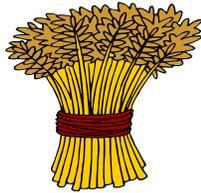


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A VERY SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

‘The quality of your relationship has a huge impact on the quality of your life, so treat them as precious. Don’t take them for granted’. This is a quote from a book “Limitless” written by Nick Vujicic.



I was reading this book on my way back from Melbourne after saying good bye to Fr. John Allen, who was called to the Eternal Life on 12th July 2013 at the age of 60. Fr. John Allen was a Parish Priest at Narre Warren Catholic Parish for 16 years till 2011, in one of the largest catholic parishes in Australia From 2005 to 2008 I was with Fr. John in the parish as an assistant priest Fr. John was an amazing and inspiring human being. He was a great priest who loved the people, touched thousands of people’s life. He was friend to everyone in the parish. Narre Warren parish has got people from more than 60 nationalities, and Fr. John loved multiculturalism and he visited most of them and ate with them. If anyone needed any help or support he was there for them. His genuine love and care for each and every one really inspired me. We as a Parish experienced and touched by God’s Love through Fr. John’s Life. He was a passionate Essendon supporter. Many times Fr. John took me to the MCG to watch footy and cricket and every year we watched the Australian Open Tennis. He helped me to learn many things and to love Australia. I will cherish the friendship I had with Fr. John as so precious. He was a very special priest and friend. Thousands of people will miss him but at the same time he lives in our hearts. Jesus, the Son of God, rarely walked alone on this earth. He was usually in the company of one or more of his disciples, friends or people. We all need good friends, someone to share ideas with, someone who will always give us honest advice, or someone who serves to encourage us. We all need supportive relationships. We all must engage with kindred spirits.

A reflection from Fr John Allen:

“ To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all our lives, the good as well as the

bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failure the rewards, as well as the rejection that require hard spiritual work. Still we are only grateful people, when we can say thank you to all that has brought to this present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our being as a gift to God to be grateful for”.

“Let us not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of loving God”.

(Henri J M Nouman).

Fr. Thomas

This is the second of our short articles explaining some of our practices in church life. Here, Michael Ford asks:

WHY do we sometimes call our clergy ‘priests and at other times ‘ministers’?

The term ‘Priest’ comes from the long Catholic tradition in our church. When Henry the Eighth renounced the authority of the Pope in the English Church in 1534, he kept just about all the accepted practices of the, until then, undivided Catholic Church. But soon the influence of those in England who wanted to do away with these ‘Popish’ practices started to be heard and felt. They wanted to get rid of candles, stained glass windows, incense and elaborate rituals, and focus on worship in a simple direct way with the Bible as their sole authority. They wished the word “Minister” to replace “Priest” and so it did, and has remained in those areas of the Anglican church which follow a more evangelical type of worship. The breakaway movement of the Wesley brothers



to Methodism and the evangelical rise of great missionary movements in the 18th and 19th centuries in the Church of England adhered to this term. The Oxford movement of the 1830's which successfully led a Catholic revival, naturally preferred the use of 'Priest'. In good Anglican compromise, for which we are famous, both terms have co-existed more or less happily since then. "Pastor" has never been accepted by Anglicans, being mainly a derivation from Lutheranism and the more extreme Protestant movements.

In modern times, now that Lay Ministers have been called on to lead Services of Worship in a more prominent way, our own Prayer Book carefully distinguishes between the two titles. The term 'Priest' is used to define those functions and parts of a Service which only an ordained clergyperson can perform, e.g. consecrating the host and wine in the Eucharist, actually baptising a person, pronouncing blessings and absolutions and so on. All other parts of a Service can be led by a "Minister", i.e. a non-ordained person. However, this distinction is still not observed by all. Some of our clergy will continue to be called 'Ministers' by their people because they are used to it. It probably won't get them excommunicated!

St Mary's Report — June 2013

We have continued to share in ecumenical services with the Uniting, Catholic and Lutheran congregations and held a service in St Mary's in May.

At the end of April, Geoff & I went to Ceduna for the commissioning of Daine Burden as chaplain and his wife Pam as ship visitor, for a mission to Seafarers to be established at Thevenard. After spending 3 days helping Daine & Pam, we went to Pt Lincoln for the Synod and gave a short presentation on the work of the Mission to Seafarers.



Some weeks ago a request for a faculty for a sanctuary lamp was sent to Bp John.

