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OFFICE OF
BISHOP WILLIAM WRIGHT

Lead Kindly Light:

A Message of Bishop Bill Wright on his health and ministry.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recent times have involved many difficulties for people in our region and across New South Wales and beyond. In such times, it is the duty of a bishop to be present with his people, to encourage and support wherever he can, to provide some point of stability in a shook-up world. I am acutely conscious that for some months I have been incapable of providing that episcopal service.

At the end of June, I was an emergency admission to hospital, struggling to breathe. Despite very good care and treatment, the condition of my lungs has not improved and, we now know, is an illness from which I will not recover. Meanwhile, I am physically incapable of performing public ceremonies or of getting about without considerable assistance. I can no longer fulfil a bishop's role or duties.

Accordingly, I have written to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, submitting my resignation as bishop. What happens next is, of course, entirely up to the Holy See. In the meantime, I will effectively remain on sick leave and my place will be filled by the Vicar General and the excellent staff of the bishop's office, as has been the case these last months.

I should like to thank all of you who have sent me 'get well' wishes during my illness, and most especially those who have held me in prayer. The sensation of a peace and tranquility of spirit that come from beyond oneself has been very palpable in some of the challenging moments. May we continue to support each other in faith and love through all life's challenges.

Bishop Bill Wright

Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

16 September 2021

Father Joseph requests Parishioners keep our Bishop in our constant prayers.

Parish News

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS: *We remember in prayer ...*

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, Margaret McLellan, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Emilinda Peralta, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Dean Hart, Barry Moore, Chris Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Maria Richardson, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Aileen A'Beckett, Maureen Joseph, Craig Hart

FAN THE FLAME TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE

Instrumentum Laboris

45. Many submissions expressed a strong appreciation of the importance of parish life and a desire for parishes to be vibrant, inclusive places of belonging and outward-looking communities. Newer ways of being parish are needed to support younger generations engaging online and through schools and universities. New models are needed.

81. Through his paschal mystery, Christ has become the “life-giving Spirit” (1 Cor 15:45) who shares eternal life with all things; Christ is the rock from whom springs the living water of the Holy Spirit (John 8:38), to heal, restore and gather all things into the communion of divine life, “so that God may be all in all” (1 Cor 15:43).

100. While the mission of the Gospel extends to every land and people, indeed to the whole cosmos, the Church is “made flesh” (John 1:14) in local communities and cultural contexts. “Each culture has a face of its own, and develops in a specific place, where geographical, historical and ethnic elements combine in an original and unique way”.⁷⁹ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples witness to the deep connectedness of personal identity, culture and land. From their many cultures and language groups, they recognise a spiritual belonging shared by all and open to all.

188. The Church in Australia stands in solidarity with those smaller nations of Oceania which are particularly exposed to the destructive impacts of global climate change. Meeting in Port Moresby in 2018, the Catholic Bishops of Oceania warned: Every day our people are suffering from the negative—indeed sometimes disastrous—effects of global warming. These include rising sea levels, rising ocean temperatures, acidification of waters and coral bleaching, and threats to biodiversity alongside the more widely noticed increasing extreme weather patterns of cyclones, typhoons and storms.⁸⁰

some submissions also described experiences of disconnection, whether on a day-to-day or on a more profound existential basis. There are no simple ways to address this complex array of contributing factors. To try and do so would be to dismiss the dignity of each person, the profundity of each hurt and the uniqueness of each experience.

Christ’s followers are asked to accompany rather than to judge, and to carefully and respectfully walk with our fellow Christians through these experiences that all might grow in grace together. (p.8)

Further, these individual persons may belong to groups who are also excluded because of cultural differences. This is especially the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics, who have not been well treated in Australian society and whose culture and spirituality was for so long unacknowledged, even though they have so much to contribute to the wider Church. It is proposed that their contributions and concerns, expressed through the state and territory ministries and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, should be joyfully received and acted upon at local and diocesan levels, particularly in relation to Reconciliation Action Plans, the recognition of language and culture, the identification and appropriate training of future Deacons and catechists, cross-cultural training for non-Indigenous ministers and measures to improve faith formation, employment and mental wellbeing. (p.14)



⁷⁹ John Paul II, Message for the World Day of Peace, Message, (2001), n. 5.

⁸⁰ Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, “Care for our Common Home of Oceania: A Sea of Possibilities”, <https://www.caritas.org.au/docs/default-source/oceania/fcbco-statement-april-2018.pdf>.

Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal

While they reveal a desire to belong to the Church,

Our Parish Notices

Parish Bulletin - Currently this is being distributed during Wednesdays via email, please have all bulletin requests lodged by 10.00am on Wednesday. Please let us know if there is anyone who would like to receive the bulletin via email. It will also be posted on the parish website allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au when time allows.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Plenary Council Conversations - will be over a number of weeks each Thursday from 26/8 to 30/9 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom. Program for Plenary Council Conversations: [Online Registration](#) is now open to register for all or one of the conversations.

- * Thursday 23/9 – Governance
- * Thursday 30/9 – Institutions

Parishes in Harmony with Creation - This online event will be held on Wednesday 6 October from 10:00 am to 11:00 am via Zoom, and repeated from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The one-hour online presentation and discussion will explore how parishes can best respond to Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical Laudato si': On Care For Our Common Home. On 4 October 2021, the Vatican will release resources for its Laudato si Action Platform. With the expected media coverage, some parishioners might want their parish to commit to the Laudato si Action Platform. Parish Priest and Parish Leaders are aware of this initiative. For more information, please visit [Eventbrite](#).

2021 Abraham Conference - plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. The theme of the 2021 Abraham Conference is Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time. Our context is the continuing strong impact and significance of the Me Too and Black Lives Matter movements and the revelations of abuse in our federal parliament, all of which brought thousands of women onto the streets in protest. This year, the Abraham Conference wants to highlight the positive role of women in the Abrahamic traditions. The three speakers will help conference attendees recover some of the lost traditions of inspiring women leaders, to highlight the contribution and the difference they made in their time. Time: 2:30PM-4:00PM Date: 10 October 2021 Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

Sacred Stories - Sacred Spaces - A Journey into Discovery, Truth and Right Relations -

Kamilaroi woman and member of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Jennifer Rumbel, extends an invitation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to participate in an empowering research project that seeks to address the lack of Indigenous voices in our Diocese history. The survey is part of a University of Newcastle post graduate student research project which is exploring the shared histories and stories of Aboriginal Catholics and the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. This research seeks to provide a platform for the previously unheard voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in relation to their experiences both past and present with the Catholic Diocese. This study aims to provide culturally appropriate, Sacred Spaces in which to share our Sacred Stories. This survey will allow you to register your contact details for a one-to-one interview and will only take a couple of minutes to complete. You can access the survey [here](#).

ACU Centre for Liturgy | Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective - Bruce T Morrill SJ will present on Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting liturgy in proper ethical perspective. In our current Synod process we hear a longing for more formation opportunities so this lecture is an opportunity not to be missed. It will explore the challenges of theological rhetoric for 21st century Catholics, and how those challenges can illuminate the connection between liturgy and ethical living. Time: 10:00AM-11:30AM Date: 18 October 2021 Register: www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl

aMeN caMiNo Expressions of Interest are now open for 2022. Dates for 2022 are May 28 - June 1, June 18-22, July 2-6, July 9-13 & August 6-10. For more information and to register your interest, click [here](#) or contact formed@mn.catholic.org.au

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1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>
2. Haiti Earthquake Support | Caritas Australia
3. Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon
4. Australian Catholic Men's Gathering
5. "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Living the Gospel – Cut it out!



The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it

out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.