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STAY IN YOUR LANE

Greetings St Barnabas Family

Stay in your lane. This is something I say to my children as they are learning to drive! For several weeks now, our Epistle readings have been from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. In Chapter 12, Paul talks about people sharing their gifts in the body of Christ. Maybe he is also saying - stay in your lane - don't try to do everything - do what you have been given grace for. These are great messages for us at the moment, when the situation with COVID-19 changes frequently.

The letter to the Romans was written by Paul in about AD57, and Paul had never visited the fledgling church in Rome. The letter was to introduce himself ahead of a visit he intended to make. It was also intended to give a statement of his faith, to encourage them and help them grow in their faith. He is giving them foundations and guidelines for how this applies in their context.

Paul urges the community 'do not be conformed to this world'. The church in Rome had started when Jews returned to Rome after the first Pentecost - they had been visiting Jerusalem on pilgrimage for their Jewish festival, but had heard Peter speak and been filled with the Holy Spirit and returned to Rome with the enthusiasm to create a faith community there. So the pressures on them to stick to their lane - to stick to this new faith would have been great. Rome was a city with many distractions - many faiths, gods, ideas, opportunities for getting sidetracked.

Paul says to this group that they are the body of Christ, and they all have gifts to



The Reverend Cath Growcott

share, and they are called to stay in their lane - to be the church in their context.

It is the same for us - we are the body of Christ, we all have gifts to share, and we are called to be the church in our context.

Here at St Barnabas, I have really enjoyed our training sessions for people wanting to serve in church (thank you Michael for leading these so well). I am looking forward to working with new people up front, so that you can share your individual gifts in this part of the body of Christ. There may be some of you hiding, who think that you are not good enough to contribute - not true, we all have gifts to share. There may also be people who are doing too much, and we can all fall into this trap at times - 'if I don't do it, who will do it?'. Another no - if it is essential, it will get done, and if not, the community will adapt to different ways of doing it, or doing without it.

As well as our individual gifts, we as a community have our Anglo-Catholic tra-

dition which contributes to the wider body of Christ. We are quite special here - not many churches do liturgy the way we do it, and this is our gift to the wider church.

The Anglo-Catholic tradition arose out of the Church of England, after the reformation. The first leaders in the Anglo-Catholic tradition were John Keble (1792-1866), John Henry Newman (1801-1890), and Edward Bouverie Pusey, (1800-1882). They wanted to maintain continuity with the pre-reformation church in England and to renew Catholic thought and practice in the Church of England. In the 1930s, a man called Walter Herbert Stowe observed that the Anglo-Catholic tradition had succeeded well in 'developing personal piety, instilling pastoral devotion, stirring up missionary zeal and recovering the beauty of worship'. I wonder what he would think of our Anglo-Catholic traditions nearly 100 years later? We had Bishop Stephen Cottrell with us for the 2019 Anglo-Catholic Hui. He described our tradition as contemplative, catchumenal, ecclesial, sacramental, prophetic and beautiful. These are some of the things we offer to the wider church and to the world, as this amazing Anglo-Catholic community who gathers to worship here in Roseneath.

What we offer, as individuals and as a church community, is possible through grace and faith. Paul tells the people to *"think with sober judgement, according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."* and *'we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.'*

Martin Luther, in 1520, wrote about faith: *"faith does not merely mean that the soul realises that the divine word is full of all grace, free and holy; it also unites the soul with Christ....What Christ possesses belongs to the believing soul; what the soul possesses belongs to Christ. Christ possesses all good things and holiness; these now belong to the soul. The soul possesses lots of vices and sin; these now belong to Christ"*

According to Luther - faith is a uniting force, not just a belief - faith unites us with Christ, so that we share in Christ's goodness and holiness. It seems a bit of an unfair trade - we share in the goodness and holiness of Christ, and Christ gets the vices and sin that come from us. That is what makes faith so amazing - it is an unfair trade - we share in the goodness and holiness of Christ, freely given.

Grace is another word Paul talks about - early thoughts on it have been described by Thomas Aquinas in 1265. Grace can mean three things: someone's love - eg. someone has the king's favour; a gift which is freely given 'I do you a favour;' and - a response to a gift freely given.

- Aquinas describes the grace of God as "favour" but also that the grace of God or love:
- causes some good to be done in a person at some time.
- is universal - God gives created things their being.
- is special - God raises a rational creature above its natural state, to share in the divine good.

And he says *"To say that someone has the grace of God is to say that there is something supernatural in humanity, coming forth from God."*

For Luther and Aquinas, by faith we share in God's goodness, God's holiness, God's supernatural love. So when we share our gifts, as individuals in this community here, and as this community in the world, we are sharing God's goodness, God's holiness and God's supernatural love.