Barbara Freidenfelds is currently travelling through Africa and we receive regular detailed emails about her adventures.

We are disappointed that Jane Butler has moved to Yorketown and will no longer be a member of St Mary's congregation.

We wish Jane every happiness in her new home and hope to see her regularly when we combine with St George's congregation for services and activities.

A cupboard has been installed in the porch to house the prayer & hymn books & we hope that now they will stay clean and protected.

Adam Harrison has now offered to mow the lawns and maintain the grounds.

June Harrison.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE
SYP ANGLICAN CHURCHES AND
MISSION TO SEAFARERS PORT GILES
COMBINED FUNDRAISER DINNER
WEDNESDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER
MELVILLE HOTEL, YORKETOWN
3 COURSE DINNER \$30





Mission to Seafarers Report June 2013

As was reported in the St Mary's report June & I went to Ceduna & Port Lincoln to help establish the MTS in Thevenard & give a short presentation at Synod.

In May we held our first AGM which was well attended by people from the local community and other churches in our district. We now have a committee of 9 members instead of 7. This week the painting of the hall walls will be complete. Over the past 2 weeks there has been maintenance carried out on the wharf so this has enabled us to concentrate on plastering and painting without having to constantly clean up for visiting seafarers.

The ships that we visited over the past two months have made regular use of the free WiFi we offer, so much so that we are now in the process of obtaining a landline for a phone to enable more economical internet provision. Lately the seafarers seem to be needing to make use of the centre more at night than during the day, often late at night.

We have had very generous donations of beanies, second hand clothing & toiletries from various sources, including Willochra Mothers' Union members. Boxes have been put in some of our church porches and donations are regularly placed in them, The members of the SYP Mothers' Union are planning on making toiletry bags for emergency situations. In June we had some beautiful handmade rugs, beanies, scarves & gloves donated by the Stansbury Community Craft Group.

On one occasion recently a young Turkish seafarer sought our help in trying to stay in Australia. It was a learning experience for us as we are now working on protocols to follow in such cases.

We now have approval from the Diocesan Council for the erection of a shed for the bus.

Currently we are working on our second edition of our FACE Magazine and are obtaining quotes for its printing.

Geoff Harrison — Chaplain

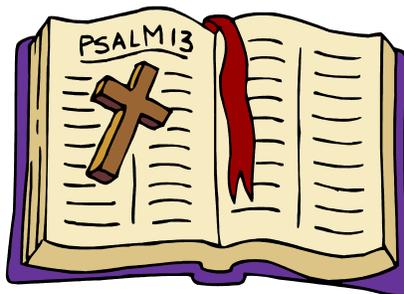
WRESTLING WITH OUR FAITH

If you are called to preach it means God has given you the gifts to accomplish the task. You will not be called to do something for which you are ill-equipped. You may wish that you were another Billy Graham, but the truth is you will probably fall far short. Fortunately, most parishes don't want to be overwhelmed by Billy Graham styled dynamism. However, people want to hear the gospel preached by people who have made a learned effort to understand the scriptures.

You may feel you do not have the academic back-ground to research the scriptures. Just do your best and trust God.

Researching the scriptures may confront you with new ideas and issues about the Christian faith. It is quite likely that if you are called to preach, then your faith will be tested in a number of ways. But don't let this put you off. If you are preaching now then your faith has already been tested. All that happens from now on is that your faith will be tested further. Being continually tested by God is what life is all about. It is the way we progress along our spiritual journey. Jacob wrestled all night with God in a lengthy test of his faith and courage. His persistence paid off and God changed his life, as typified by his change in name. Jacob left behind his image of being a deceiver to becoming a representative of a great nation.

If you are committed to preaching then be very careful. Be very careful to read your scripture texts several times, Be very careful to say your prayers consistently and often. Be very careful to leave yourself open to the will of God. All this will not be easy, and will cause you to wrestle with your faith far into the night. But then preaching is a privilege and not a promise that your life will have no further struggles.





Happenings at St. Benedict's, Minlaton

Thursday 9th May was Ascension Day, the day we commemorate the final departure of Jesus from his disciples. We held a 5pm Eucharist and then a few of us adjourned to the Minlaton Football Club for dinner.

On May 19th, following the morning service, we celebrated Pentecost Sunday in our usual way, with sherries and tomato soup. We were all encouraged to wear red and it was great to see how imaginative some people could be.



