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Fr Fidelis Udousoro

Dear Parish Family,

Next weekend is Mission Sunday, and in this extraordinary mission month we are asked to focus on our role as missionaries and evangelisers. If you are anything like me, you recoil at the thought of having to be an evangeliser because we immediately think of the American TV evangelists, and the “crazy” people who confront you in the street and ask “have you met Jesus”. We are not being asked to do this sort of thing!! Nor are we asked to leave everything and go to the other side of the world to bring the Good News to the pagans, like missionaries in centuries past.

The task of mission is at the very core of the Christian life. “Missio” means “to send out”, and at the end of Mass we are sent forth into the world “to love and serve the Lord” or with some similar phrase. How do we do this? What does it look like to be missionary in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives.

In the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) published in 2013, he answers this question. Missionaries are first of all those “who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but “by attraction,” Francis writes.

We are left to reflect on the way we live our lives: is my life attractive? Do I radiate joy and hope and peace through my actions and attitudes? Do I model forgiveness? Am I happy, content and loving? If we can answer ‘yes’ to these questions, or at least ‘I’m trying’, then we are drawing others to contemplate their own attitudes and values, and perhaps to wonder ‘what is their secret?’, ‘where do they get the strength?’ Our answer: ‘From our faith that God-is-with-us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit’. Mission accomplished!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Fr Richard

SAINTS OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Fr Brian Nichols will be leading a 13 day pilgrimage to Italy, departing 18 May 2020. Organised and run by Harvest Journeys, the tour will follow the paths of many of our saints and will take in Rome, Montecassino, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant’ Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena and Florence. Contact the Sandy Bay parish office for more information. Email sandybay@aohtas.org.au or phone 6224 1423.

The Tasmanian Peace Trust Lecture for 2019 will be held at the Friends’ Meeting House, 395 Argyle St. Hobart on Wednesday 16th October 5.30 pm for light refreshments. 6.00 pm Lecture
All welcome. Gold Coin Donation Entry
The speaker will be Phil Glendenning.
The title of his talk is “ From Uluru to Nauru. The Peace that still eludes Australia”

Phil Glendenning is the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre, Sydney & President of the Refugee Council of Australia

CATHOLIC STANDARD: Highlights

Transitional deacons ordained on their path to priesthood
St Finn Barr’s celebrates 125th anniversary
Mass marks 60 years for Dominican sisters
Hobart to host national youth ministry convention
Culture of safety a priority at Bellerive-Lindisfarne Parish
CatholicCare Tasmania welcomes new Chief Executive
Relics of St Therese and parents to visit Tasmania
Family festival inspired by St John Paul II
Carmelites respond with joy to news of saintly Sister’s visit
Tasmania takes part in the Extraordinary Missionary Month

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue	12.00pm	Church of the Incarnation
Weds	12:00pm	Corpus Christi
Thurs	10.00am	John Paul II
	10:00am	St Mary’s Cathedral– Mission Mass
Fri	9.30am	Corpus Christi

Next week’s Readings
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8