Pope Francis Corner

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation
AMORIS LÆTITIA (The Joy of Love)
of 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

4. I must also say that the Synod process proved both impressive and illuminating. I am grateful for the many contributions that helped me to appreciate more fully the problems faced by families throughout the world. The various interventions of the Synod Fathers, to which I paid close heed, made up, as it were, a multifaceted gem reflecting many legitimate concerns and honest questions. For this reason, I thought it appropriate to prepare a post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation to gather the contributions of the two recent Synods on the family, while adding other considerations as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice, and as a help and encouragement to families in their daily commitments and challenges.

5. This Exhortation is especially timely in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. First, because it represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience. Second, because it seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy.

6. I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. I will then examine the actual situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality. I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God’s plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality.

Fr Junjun Corner

Someone says: ‘In God’s eyes, nobody is nobody, because everybody is somebody.’ There is also another version of this that says: ‘For God, no one is no one because everyone is someone.’ This is certainly realized by Jesus in the gospel today (Lk 7:11-17) by bringing back to life the only son of a widow from Nain, who was dead. In Jesus’ time and culture, widows were largely marginalized, because the cultural expectation was that only men are allowed to own a property. If a widow had a son, she would at least have some bearings in the society. But if the widow had no son, she would have to live in the mercy of others, and also perhaps disdain and ridicule to some.

Jesus would have seen that this cultural expectation is not in accordance to the will of his Father. I would like to imagine Jesus saying: ‘Hang on people, for my Father, nobody is a nobody because everybody is somebody.’ The gospel tells us nothing of this sort. However Jesus did something amazing. He showed a great expression of sympathy by feeling sorry for her, consoling her, and by doing something for her. Because for God, everyone is important in God’s eyes, regardless of gender, social status, age, etc.

He stopped the people carrying the bier, risking being unclean by keeping in contact with a dead body, again according to the cultural expectation at the time. Then he brought the dead man back into life. By doing so, Jesus gives back the woman her bearings, her power, her source of pride and her reason to live.

This gospel thought not only shows us that God cares for us as ‘an apple of his eye’, as someone important in his eyes, but also shows us three truths: that God has power over death, that God can bring life out of death, and that if we allow God to touch our lives we will witness something amazing.

Sometimes we may feel that God doesn’t really care for us. He does, always, it is only that we sometimes don’t care about God. Sometimes, we may feel God is so distant. No, he is always close to us, we just didn’t notice he is there because of the many preoccupations, worldly concerns that keep us busy, and our having no time for God in prayer, in the Mass and in caring for one another.

Sometimes we may feel God is irrelevant and redundant in our lives. He is always relevant to us. If he is not, we would all die right away because he is the one who gives us life, he is the one who wakes us up every day, he is the one who gives us the food that we need, he is our reason to live.

I pray you all have a grace-filled week.
In faith and hope let us pray for those who have gone before us and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Welladsen *(Fr Des’ mother)*
Bonifacio Dancel *(related to DJ)*,
Mary Harrison

**Anniversaries:**

- Stella Tessari
- Mary Kelly
- Damien Brennan
- Marguerita Wards
- Mary Strauss
- Augustine Cullinan
- Gavin Brennan
- Ada Ryan
- Mabel Trewee
- Patricia Gleeson
- William Demeo
- Benjamin
- Roslingory
- Mary McGusk
- Karl Kallasmae
- Margaret Nelson
- Mabel Trewee
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**Pray for our benefactor:**

- Mary Strauss
- Marguerita Wards
- Damien Brennan
- Mary Kelly
- Stella Tessari
- Ada Ryan
- Mary McGusk
- Karl Kallasmae

**Pray for our seminarians:**

- Gerald Smith
- Zoey Lovejoy
- Bryan Keogh
- Mary Salmon Eiffe
- Marianne Cuskelly
- Mary Kelly
- Mary Strauss
- Margaret Nelson
- Mabel Trewee
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**FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

If you new to the parish or know someone who is new to the parish and wanting to belong to St Liborius parish feel free to acknowledge your presence to Father Junjun or the Parish Office or fill in the form provided at the back of the church.

**PARISH MATTERS**

As we gather to worship, we acknowledge the Traditional owners and custodians of this land - the Jaara People who have been custodians of this land for centuries.

**CONDOLENCES TO FR DES**

As a parish, let us remember in our prayers Father Des Welladsen for the loss of his mother, Mrs Margaret Welladsen the other day. Let us pray for comfort for the family and eternal rest for Margaret.

**THE SINGING PRIESTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES**

A treat in Bendigo for the long weekend in June

**What:** The Jeduthun - The Singing Boholano priests *[from the Diocese of Talibon, in Bohol, Philippines]*: A Concert dedicated to St Pedro Calungsod, Patron Saint of Filipino Migrants.

