Pope Francis Corner

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)
by the Holy Father FRANCIS,
to Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Consecrated Persons, Christian Married Couples, and all the Lay Faithful---
On Love in the Family

Continued from last week

28. Against this backdrop of love so central to the Christian experience of marriage and the family, another virtue stands out: one often overlooked in our world of frenetic and superficial relationships. It is tenderness. Let us consider the moving words of Psalm 131. As in other biblical texts (e.g., Ex 4:22; Is 49:15; Ps 27:10), the union between the Lord and his faithful ones is expressed in terms of parental love. Here we see a delicate and tender intimacy between mother and child: the image is that of a babe sleeping in his mother’s arms after being nursed. As the Hebrew word gāmil suggests, the infant is now fed and clings to his mother, who takes him to her bosom. There is a closeness that is conscious and not simply biological. Drawing on this image, the Psalmist sings: “I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother’s breast” (Ps 131:2). We can also think of the touching words that the prophet Hosea puts on God’s lips: “When Israel was a child, I loved him… I took them up in my arms… I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them” (Hos 11:1, 3-4).

29. With a gaze of faith and love, grace and fidelity, we have contemplated the relationship between human families and the divine Trinity. The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God’s creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells.

30. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod’s implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child 21 and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2:11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family’s challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary’s heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families.

The majority of parishioners would be aware that we have been transcribing the official Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) for the last couple of months. For some of us it can be pretty hard going to take fully in, those that are capable can persevere for the others (like Michael) we have decided to have a revisitation to hopefully present it in an easier format.

The story continues.

Chapter Five is devoted to loves fruitfulness. Pope Francis writes about couples welcoming new life as a gift, waiting faithfully through pregnancy, and loving their children uniquely as mothers and fathers. Pope Francis urges families to be fruitful in a broad range of ways, whether through adoption, hospitality to the poor and the outcast, or interaction with a wide network of relationships such as “parents, aunts and uncles, cousins and even neighbours.”

Pastoral perspectives are addressed in Chapter Six. These include the formation of seminarians and ordained ministers, the preparation of the engaged, and accommodation of couples in the early years of their marriage. Pope Francis stresses that these challenges are inevitable. “The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crisis, yet these are part of its dramatic beauty.” Couples should be helped to realise that surmounting the crisis can deepen their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union. Pope Francis gives attention to the pressing pastoral issues of marriage breakdown, divorce, and annulment, and finally death. “I can understand the anguish felt by those who have lost a much loved person, a spouse with whom they have shared so much… and how can we even begin to understand the grief of parents who have lost a child.”

Chapter Seven deals with the education of children. In one remarkable passage, Pope Francis writes “We cannot control every situation that a child may experience… If parents are obsessed with always knowing where the children are and controlling all their movements, they will seek only to dominate space. But this is no way to educated, strengthen and prepare their children to face challenges. What is most important is the ability lovingly to help them grow in freedom, maturity, overall discipline and real autonomy. There are also several paragraphs devoted to “the need for sex education”.

Pope Francis Tweets…
I entrust you to the maternal care of our Mother who lives in the glory of God and is always by our side on our life’s journey. 15 August

Sports
Papal Prayer Intentions for August 2016
That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.
That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

Living the Gospel
Responsorial Psalm
Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

The Word Today
Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Next Week’s Readings
Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24
Luke 14:1,7-14
PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

God of mercy, source of life and origin of all things created
We praise you for your constant care and concern for us.
We thank you for your unconditional love for us.
In humility, we ask forgiveness for all our sins.
Father, we humbly ask you grant your peace in the world.
With your healing power, comfort those who are suffering from any form of illness,
With your Divine Mercy, comfort those who are victims of violence and those victims of natural disasters and calamities.
By the light of your love and mercy, put an end to the darkness in the world perpetrated by the works of the evil one and of the evil ideologies and selfish motives,
With the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask this through Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Saviour, forever and ever. Amen.

Pray for our seminarians: Dean Klayford Bongat, Adi Indra, Jackson Saunders & DJ Suguitan.