In the last two months, we have welcomed four new members of our congregation. Elizabeth Dau and Jill Huntley are living at Hardwicke Bay and have decided to join us at St. Benedict's. After many years, John and Margaret Oakey have returned to South Australia from Queensland and are living in Minlaton. John and Margaret are the parents of Rev'd Anne. Naturally she is delighted to have her parents living closer.

In April, Rev'd Anne's brother, Rev'd Canon Noel Oakey, paid a flying visit to Minlaton to visit his parents. Fr. Noel preached and celebrated at St. Benedict's on Sunday 28th April. He spoke to us about taking a group of teenagers from the Frederick Irwin Anglican School in Mandurah, WA, where he is the School Chaplain, to the Philippines for two weeks, to work with under-privileged families.



Enjoying lunch



*Isobel and Olivia
Cook having fun
during lunch*

On Sunday 2nd June, St. Benedict's held its morning service at 11am instead of 9.15am. It was the usual monthly Family Service and 48 adults and children enjoyed a slightly less formal service, followed by a sausage sizzle. Many thanks to the congregations at Stansbury & Mt. Rat for accommodating the time change.

Convocation in Maitland

On Saturday April 6th, several of us from LYP travelled to Maitland to join a gathering of Anglicans from Yorke Peninsula and beyond. The purpose of the day, which had been called by Bishop John Stead, was to review the way the Diocese had been operating and to talk about future directions. Bishop John gave us his ideas about where the Anglican Church in this Diocese could be heading, how we do some things well and ways that we could improve on what we do. During group sessions there was time for some local input from us. It certainly gave us something to think about on our way home.



Bishop John



Listening to each other

Fundraising Dinner (finally)

In September, 2012, St. Benedict's held a most successful dinner and fundraising auction at the Minlaton Football Club. One of the items offered for auction was a dinner for eight at the home of Michael & Rev'd Anne Ford. Finally, on Friday 7th June, 2013 the dinner was held.

What a wonderful evening! Great food & wine, scintillating conversation and music to soothe the soul.

Michael & Anne were assisted on the evening by their neighbours, David & Barbara Craddock. Michael & David served the wine with flourish, while Anne & Barbara ran the kitchen. Michael & Robert Kidd (a guest at the dinner), entertained with some wonderful music on double Bass & piano.



Audrey Cook, Greg Carmichael, Cheryl Carmichael, Roz Kidd and Robert Kidd enjoying pre-dinner drinks.



At dinner



Soul music

MENTAL HEALTH OF SEAMEN - SOME CHALLENGES FACED BY THEM

My journey began over 42 years ago... The mighty oceans with swaggering waves, clear blue skies, the thrill of visiting new places, meeting different people, all added to the joy of being a seaman back then and I looked forward to my first job on board.

Today after retiring as I sit back and relax, the years of weariness fade away. All these years as a seaman, the life revolved around contacting the shipping company's office for a new assignment, preparing yourself and your family for the next voyage, start counting the days as they pass by on the ship and then prepare yourself to head back home. To any non sailor, this may sound like a casual routine but only a sea man can understand the mental conditioning required to go through each phase of this journey. It is a journey which requires a strong will power and determination to succeed.

The start of the career as a Junior Engineer or a Cadet means being away from home for the first time for at least nine months, to be spent amongst people from different parts of the world, the only faces that you see on board. This fact continues with you till you continue as a sailor. Few years back, before the advent of internet or faster communication channels; it meant no letters till anyone joins on board or news until some emergency struck. So the seamen and their families used to stay without any contact and as they said, no news is good news... which somewhat holds true today as well. With internet and satellite phone, the situation has improved a little and seafarers can stay in regular touch with their loved ones but still this does not fill in the void created by their physical absence. In addition, there is always an element of uncertainty that surrounds both the joining as well as sign offs, and a lot that is missed by both the ends.., not only special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or festivals but some firsts in life as well.. the first step your child takes, the first race he wins, his first participation in annual day, the day to share the

exhilaration when he cracks any major competitive exam.. and the list continues as the life does.