When things throw us, like this COVID-19, or any of the distractions and disturbances we face everyday, we can remember to stay in our lane - to remind ourselves of our calling and our sharing in God's faith and love. In our cluster leaders meetings this term, we are reading a book by Ruth Haley Barton, ***Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership***. She talks about living within limits. We are to accept the sphere of action that God

has given us. We have been given this body, this community, this set of relationships, this place and financial situation, where we have been called to serve. We might look longingly at something else, but this is the reality of the limits of our calling at this time.

Some of us may be well retired, and what we have been called to may be a ministry of presence. Paul mentions the gifts of generosity, compassion and cheerfulness. The generosity in this community is incredible. The financial situation of the parish is healthy because of this continued generosity of you all. The compassion and cheerfulness you show to each other is amazing. And the faithfulness of those who turn up week by week is a huge encouragement for those of us up the front. Keep doing it - stay in your lane!

No matter what our age or life situation, we have gifts to share, and we have the astonishing grace and love of God to enable us to take our place in the body of Christ.

And a blessing from John O'Donohue (in ***Benedictus, a Book of Blessings***):

May you recognise in your life the presence, Power and light of your soul.

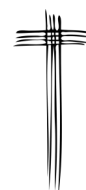
*May you realise that you are never alone,
That your soul in its brightness and belonging
Connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.*

May you have respect for your individuality and difference.

*May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique,
That you have a special destiny here,
That behind the facade of your life
There is something beautiful and eternal happening.*

*May you learn to see yourself
With the same delight,
Pride and expectation
With which God sees you in every moment.*

Love and blessings,
Rev Cath



PEOPLE'S WARDEN'S MESSAGE



The six month period ending September 2020 has had monumental consequences for the world and world health services as we well know. In our tiny corner of the world at St Barnabas our ability to maintain corporate worship has been disrupted as has our way of life.

But from my perspective, our unity as a congregation has never been interrupted. The care and prayer support for each other and the needs of the wider community throughout this time has been heartening. Maintaining and upholding our traditional style of worship has become a priority to us, as illustrated by the numbers offering to train as Liturgical Assistants.

We can be grateful for some very memorable Sunday services while at "Level 1." Recently Marian Collins' grandson, Magnus was baptised. It was thrilling to be joined with generations of family to sup-

port and affirm the wonder of new life. Children have delighted us as they processed with the candle from the church and returned to report on their activities at Children's Church. All great blessings and highlights.

In these uncertain times it is my prayer that we will continue to remain firm in the hope we have in Christ Jesus and diligently support and love our companions on this journey.

Nga manaakitanga
Ann



HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

The Liturgical Assistant training with Michael D, has been a fascinating time of appreciating the intentionality with which our Liturgy has evolved into its current arrangement, how it is carried out and how each part contributes to a synergistic whole. Tough debate has been given to the meaning, purpose and history in every action, every gesture, every vessel and vestment. Everything is there and done for a particular reason. It is the same with our Church building and every carefully crafted artifact in it.

Do we always appreciate all of this or just take it as a given? One morning I was sitting in the pew and noticed for the first time, the small wooden crosses that are on the walls. Of course, they have been there all the time, but while in the past my eyes saw, my mind didn't appreciate.

After hearing Michael's explanations for so many features of our Church, I thought, so, what about a bit of a quiz. Answers will be printed in next month's edition.

QUIZ

- How many crosses are there in St. Barnabas Roseneath?
- How many Saints are there in the Ascension Window?
- What is at the top of the Ascension Window?
- What are the two Greek letters in the Ascension Window? What do they stand for?
- How many images of St. Barnabas are there in the Church?
- Who are remembered on the Gospel side wall of the Church?
- Who are remembered on the Epistle side wall of the Church?
- What is the dominant material colour in the Church?
- What does the foyer tapestry celebrate?
- Where is the Parish Prayer Wall in the Church?
- How many candles are on and behind the altar at 10AM Mass?
- How many main panels are there in the congregation-facing side of the altar?
- Where is the Reserved Sacrament stored?
- What is the current colour for this season of the Church Year?

LOCKDOWN STORIES

A COVID Memoir

By Don Bagnall

When Covid arrived and we were told to stay home I had a project ready to roll. It was the prompt I needed to write our family story. For years I jotted down notes about family, their relationships and happenings. I have always been interested in keeping in touch with our wider family – aunts, uncles and cousins – and a lot had been recorded about my paternal grandfather's ancestors and his family. But years of cajoling from my sons to write our family story hung over me. The gaps in wider family history just seemed a too onerous task to research - until recently.

