



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

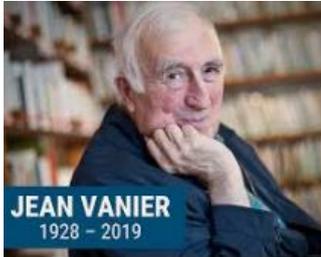
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Sunday 19 May 2019 –5th Sunday of Easter



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Phil Moller SJ



Over the last few days, several great figures have gone to God, first among them being Jean Vanier.

His father had been Governor-General of Canada, his mother a member of the Privy Council, Vanier was destined for a military career with the promise of advancement in the diplomatic service. He served in World War II in the Royal Navy, but in 1950 resigned his commission, called to religious life. He taught philosophy at the University in Toronto, yet felt a deeper call in his heart to do something modelled on the life of Christ.

In 1964, he visited a mental institution outside Paris, and was shocked at the way the inmates were left to walk around in circles, and was moved by their pleas that he visit them again. He received permission for two of the patients to leave the institution, and bought a house in northern France where he invited them to live with him. This refuge became the first L'Arche Community, where those with disabilities live alongside those who care for them.

Inspired by Jean Vanier's philosophy that those with disabilities are not burdens, but teachers, for those who live with them, L'Arche communities have been established throughout the world. While continuing to live in his original community, Jean travelled throughout the world, giving retreats and lectures, and encouraging the removal of barriers between those with disabilities and others. In 1971, he founded the *Faith and Light* movement, an international support group for those with developmental disabilities, their families and friends.

Vanier said that living with the disabled helped him to appreciate two truths: first, that people with learning difficulties have a great deal to contribute; second, by living in a community with people—with and without learning disabilities—we open ourselves up to be challenged and to grow.

Pope Francis said that Vanier could read 'the mystery of those who are discarded by the world'. Jean devoted his life to what has been described as the 'upside-down economics' of Christianity: that the first shall be last. He embodied a principle first outlined in the New Testament by the Apostle Paul, who said, 'When I am weak, then am I strong'. For Vanier placed those who are normally excluded or placed on the margins at the centre.

Learning of his death this week, Pope Francis said, 'Simply put, I want to thank him, and thank God for having given us this man with such a great witness to faith and love.'

Parish Notices

Parish Internet Network

Our internet network access is being rebuilt from the old 10Mb copper line to a new 100Mb fibre line. This will take 8+ weeks to complete. In the interim we are operating off a 4G device with 500GB of shared data. Consequently, we are experiencing slow speeds and data outages, including disruptions to church AV and phone functions.



Jesuit Mission Annual Parish Appeal - 18/19 May – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is our annual parish appeal to raise funds for Jesuit Mission's work in helping poor and marginalised communities in 14 countries across Africa and Asia, including Cambodia.



Chomden is eight years old and lives in rural Cambodia. She was born with a soft cranium causing her to be under-developed both mentally and physically. Her parents abandoned her as a baby and her grandmother did not know how to care for her without causing further harm. So Chomden was rarely moved or bathed, and lived a life of isolation. She simply lay on the floor for most of her life. Then Jesuit Mission's partner provided her a wheelchair, which she was able to push around and this allowed her to build up her strength. The wheelchair gives Chomden more freedom and independence. She is forming relationships with new people and beginning to make friends at a nearby school.

To give others the same new beginning as Chomden, and help provide more wheelchairs, go to www.jesuitmission.org.au/donate-parish/



Jesuit Mission – Employment Opportunity with Flexible Hours

Due to an internal promotion, Jesuit Mission wishes to appoint a personable, self-motivated and highly organised Administration Assistant to join its small team in North Sydney. Please visit www.jesuitmission.org.au to view the Position Description or contact Susan Vaz on (02) 8918 4109 more information. Applications close 3 June 2019.

Invitation - SPaRs (Stop, Pray and Reflect)

Mon 20 May @ 9.00am - 10.30am, Ron Dyer Centre

Jesuit Social Services (JSS) Western Sydney talk followed by Morning tea. JSS partners with community to support those most in need, working to change policies, practices, ideas and values that perpetuate inequality, prejudice and exclusion. Recently appointed to the organisation, Manager of Schools and Community Engagement and mother of three boys, Mrs Claire Thomas, will be offering an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the value of living out why we do, what we do-justly and faithfully. Contact: linda.curtis@syd.catholic.edu.au

20th Anniversary - David's Place

Sat 25 May @ 1.00pm, Mass & BBQ, St Canice's, Kings Cross

David's Place, an inner-city community that provides a safe, easy, and loving space for homeless and marginalised people and their friends. New friends needed and welcomed. www.davidsplace.com.au
Contact: Paul & Judi Taylor 0412 949 862 or Jenny Gribble after Mass.



Marist College North Shore Campus Mass

Sun 26 May @ 6.00pm, St Mary's

Please join us in welcoming the Marist Community to our Youth Mass.

1st Reconciliation for Communion Candidates

Tues 28 May @ 6.30pm, St Mary's Church

Contact: Sacramental Coordinator - clairel@northsydneycatholics.com

Request for a Driver

An elderly parishioner living in Wollstonecraft is in need of assistance to get to Mass each week. She would need to be picked up and dropped back home. If you can assist please contact Peter Walden: peterchona@gmail.com Thank you.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

Sun 25 Aug @ 3.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Register at: www.trybooking.com/BCTID



OMG! It's on again! – For Years 5 & 6

Fri 31 May @ 6.00pm-8.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

- Puzzles, problem solving
- Giant Jenga + Connect 4.
- Team challenges, dance off, mini sports games & jumping castle!

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCPEN

Contact: OMG Coordinator - Cormac Lennon: cmac.lennon10@gmail.com

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God or Alleluia.

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

John sees a new Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Oliver Patry, Evie Onesi, Arabelle Barham, Sebastian Virgona

Weddings

Stephanie Ferrer & Grey Gonzales

Sick

Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Rosa Maria Santos, Sandra Tsui, Mary O'Connor, Josephine Rowe, Lew Smith, Will Wise (12 yrs), Doug Haywood, Grace Spencer, Helen Trew, Anne Stayner, Russ Mills, Joan Brennan, Ian Johnston, Liliana Feher (22 months), George Bidder, Mark Shore, Olivia Harrison (4yrs), Ashley Xu (6yrs), Alex Noble (current student St Ignatius' College), Helen Goddard, Susan Bateman, Ted Watts, Ted Ryan, Sister Anne Laidlaw, Baby Henry Ward, Margaret Sandral, Bob Sawyer, John Richards, Mary Peachey, Michael Sheekey, Jeanette Cardoz

Anniversaries

Victor Quarrell, Irene Fallon, John Quarrell, Tom Mogan, John Mackey
Leslie John Betts

Recently Deceased

Michael Turner