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Making "Catholic" matter !

- Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles
- Faithful to Prayer
- Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread
- Alive in the Community of the Spirit
- Sharing what we have with those in need

Acts 2:42-46

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C/2Sunday 24th January 2016



Making Church matter

ROSARIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 26th January, in the home of Margaret & Terry Doherty, at 4pm. All welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 8: 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

SAT: 9.15AM; 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUN: 8AM; 10AM; 5.30PM
MON: CONVERSION OF ST PAUL (*Feast*)
7AM; 12.30PM Cathedral
TUE: AUSTRALIA DAY
9.15AM & 12.30PM Cathedral



WED: 9.15AM; 12.30PM Cathedral
THU: ST THOMAS AQUINAS (*Memorial*)
7AM; 9.15AM Cathedral
FRI: 9.15AM; 5.40PM Cathedral
SAT: 9.15AM; 6PM VIGIL MASS
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
FRI: 5-5.30PM
SAT: 11.30AM-12NOON; 4.30-5.30PM

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.....

3rd Tuesday of the Month ... Commencing Tuesday 16th
Feb..5.30pm Bishop's House Meeting Room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.....First gathering for 2016, Tuesday 2nd February at 5.30pm in the Bishop's House Meeting Room.

Seeking Out those who Belong.....

ENCYCLICAL LETTER:

DEUS CARITAS EST Pope Benedict XVI

The Church's charitable activity as a manifestation of Trinitarian love

19. "If you see charity, you see the Trinity", wrote Saint Augustine.[11] In the foregoing reflections, we have been able to focus our attention on the Pierced one (cf. Jn 19:37, Zech 12:10), recognizing the plan of the Father who, moved by love (cf. Jn 3:16), sent his only-begotten Son into the world to redeem man. By dying on the Cross—as Saint John tells us—Jesus "gave up his Spirit" (Jn 19:30), anticipating the gift of the Holy Spirit that he would make after his Resurrection (cf. Jn 20:22). This was to fulfil the promise of "rivers of living water" that would flow out of the hearts of believers, through the outpouring of

the Spirit (cf. Jn 7:38-39). The Spirit, in fact, is that interior power which harmonizes their hearts with Christ's heart and moves them to love their brethren as Christ loved them, when he bent down to wash the feet of the disciples (cf. Jn 13:1-13) and above all when he gave his life for us (cf. Jn 13:1, 15:13). The Spirit is also the energy which transforms the heart of the ecclesial community, so that it becomes a witness before the world to the love of the Father, who wishes to make humanity a single family in his Son. The entire activity of the Church is an expression of a love that seeks the integral good of man: it seeks his evangelization through Word and Sacrament, an undertaking that is often heroic in the way it is acted out in history; and it seeks to promote man in the various arenas of life and human activity. Love is therefore the service that the Church carries out in order to attend constantly to man's sufferings and his needs, including material needs. And this is the aspect, this service of charity, on which I want to focus in the second part of the Encyclical. Charity as a responsibility of the Church

20. Love of neighbour, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful, but it is also a responsibility for the entire ecclesial community at every level: from the local community to the particular Church and to the Church universal in its entirety. As a community, the Church must practise love. Love thus needs to be organized if it is to be an ordered service to the community. The awareness of this responsibility has had a constitutive relevance in the Church from the beginning: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:44-5). In these words, Saint Luke provides a kind of definition of the Church, whose constitutive elements include fidelity to the "teaching of the Apostles", "communion" (*koinonia*), "the breaking of the bread" and "prayer" (cf. Acts 2:42). The element of "communion" (*koinonia*) is not initially defined, but appears concretely in the verses quoted above: it consists in the fact that believers hold all things in common and that among them, there is no longer any distinction between rich and poor (cf. also Acts 4:32-37). As the Church grew, this radical form of material communion could not in fact be preserved. But its essential core remained: within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.

21. A decisive step in the difficult search for ways of putting this fundamental ecclesial principle into practice is illustrated in the choice of the seven, which marked the origin of the diaconal office (cf. Acts 6:5-6). In the early Church, in fact, with regard to the daily distribution to widows, a disparity had

arisen between Hebrew speakers and Greek speakers. The Apostles, who had been entrusted primarily with "prayer" (the Eucharist and the liturgy) and the "ministry of the word", felt over-burdened by "serving tables", so they decided to reserve to themselves the principal duty and to designate for the other task, also necessary in the Church, a group of seven persons. Nor was this group to carry out a purely mechanical work of distribution: they were to be men "full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (cf. Acts 6:1-6). In other words, the social service which they were meant to provide was absolutely concrete, yet at the same time it was also a spiritual service; theirs was a truly spiritual office which carried out an essential responsibility of the Church, namely a well-ordered love of neighbour. With the formation of this group of seven, "diaconia"—the ministry of charity exercised in a communitarian, orderly way—became part of the fundamental structure of the Church.

Across the Generations.....

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr S S Dhillon (Malaysia), Nikki O'Donnell, Nita Clair, Phyllis Merle Smith, James Froome.

ANNIVERSARIES: John McRae, Sarah Heagney

SICK: Ghodsi Amini, Mark Norman, Geraldine Giannikas, Susan Maye, Michael Zhu, Michael Moloney, Aeron Ryan, Helen Hesketh, John Fleming, Laurie Fahy, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Joseph O'Brien, Lorraine Gray, Deacon Peter Harrison, Frederic Koelmeyer, Natasha Scully, Kay Robertson, Sandra Devine, Maureen Veitch, Maria Selvey, Russell Wicks, Eleanor Pankhurst, Kay Goodwin, Michael Hartmann

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND 24TH JANUARY 2016

WELCOMERS: 6pm Vigil: V Turner 8am: T Zagami 10am: Allen Family 5.30pm: P Robinson **READERS:** 6pm Vigil: S Clark, R Clark 8am: J Cugley, A Rogers 10am: C Madubuko, G Sinnott 5.30pm: J Roff, P Turley **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** 6pm Vigil: W Clark 8am: B Swan 10am: M Kiprono 5.30pm: H Wicks **EM's:** 6pm Vigil: P Elliott 8am: B Burton 10am: D Schmude 5.30pm: S Hanson **COUNTERS:** H Bartlett, A Murphy, F & S Nano **CLEANERS:** P Campbell Team

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND 31ST JANUARY 2016

WELCOMERS: 6pm Vigil: K McMahon 8am: P Spielsbury 10am: Driscoll Family 5.30pm: Hansen Family **READERS:** 6pm Vigil: C Doherty, D Fittler 8am: L Stephen, G Burton 10am: R Koech, M Allen 5.30pm: S Hansen, T Hanrahan **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** 6pm Vigil: K McMahon 8am: G Stephen 10am: M Edgley 5.30pm: A Wicks **EM's:** 6pm Vigil: T Dubois 8am: V Turner 10am: C Allen 5.30pm: L Turley **COUNTERS:** K McCartney, K Nixon, K De Souza **CLEANERS:** L Allen Team