My grandma lived with our family from my birth until she died in 1951 and I knew little of her family other



than her parents were the first Anglican missionaries in the Wairarapa. We had a family bible, a photo of Great Grandma who died in Greytown aged 101, her medicine chest, a volume of Beethoven sonatas she played and that she could speak 5 languages. The Greytown Borough Council had information about them (including that her piano fell off the bullock dray on the way over the Rimutaka hill) but no-one with the family name apparently lived in the area.

In fact there were relatives, and they contacted me last year for a DNA test. A relative on my mother's side also came to light last year with family information and photos after her years of family research. Despite this cache

of newly acquired family information it needed the block of time with COVID to get me writing.

I am not alone in wishing I had asked aging relatives - even my parents - about their early life. They



lived on in silence about that and I wasn't inquisitive enough. Yet my grandchildren like to hear stories of my early life so different from theirs. "I recall sitting on the laundry doorstep with Grandma when she arrived home after a trip to Napier to sell her exquisitely knitted baby layettes to a city shop. She was exhausted after plodding down the gravel road in her size 2 boots after the homeward bus dropped her off on the main road". She said little and was a quiet presence in our farm house though my mother felt Grandma's disapproval of Dad in the kitchen.

As COVID threatened, I self-isolated to get over a lousy bug to better survive the new virus should it come my way. When Lock-down Level 4 started on 25 March, family plied me with hand sanitiser, masks, Dettol spray, medication in the event of illness, and sternly instructed: "On no account are you to venture into a supermarket. Stay home!" My sons and tenants brought food to the door and Jean brought meals across town to lift my spirits. My foodie nature found new recipes to try and the need for frequent nourishing breaks. Encouraged by the long spell of fine weather, I readied the vege garden

for spring planting. I walked the broad tracks around Mt Victoria distancing from others and conversed with passers-by having met them on earlier days. People outdoors were happy, birds sang, roads were clear, the autumn weather was fine and warm. Tim, who lives in residential care, phoned me every day. He was grumpy when lock-down started but after a tour of closed shops convinced him it was for real, he cheered up. His managers kept his community isolated until Level 1 though I could visit him during Level 2 on proviso that I continued to isolate. The all clear was given early June after 12 or so weeks at home.

Throughout COVID I looked forward to weekly Zoomed meetings with family and St B's Church service on Sunday, and other meetings. Rev Cath and Vestry engaged us with cheerful aplomb, Michael hosted Compline on Tuesday evening and a colourful weekly bulletin with the full Sunday service was emailed around the parish and friends.

My family story has a long way to go as I flush out personal stories, date events and integrate my notes. I'm researching back to great grandparents on their life and journey to NZ and reasons they came here. Their voyage took months, one ship was becalmed for 1 month in the tropics, seasickness prevailed, children were confined to cramped and creaking quarters. Their hardship can hardly be imagined. For me, holed up with all the comforts of home and supported by the goodwill of others, COVID lock-down was an enjoyable period. It doesn't stand comparison with the reality of lock-down emigration to NZ.

Our Lockdown Language

By Judith Doyle

Remember when that innocuous word 'cluster' referred to people or things growing, grouped or moving together? A cluster of daisies? A cluster of chatting friends? When the word did not have menacing overtones of illness, even death?

The word COVID, was new to our language a year ago. Not now. We're going to remember that word long after lockdown is just a memory. I suppose Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been familiar to medical people for years. Now PPE is familiar to all of us – just another expression that became part of our lockdown vocabulary.

Do you recall that sentimental image of a blue-eyed child blowing bubbles in the air? Well, forget it. Bubbles now may represent solos, couples, families, friends living together..... Not childhood images any more.

I can remember when an appointment with your doctor meant a home visit. Then it meant an appointment in a medical centre. My latest doctor's appointment was by phone.

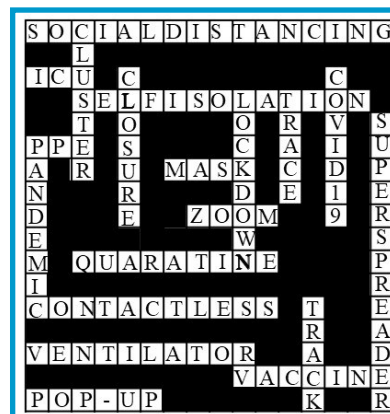
Some art exhibitions even changed during lockdown. In the picturesque north-east of Berlin, balcony art exhibitions were born. Viewers were asked to download and follow a map which marked the places where you could stop, look up and admire the art exhibited on a balcony. I waited for someone to ask me to decorate my deck facing the street. But that art highlight never happened.

