th October, 2015 in the Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall,

Saturday 17th October - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room above the Café, followed by 6.00pm Ritual Mass

Saturday 24th October - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room above the Café, followed by 6.00pm Ritual Mass

Saturday 31st October - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room above the Café, followed by 6.00pm Ritual Mass

Wednesday 4th November 7.00pm Rehearsal followed by meeting with Bishop Peter Elliott at 7.30pm

Saturday 7th November - 4.45pm Preparation Session in the Parish Hall - Upper Room above the Café, followed by Confessions at 5.15pm and 6.00pm Ritual Mass

STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH VISION

Our parish community believes that we have all been called by God to live and share the good news of Jesus Christ through the gifts and talents in our midst. Through Eucharist, scripture reflection, study, and prayer we will be a source of physical and spiritual comfort and healing. All will know that we love the Lord and each other. In everything we do, people will know that Jesus Christ is alive and the center of our lives.



Please remember to keep the following people and their families in your prayers, Val Boothey, Valda Hogan, Maurie Smith, Chrissa Dickinson, Wim Wubben, John McIlvenna, Lilian Stewart, Flo O'Hara. Julian Insall, Sr Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressia, Gabrielle Herrin, Terence Rahill, Fr. Jim De Laurier O'Carm., Janet Dent, Andrew Sibley, Klara (1 year old suffering from Leukemia, Rosetta Condon Nicki Fabro, Pietrina Pergreffi, , Peter Woods, Marj Bateson, Michael Pucella.



Let us pray for:

Recently deceased: Salvatore Pugliese, Anthony Pace, Christine-Kathryn Hamann

Anniversaries: Bishop Armando Trindade, Maree Cambridge, Eileen Robertson, Joan McKillop, Paul & Julius Kovesi, Tony Aliprandi, John Gleave, Kevin Epple, Victor Bartolo.