With St Liborius, St Stephen & St Augustine, let us be a spiritual benefactor to each other in prayer, especially for the health and well-being of:

Mary De Nardis, Cynthia Griego, Rosalia
Bridge Stewart, Muriel Maes, Van Lennien
Ted Verryt, Patricia Schultz, Kevin Tobias
Mikael Floyd, Bert Caldwell, Shirley Baker
Magplmong, Angelina Caldwell, Carmel McCashney
Doreen Dibdib, Gary Jones, Bert Yola
Lise Cook, Frances Cushing, Denise Wong
Mary Furlong, Brendan Irwin, Melinda May
Paul Woodward, Ian Connolly, Ian Johnson
Russell Milikins, Jocelyn Lyon, Maureen O’Keefe
Jodie Ryan, Marie Casey, Josefina Wilson
Bryan Keogh, Georgie Manning, Xavier White
Frank White, Teresa Brandreth, Claire Deaunago
Margaret, Denis Pommier, Des Tobias
Berriman, Mary Salmon Ellie, Rosario Jewell
Zoey Lovejoy, Marian Cuskely, Tila Wynands
Gerald Smith, Mary McAdam, Christine Longmire
Rachel Jackson

In faith and hope let us pray for those who have gone before us and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Recently Deceased:

Mary De Nardis, Aileen O’Brien, Doris Pianta, Aloys Rijken, Dora Tinsley
Bridge Stewart, Michael Coughlin, Dorothy James, Johanna Bryce, Margaret Leahy
Ted Verryt, Tim Coughlin, Raymond Jackson, Bernard Ryan
Mikael Floyd, Joseph Howard, John Dempsey, Isabella Kelly
Magplmong, Josette Felfoldi, Terrance Keogh, Charlotte Bown
Doreen Dibdib, Michael Lyons, Tila Wynands, Angela McGrath

May they rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.

PARISH MATTERS

As we gather to worship, we acknowledge the Traditional owners and custodians of this land— the Jaara Country we are standing on— the Jaara people of the Dja Dja Wurrung community and their forebears who have been custodians of this land for centuries.

INSTALLATION of FR ANTONY JOSEPH MST

Last Saturday evening 13th August 2016 at the 6pm mass Fr Antony Joseph was installed as parish Priest of St Liborius Eaglehawk, St Stevens Raywood & St Augustines Myers Flat for period of 6 years. The mass of installation by the Bishop was a ceremony that may have been unknown and previously had not been witnessed by the majority of parishioners. The actual mass of installation consisted of the following:

- reading of the letter of appointment (by representative of the parish),
- presentation of the keys of the churches,
- renewal of promises of ordination,
- receipt of keys to the Tabernacle (the priest opens the Tabernacle and the Thurible incenses the Ciborium within),
- presentation of Baptismal Font,
- presentation of Marion Statue,
- presentation of Holy Oils (AUMBRY),
- presentation of reconciliation room,
- presentation of Statue of St Liborius (Patron saint of the parish).

Fr Antony used the Thurible to incense the Tabernacle, Baptismal Font, Marion Statue, Holy Oils, St Liborius statue and the Lectionary.

We would like to thank the alter servers who did an exceptional job, Connie, Dianna and Natalie Duane. Plus all those behind the scene who prepared the Church and assisted with such a successful ceremony.

After the service the majority participated in a cuppa at the St Mary McKillop Room in the Liborius Centre. As usual the parishioners provided an excellent supper and the same staunch group were out in the kitchen preparing and serving.

We congratulate Fr Antony on his new appointment as our parish Priest.

Fr ANTONY HOME VISITATIONS

Fr Antony has commenced home visitations and hopes to visit all parishioners at least once a year to get to know you and your family. Those who don’t want a visit please let Tracy (54 468 235) know so that there won’t be any inconvenience to you or Fr Antony.

SUNDAY WELCOMERS WANTED

We would love to have some extra people to welcome those who come to Sunday morning Mass. This would be on a roster system once a month. If you would like to do this please give your name in the Parish Centre or contact Maureen Bourke on 54468821

Please note: Commencing this Monday and every Monday until further notice 6pm Mass at St Liborius. All welcome

VISITORS FOR HOUSEBOUND OR ISOLATED

'If you know of anyone who would like a visit please let Tracy (54 468 235) know.' (Matthew 25:35).

Our Parish needs people of all ages to visit housebound or people isolated for whatever reason. If you could spare an hour or so to visit one or two people in your neighbourhood please give your name to Tracy in the office. If you know of anyone who would like a visit please let us know.

**** CHANGE OF TIME ****

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS: Do you want to join with other women to confidently pray for your children & grandchildren? Join us in the Mothers Prayers on Fridays 10am in the Parish Centre.