I will never forget how my local dairy was my lifeline during lockdown. Even though we could only enter one at a time, Mr. Patel gave you a cheery grin through his mask as you did a quick shop.

To ZOOM is another word that's taken on new meaning. It used to visualise cars zooming around at a mad speed. Now (when I learned how to use ZOOM on my computer) it enabled me to join my favorite interest

groups online – I had missed them hugely in the early weeks of lockdown. So I ZOOMed into my art appreciation group; into the University of the Third Age and even had a glimpse of my family in Australia, and in different parts of New Zealand.

I hope I won't ever forget the glorious days of sunshine that we enjoyed (with a few exceptions) during lockdown. It encouraged me out for walks where I could have distant talks with friends I encountered. I was eternally thankful for that.



WHAT LITURGICAL TIME IS IT?

As we pass through the umpteenth Sunday in "Ordinary Time", and a seemingly never-ending global crisis, it is perhaps timely to remind ourselves that we are a Church of constant celebration. Our Church calendar is ordered and organised around a continual cycle of liturgical festivity.

When we are not commemorating the various key events of the birth, life, passion, and ascension of Jesus Christ, we are offered a parade of the Church's leaders and luminaries. Some of them are very familiar and their feast days are "big affairs" - Christmas, Easter, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, St. Barnabas' Day, Ascension Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

But there are many others that may be less well known and remembered. When in our Gregorian Calendar do we commemorate the Transfiguration of Christ or Corpus Christi for exam-

ple? Why is the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth a big deal that it gets its own recognition as a Principal Feast Day in the Liturgical calendar? Who are the Holy Innocents that have their day in January?

Each month of the calendar has a mix of Principal Feast Days, movable feast days and almost every other day commemorates a significant figure in the life of the Church. Each part of the Anglican Communion works into their version of the Calendar, recognition of local Church leaders and great contributors on many of the minor feast days.

Over the next months, we will be featuring short articles on some of the highlights and really interesting stories behind the Feast Days of our Liturgical Calendar. Here is a list of the movable and first six months of principal feast days.

Movable Feast Days

Baptism of Christ
Ash Wednesday
Maundy Thursday/Good Friday/
Easter Day
Ascension Day
Day of Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Corpus Christi
Dedication Festival
Christ the King

Principal Feast Days

January: Naming of Jesus; the Epiphany; The Conversion of Paul
February: Presentation of Christ in the Temple
March: Joseph of Nazareth; Annunciation of Our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary
April: Mark the Evangelist
May: Phillip and James Apostles, Matthias the Apostle, the Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
June: Barnabas the Apostle; Birth of John the Baptist; Peter and Paul, Apostles.

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REMEMBER THESE DATES

SERVICES

Sunday Masses 08:30AM and 10:00AM. The 10:00AM service is available on ZOOM. Click on this [link](#) or type into your web browser the following internet address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5462277676>
Access by telephone number: Wellington 04 886 0026; or Mobile: +64 48860026; Meeting ID: 546 227 7676

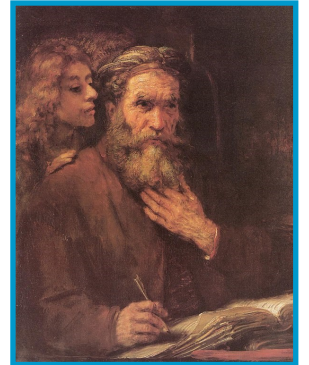
Tuesday Compline 8PM by ZOOM

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Thursday Evening Mass 6PM at Church

SAINTS/FEAST/ SPECIAL DAYS

14 Sept – Holy Cross Day
21 Sept – St. Matthew, the Evangelist
23 Sept– Bishop Churchill Julius, Bishop,
first Archbishop of New Zealand
29 Sept–St. Michael and All Angels



Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Evangelist Matthew, Inspired by an Angel*, 1661.

HYMNS FOR ALL PEOPLE!

The Dentist's Hymn:.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
The Contractor's Hymn:.....The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn:.....Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn:.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn:.....Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn:.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRD Collection Hymn:..... I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn:.....Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn:.....Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn:.....Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn:.....I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn...He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn:.....The Great Physician

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE CITY MISSION

Many thanks for your recent donations of food. We are continuing to deliver food donations to the City Mission Foodbank. Please keep up the donations through winter, as there is still significant need.

Just a reminder: the foodbank will not accept dented/damaged or

outdated goods, so please check before you donate. Please direct any questions to Janet Brown (022 1761633) or Jane Hill (027 9797732.) Thank you.

