



God calls us to care for the poorest of the poor, to give them an opportunity to reclaim their lives from the depth of poverty. This week's story comes from Fiji where Caritas Australia is supporting Antanasio and other young farmers from the island of Taveuni with basic skills training to move to sustainable farming.

Your donation to Project Compassion will support vital agricultural products in communities such as Antanasio's.

just want justice... a call to action



Men's Breakfast ~ Saturday 12 April

Join us for our next breakfast at 8am.

Be entertained by the musings of a Bomb Disposal Man.

Tony Jacques has titled his talk:

"Bombs & Things that go Bump in the Night"

Subtitle:

"How NOT to go up in the world!"



As always, great food and great company. If you know anyone who has not been, invite him along and remind the regulars.

~ Holy Humour ~

It was Palm Sunday, and the family's 6-year old son had to stay home from church because of a sore throat. When the rest of the family returned home carrying palm branches, the little boy asked what they were for. His mother explained, "People held them over Jesus' head as he went by."

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed.

"The one Sunday I don't go to church, and Jesus shows up!"

Palm Sunday Prayers for Peace with March and Rally for Peace

Today from 1.30-3.30pm

at the Parramatta Town Hall Amphitheatre.

Celtic Spirituality: Insights for Australia

An evening with the Reverend Ray Simpson
7.30pm, Wednesday, 19th March
at Leura Uniting Church
Corner Grose & Megalong Streets, Leura.

Reverend Ray Simpson is an Anglican priest and the Founder and Guardian of the Community of Aidan and Hilda. He lives as a post-modern monk on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne where the Community has a retreat house and office. He has written many books and lectures widely on contemporary religion and the relevance of Celtic spirituality for today's church and world. Cost: \$10 (\$5 concession).

Enquiries: 4758 8104

Sponsored by Blue Mountains' Wellspring Community.

*We congratulate **Philia Wong** and **Frank Portelli** on their recent marriage. Let us remember them in our prayers that they may be greatly blessed with much happiness in the years ahead.*

*They also ask for prayers that **Philia's** application for permanent residency will be successful. Our blessings and prayers be with them.*

The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking a Minute Secretary

for our monthly meetings. These are mostly on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 till 9.30pm in the Parish Hall.

If you are able to assist or know of someone who might, please contact one of the members of the Council or Sr Lyn.

The Animation Project operates out of Bidwill Uniting Church and has been supported by the Diocese of Parramatta for over four years. Much has been achieved, a resident action group (BRAG) supporting after-school activities, Community Festivals, Carols night, Gala Days, public meetings and an ongoing campaign to have the Bidwill shops re-opened after 10 years.

A fortnightly Friday night drop-in for 15-24 yr olds has been trialled since September and has been successful in attracting significant numbers of Pacific Islander young adults. The Drop-in is an informal gathering endeavouring to gain the trust of young people and encourage them to talk and socialise in a safe, relaxed space. Our discovery of the musical talent of these young people is tinged with sadness at our inability to provide them with the equipment necessary for them to express their talents. To this end we are asking the parishes if they have any musical instruments they no longer have a need for – guitars, drums, brass instruments.....

Any donations would be much appreciated and pick up can be organised by calling Sr Libby Rogerson on 8838 3413 or Mrs Lee Healey on 9835 2970.

Good Friday Collection:

This annual collection is for the support of the church in the Holy Land. It provides welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land.

It is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.



Your will be done

Your will, Lord, be done in me in every way and manner that You, my Lord, want. If You want it to be done with trials, strengthen me and let them come; if with persecutions, illnesses, dishonours, and a lack of life's necessities, here I am; I will not turn away, my Father, nor is it right that I turn my back on You... But grant me the favour of Your kingdom that I may do Your will... and use me as you would Your own possession, in conformity with Your will.
St Teresa (1515-1582)

Processional Hymn:

ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOUR

Neale J/Teschner M
(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

**All glory, praise and honour to you, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel, great David's royal son,
and, in the Lord's name coming, the king and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising you on high,
as here on earth your people respond with joyful cry.

The children of the Hebrews with palms before you went,
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise,
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you accept their praises: accept the prayers we bring,
rejoicing in all goodness, our Saviour and our King.

Communion Hymn:

CLOSER THAN YOU KNOW

James Maher msc
(USED WITH PERMISSION, WORD OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL LICENCE NO. 2201)

I am here, your God revealed, behind the veil. Closer than you know.
Humble lamb, fragile flesh, crying out. Closer than you know.

*I am here, close to you. Tear the veil and see.
Your every step, your every breath, I share eternally.*

Disfigured face, wounded fool, rejected sign. Giving all I am.
Torn away, tortured soul. Sacrificed. Giving all I am.

I am here, your God revealed. Crucified. Closer than you know.
Abundant love, enduring hope. Opened up. Closer than you know.

Recessional Hymn:

BLESSINGS ON THE KING

F. Andersen msc
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Blessings on our King!
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Honour! Glory! Praise and thanks!
Blessings on our King!

Who do you say I truly am?
What is your faith in me?
You are the one, promised of old!
Son of the living God!

Jesus is our King!
There is just one Lord!
Lord of life and Lord of death!
Jesus is our Lord!

This is my Son, Truly Beloved!
My Spirit lives in Him!
Listen to Him, open your hearts!
He is my gift to you!

Sing your praises now!
Sing Hosanna! Sing!
We praise you, we bless you, Lord!
Blessings on our King!

Have you the strength to drink with me
from this one Cup of mine?
I am your Lord, you cannot live
other than I have lived!

Blessings on our King!
Blessings on our King!
Honour! Glory! Praise and thanks!
Blessings on our King!



Quilt Draw Picnic

The raffle
for the

beautiful quilt to raise money
for the orphans in Awasa will
be drawn during a picnic at
**97 Evans Lookout Rd,
Blackheath**

~TODAY~

from 11.30 to 4.00pm.

**\$5.00 entry for
orphanage.**

BYO lunch, chair and hat.

Tea, Coffee and Dessert
supplied and Music
and Gaiety.

A special young lady will draw
the winning ticket number.

Lift provided on request.

Norma: 4787 5906

Please remember in your
prayers those who are ill at
this time:

**Marjory Cowell,
Cec O'Brien, Irene Peacock
and David Ridoutt.**

EASTER SUNDAY CAKE AND CRAFT STALL



All donations of cakes,
biscuits, jams, pickles and
items suitable for the craft
stall will be very welcome.
Food items to have a list of
ingredients attached. It would
be appreciated if all items are
wrapped and priced ready for
sale.