RIDES TO MASS

If you know of anyone who would like to get to a weekend Mass but cannot because of no car or distance, arrangements could be made. Contact Tracy at the Parish Office on 54468235. Tracy’s hours are Wed, Thurs 10.30-2.30 and Friday 10-3pm.
FATHERS DAY STALL
The Gianna Centre is having a Fathers Day stall at Strathvillage.
When: Thursday 1st September,
Come along and be surprised,
Enquiries 5442 4644, or www.gianna.org.au

THE RENNAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
Unpacking Amoris Laetitia
The 2016 National Marriage Conference in Sydney October 21-22, organised by the Marriage Resource Centre, CSME (Catholic Society for Marriage Education) and ACMFC (Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council), will draw inspiration from Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia, and have a strong emphasis on initiatives that meet the real needs of Australian Catholic families. Local and world renowned speakers, will provide insights and practical tools you can use to go forward and make a difference to marriage culture in our world. See: www.rom.org.au

BOOK WEEK @the LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE
MONDAY 22nd AUG - 10am: We begin Book Week with Christian Meditation. We will pray that the story of our country’s future is one of peace and respect. We will also pray for those whose story has been broken and needs healing.
MONDAY 22nd AUG – 2pm: Many people have admired the bouquet made of paper flowers on our coffee table here in the Library. This is your opportunity to learn how to make a bouquet recycling out of date Melways.
TUESDAY 23rd AUG – 10am: Often grandparents are looking for special books for their grandchildren. Come along and look at the books that have been shortlisted this year as well as some thought provoking treasures.
WEDNESDAY 24th AUG – 1pm: Come and join our knitting/crochet/hand sewing group. Bring whatever you are working on and enjoy the company.
THURSDAY 25th AUG - 8.30 – 4.00. Pauline Books and Media are visiting from Melbourne and with plenty of wonderful special spiritual reading etc.
Where: Library Learning Centre 120 Hargreaves street Bendigo
Please use the main flight of stairs accessed from the McCrae St side of the building. All events are free but please RSVP for catering purposes. Phone : 54426108. Email : library@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

ST LIBORIUS SCHOOL
Dear Parents and Friends of St Liborius,
On Monday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a number of parents and parishioners joining with the staff and students in honouring the work that Mother Mary does for us in Heaven. Thank you to Fr Antony, the altar servers and readers for their leadership and to Hollie Webster for her organisation.
SEDAN Clinics - I’m sure that you would have shared in the children’s excitement after last week's SEDA clinics. We appreciate the partnership which we have with SEDA. These clinics will continue for the next 2 weeks.
Walker Learning Study Tour - St Liborius - On Monday 22 Aug St Liborius will host a number of teachers from central Victoria as they take part in the Walker Learning Study Tour at our school. It is a privilege to be asked to host this learning tour and it is a credit to our school community.
Book Week - Next week we will enjoy everything about books and the stories and characters that they create. Mrs Philbrick has been working with ‘The Blurb’ to enable them to present another of their amazing performances which will include a parade of the children and staff who are dressed in their favourite character.
Frank Dullard, Principal

MARIST COLLEGE
Dear Parents,
Fortnightly assemblies -This morning we held our first fortnightly assembly. Every second Wednesday we plan to gather in Fourvière for a 25 minute assembly. Each assembly will be run by a group of Year 9 students. Today the assembly was run by Annie Hockey, Corey Arnett, Ben Sherriff and Thea Engbino. I look forward to this initiative of a regular college assembly growing as we grow. From the beginning of 2017 these assemblies will take place in our new gymnasium.

@Marist we strive to be our best - At the assembly today I relaunched our “@Marist” phrases. Parents who were with us last year will remember that we had regular phrases in Semester Two last year to help provide a specific focus for our learning. I plan to launch a new “@Marist” each assembly. For this fortnight our focus is “@ Marist we strive to be our best”. This phrase is one of our three key statements in our positive behaviour program.

Educator appointments - We are close to finishing interviews and finalising the appointment of Educators for 2017. It is my intention to publish next week a full list of the 22 Educators who have accepted positions here at Marist.

Year 8 healthy food expo - On Tuesday our Year 8 students completed their 5 week project looking at healthy food snacks for our canteen. In addition to creating a healthy snack the students were required to explain how their snack was healthy, develop a suitable package and design a promotional piece. I was joined by many parents to wander round and enjoy the many delicious, and very clever, end products.

