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Harbinger

September 2016

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Wedding Ring

Paula Field had her wedding ring refurbished and the vicar dedicated it during the service on Sunday 17th July. Her husband Ian placed the ring on her finger and renewed his wedding vows in his own words, as did Paula. (It was also their wedding anniversary.) They were accompanied by a granddaughter as flower girl.

Paula's mother Joanne and her husband were also in attendance. She is of senior years, and is probably the oldest member of the parish!

Both Joanne and Paula were married by the vicar at St. John's some years ago and they are all, four generations of them, members of the parish.

Fr Steve's Chalice

Sunday 21st August was a special day at St. John The Beloved. It was the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, and as a prelude to the Eucharist the service to Our Lady was conducted by deaconess Margaret Engel.

At the beginning of the Eucharist Fr. Fred blessed the refurbished chalice that belonged to the late Fr Steve van Dissel.

It had travelled the world for repairs as it is an 18th century Dutch chalice and required the correct silver and gold.

Blanche White read the epistle and Margaret delivered the sermon. Fr Fred celebrated in the new Marian vestments, and Marion Gilchrist was the organist.

Episcopal Visit

On Sunday 14th August the parish received a visit from Bishop Richard Taylor and his wife Else. Bishop Richard was in Melbourne on business and it was great to catch up with them at St. John's.

First Melbourne Priest

Sunday 28th August was another day for special celebrations. The first priest of Melbourne, John Beatty McConkey, was ordained a century ago in Sydney in July 1916 by Bishop Wedgwood, and conducted his first baptism in Melbourne in August. It is an extraordinary record of dedication, devotion to duty and great generosity. The Vicar presented an address covering Fr. McConkey's service to the church. Copies were distributed to those present and is also available on request. It is also planned for a copy to be placed on the website and as an article in the next Communion magazine.

Did you know?

Although Fr McConkey was the first priest in Melbourne, he was not the first one to conduct services here. Who was the first one to do that? It was Dr. Rev. James Ingall Wedgwood in 1915. His is the first entry in our Baptismal Register! As the date shows, this was before he was consecrated a bishop, in London, in February 1916.

ADVENT TALKS

Theme: The Sacraments
Presented by Fr Fred Shade, Vicar
at 12.00 noon

Talk 1	Sunday 27th November
Talk 2	Sunday 4th December
Talk 3	Sunday 11th December

QUOTES

“The way of Truth is therefore one, but into it, as into a perennial river, streams flow from every side.”

Clement of Alexandria

“The Mysteries are delivered mystically, and what is spoken may be in the mouth of the speaker; rather not in his voice, but in his understanding.....The writing of these memoranda of mine, I well know, is weak when compared with that spirit, full of grace, which I was privileged to hear. But it will be an image to recall the archetype to him who is struck with the Thyrsus*.”

Clement of Alexandria

** The Thyrsus was the wand with which the candidate was touched during the ceremony of initiation in the Mysteries.*

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The service of **Holy Eucharist** is conducted at St. John The Beloved every Sunday at 10.30 am. The sacrament of **Healing** is also available to everyone upon request, either at church or by private visit to their home. Please contact the Vicar.

CHURCH CALENDAR

September

Sunday 4 th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Reality of Things Eternal
Sunday 11 th	Nativity of Our Lady (octave)
Sunday 18 th	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Spiritual Progress
Sunday 25 th	Eighteenth Sunday after trinity Intent: Christ as Truth

October

Sunday 2 nd	St. Michael and All Angels (octave)
Sunday 9 th	Twentieth Sunday after trinity Intent: Serenity
Sunday 16 th	Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Intent: Perseverance
Sunday 23 rd	Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity Intent: Right Energy
Sunday 30 th	Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity Intent: Precept and Practice

November

Sunday 6 th	All Saints' Day
Sunday 13 th	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Sincerity and Control of Speech
Sunday 20 th	Sunday next before Advent Intent: Dispelling of Ignorance
Sunday 27 th	First Sunday of Advent Intent: Discrimination

December

Sunday 4 th	Second Sunday in Advent Intent: Self-forgetfulness
Sunday 11 th	Third Sunday of Advent Intent: Love
Sunday 18 th	Fourth Sunday of Advent Intent: Right Action

(A full Ecclesiastical Calendar is displayed in the foyer at church.)