The news of any sickness or accident of a loved one makes a seaman to think of aborting his contract, losing heavily on contracted wages, not being able to perform to the best of ability, which brings in frustration, and can cause a seaman to take drastic steps, which prove harmful to the physical, emotional wellbeing as well as his career. All this takes a lot of sacrifice and courage at both the ends to go through the same feelings before each contract begins... You know when you leave but when will you be able to come back, nothing can be said for sure. It's always at the back of a seafarer's mind that he not only has to arrange for the physical and emotional wellbeing of his family but also to see that financial obligations are met on time and that all needs are fulfilled. Given the contractual nature of work, no bonuses or retirement benefits being provided, and no fixed schedule of joining on board, they have to manage all their financial needs, present or future, children's educations and marriages, their own retirement, or any exigencies out of their earnings. Not to mention the occupational hazards that go hand in hand with the job, and unavailability of any immediate medical attention on board. Joining a vessel is much more than just going for any other job... the vessel's age and condition of machinery also become as important as varied nationalities of fellow crew members with whom you have to work. Even a basic thing as food and accommodation becomes a matter of concern. Each set up is different but you are given no formal training or as what we call a download on the nature of machinery, the likely areas of concern etc.

With the communication channels improving and ports becoming efficient, joining on board has become faster and smoother, which means no longer port stays and not much overlap with the signing off seaman for the handing over. So you are left on your own to figure out things and become an expert the first time, with no scope for errors or omissions. Since all the companies are now trying to squeeze costs due to

rising prices, no delays have literally become the norm of this industry. The ports have become efficient but in the process are also becoming insensitive, expensive for entertainment, as the ports are accommodating bigger vessels, are being located far off from city also to prevent environment damage, and terror risks, the ships are being isolated from local residential population, further isolating the seafarer from human interface. The fun element or rather the thrill to visit new places has just become a fantasy. Today shore leaves are very difficult to come by due to shorter port stays, and if at all you are lucky, this only means time enough to have the earthing or grounding by have a beer may be or may be shop around a little.., but usually no sightseeing. And of course, with the rules becoming stringent visas are required to go beyond the port limits in almost any country.

The occupational tensions just seem to soar due to the routes of the vessels. The piracy zones are unavoidable and so is the impending danger... Not all the companies provide the facility of armed personnel for sailing through the Gulf of Aden, Even having guards on board just acts as a precautionary measure but not a surety of seafarers' safety. Can we even begin to imagine the sort of tensions and pressures that go on in the minds of seamen while crossing the piracy zones, the emergency drills, the constant watches, making the journey shrouded in darkness and a constant fear... And all this plays on the minds of their families as well, worse if anyone is on board. The piracy has kind of defined the boundaries of shipping industry in general and not only has it become difficult for the sailors but also made it harder for them to get their families on board.

Amidst all this a seafarer has to constantly carve a path out for himself. He is made of a different fabric, being a lot tougher than others, set up against some of the most difficult challenges, physical and mental. A sailor is a brave heart who actually learns to ride on the mighty seas, deals with all the odds and yet makes it right for both himself and his family. Though it is good to know that he is not alone in dealing with

this and has a support of a few places through interaction with agencies like churches, missions, voluntary organizations, individuals who know the hardship of seamen and are doing a wonderful job of helping where ever and whenever they can. The presence of Mission to Seamen is a notable example, but it is a drop in the ocean. A much larger effort is required to keep the seamen mentally strong to constantly overcome the numerous challenges.

After all there can be no alternative to commerce, ships and as such the SEAFARER.

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P.S. It was a humble effort by a seaman based on his experience of over 42 years to name a few challenges, difficulties, tensions faced by seafarers' community. The author would like your organization to start a forum for suggestions to help at various levels, to maintain and improve the mental health of seafarers, by inviting more write-ups from people attached to shipping and related activities.



Caring for seafarers
around the world

MD MONTHLY WORSHIP ROSTER

First Sunday Mount Rat – 8.00am (HC)
 Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)
 Yorketown – 9.30am
 Edithburgh – 9.30am
 Stansbury – 11.15am (HC)

Second Sunday Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)
 Curramulka – 9.30am
 Edithburgh – 9.30am (HC)
 Port Vincent – 11.00am
 Warooka – 11.15am (HC)

Third Sunday Minlaton – 9.15am (HC)
 Yorketown – 11.15am (HC)
 Stansbury – 11.15am
 Corny Point – 2.00pm (HC)

Fourth Sunday Minlaton – 9.15am
 Yorketown – 9.30am
 Curramulka – 9.30am (HC)
 Edithburgh – 9.30am
 Port Vincent – 11.00am (HC)

Fifth Sunday

One service only in the Ministry District at a pre-arranged centre
- 10.30am (HC)