Welcome to Fr Antony Joseph - As mentioned in recent letters Fr Junjun Armaya has left St Liborius Parish to move to Kerang and Cohuna. This week our new Parish Priest Fr Antony Joseph celebrated Mass with us. We welcome Fr Antony and look forward to his presence with us over the coming years.
Darren McGregor, Principal

BENDIGO & DIOCESAN MATTERS

Youth Corner
STRONGER RETREAT
REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!
When: 16-18 September
Where: Feathercote Chalet, Harrietville
Cost: $165
Join us if you’re 16-25 for a weekend with 100 other young people from our diocese having fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith with our guest speaker Fr Bony Abraham, an MGL priest from Canberra.
Registrations are now open at strongeryouth.com. Transport may be available.
For more info follow @StrongerYouth or contact Danii at Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.edu.org.au

MGL SISTERS CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND
AUGUST 26-28
Been wondering what the sisters do...what our life is all about? This weekend is aimed at young women aged 18-35 who want to grab an opportunity to come and hear, ask and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern their vocation. The weekend will be held at our house in North Balwyn and the parish centre of St Dominic’s, Camberwell. For more information contact the sisters on 03 9857 8177 or mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com

STRONGER L!VE
Our next Stronger L!VE will be on the 25th of August in Shepparton. Stronger L!VE is a chance for young adults to come together with other young people who share their faith and a chance to discuss relevant and engaging topics. Stronger L!VE is free an 18+ event. Meals are available for purchase.

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                   Fri  10.00am-3.00pm
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Web:  stliboriuscatholicparish.wordpress.com

Parish Priest:  Fr. Antony Joseph
Mobile:  0431 889 511
Email:  antonypedi@gmail.com

Parish Secretary:  Tracy Roberts
After Hours (7pm—7am):  Please ring parish office.
Catholic Clergy Contact:  0429 371 253

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**PARISH ORGANISATIONS**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

**Parish Finance Committee**
Laurie Fitzgerald, Terry Westaway, Geoff Gallagher, John Pallotta

**Planned Giving**
David Trewarne

**Parish Liturgy Team**
Mary Haugh, Karyn McDermott, Elizabeth McDermott, Sandie Westaway, Maureen Bourke

**Parish Loss & Grief Team**
Elizabeth McDermott, Jane Bretherton, Patricia Angelini, Joan Noonan, Cathy Mitchell, Tricia Blanks, Elis Whelan

**Parish Sacramental Team**
Denise Webb, Jenny Chirgwin, Holly Webster, Claire Flood & Trish Blanks

**Catholic Women’s League**
Mary Haugh, Maureen Bourke

**Legion of Mary**
Peg Singe & Anne O’Brien

**RCIA Team**
Tricia Blanks, Brian Bourke, Maureen Bourke, Anne-Marie McDonell

**Tuesday Communion Round**
Co-ordinator:  Sandie Westaway

**Friday Communion Round**
Co-ordinator:  Anne Trewarne

**KSC Community Welfare Project**
Brian Bourke:  5446 8821

**R.S.J.**
Margaret Tobias

**Caritas Project Compassion**
Brian Bourke

**Children’s Liturgy**
Denise Webb & Natalie Duane (1st and 3rd Sunday of month)

**God Start**
Anne O’Brien

**Piety Stall**
Michael O’Dea, Anne O’Brien

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**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**WEEKLY**

- **WisEaters**
  Every Monday at 9.30am.

- **Walk N Talk**
  Every Tuesday at 9.30am.

- **Brunch Kitchen**
  Every Tuesday at 11.30am (exc school holidays)

- **Eucharie Card Club**
  Every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

- **Legion of Mary**
  Every Wednesday at 10.00am and every Friday at 7.30pm.

- **Vocaltones**
  Every Thursday at 7.30pm (exc school holidays)

- **Parish Sacramental Team**
  Every Tuesday at 7.00pm

- **Mothers Prayer**
  Every Friday 10.30am till 11.30

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**WEDDINGS**

**Weekend**

- **St Kilian**
  - 9.00am Mass (Raywood)
  - 10.30am Mass

**Next Weekend**

- **St Kilian**
  - 9.00am Mass (Raywood)
  - 10.30am Mass

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Mon**

- 6.00pm Mass

**Tues - Friday**

- 9.15am Mass
  - P.S. Funeral Mass replaces the Mass of the day

**Saturday**

- 9.15am Mass
  - (St Augustine’s Myers Flat followed by brunch)

- 6.00pm (Parish)

**Sunday**

- 9.00am (Raywood)
  - 10.30am (Parish)

- 5.30pm Syro Malabar
  - Rite Mass at St Francis Xavier’s Church, 24 Strickland Road

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**SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation**
Everyday of the week 40mins prior to Mass except on Sunday.

**Anointing of the sick**
Please ring parish office.

**Baptisms**
Please call in to the parish office for a Baptism kit ($25).
Baptism preparation is conducted on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Kilian’s Parish Centre.

**Weddings**
Bookings must be made at least six months prior. Please ring parish office.

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**PLANNED GIVING — Thank You**

**COLLECTIONS for 14th August**

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**What a Life!**

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."