**When:** Sunday, 12 June 2016, 1:30 pm **Where:** Liborius Centre @ St Liborius Parish, 50 Panton St Eaglehawk, 3556.

Proceeds go to rebuilding centuries old Churches in Bohol damaged by 7.2 magnitude earthquake in 2013.

**Ticket costs:** $30 (12 yrs old & above). Children under 12 are free. Tickets available at St Liborius Parish Office, Eaglehawk. Alternatively SMS Fr Junjun Amaya 0439 356 917, or Amel Aquino 0423 483 310 for reservation or any inquiry.

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Where:** St Liborius Parish Centre

**When:** Wednesday 15th June @ 6.30pm

**Topic:** Mark 2:1-12 *(The Cure of a Paralytic)*

All welcome and bring your bible.

**HEALING MASS**

**When:** Thursday 9th June @ 11am

**Where:** St Liborius Church

Afterwards a luncheon in the Parish Centre. If you require a ride contact Maureen Bourke 5446 8821 or Mary Haugh 5446 019 for information.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - WINTER APPEAL**

**When:** This Weekend

**Where:** Parish Church on weekend Mass

Donations can be Food, Clothing, Blankets and/or cash donation. Envelopes available at the back of the Church.

**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 10.30 - 11.30 am in the Parish Centre. Ring Beryl 54414019 for information.

**TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Let us promote the devotion of praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as a community. We pray it before the mass on Saturday evening and before Sunday morning mass. Leaflets/Guides for the prayer and Rosary beads available at the back of the Church. You may take the guides and rosary beads with you or you can leave them at the back of the church for the next week.
A NOTE FROM FR FINIAN
Fr Finian expressed his gratitude to all St Liborius Parishioners who sent in their best wishes and greetings for his significant birthday last month. He was so happy to hear from us. He also assured us he is in good form apart from a bit of heart trouble last year. He still goes for a walk. He plans to get to Melbourne to see his sister sometime in September or October this year.

L’ARCHE COMMUNITY, BENDIGO
The Annual ‘Maureen Considine Major Fundraiser’ supporting people living with an intellectual disability
Enquiries Tel: 0438 439 384

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB
A forum for conversation. Monday 27 June Queen’s Arms Hotel, Russel Street. Topic: ‘Healing the Hurt’ in the wake of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse. Speaker Francis Sullivan CEO of the Catholic Church’s Truth Justice & Healing Council. 6pm for meals, 7.30pm-8pm Speaker. RSVP Monday 20 June Anne 5441 6474, Peter 0417 217 325 or Maria 0401 181 030.

A COURSE ON THEOLOGY
What: The Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church
Where: Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, 121 Knight St, Shepparton
See flyers at the back of the Church or contact Lyn Breen 0354412544

ST ANTHONY’S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
St Mel’s Parish Shepparton is holding a St Anthony’s Feast Day Celebration; everyone is invited to join the festivities
When: Sunday June 12th at 9:30am with Mass and continuing with music, dancing and a shared lunch BBQ.
For more information please see the Invitation attached or phone St Mel’s Parish Secretary, Tonina, 03 5831 2194.

Reach out and touch the "Fringe of His Garment"
You are invited on a journey of inner healing at this Catholic School of Evangelisation two day course.
When: Sat 4th and Sun 5th June
Where: St Therese’s Church Hall, Kennington.
Contact: Denise IItt 544 11 087.

Vinnies need volunteers
Vinnies need volunteers to join their Chapel Street Bendigo Store. Enquiries: 5443 5052. Please see noticeboard.

ST MEL’S PARISH

MARIST COLLEGE
Dear Parents,
Award Winning
Award winning learning spaces Last week I mentioned that our Montagne Centre had been shortlisted for the 2016 Learning Environment Awards for the Australasian Region. At the dinner on Tuesday evening it was announced that Y2 Architects won this award.

Champagnat Day
Monday 6 June is the Feast Day of St. Marcellin Champagnat. This is a very significant day for us as Marists all over the world. We will celebrate with a Mass at 12:00pm.

Latrobe University Experience
On Tuesday 7 June Year 7 students will participate in an excursion to La Trobe University. This opportunity is provided by La Trobe University’s School Partnerships Program.

Shark Tank
Last Thursday our Year 9 students experienced a wonderful end to their recent project in Deeper Learning 2. Following the model of the popular TV series the Shark Tank the afternoon showcased some stunning ideas from our students. Our guests were very impressed with the quality of the ideas and the great ability of our students to articulate their ideas and their learning.

Whooping cough
On the weekend one of our Year 7 students was diagnosed with whooping cough. The child is not currently attending school.

Darren McGregor Principal
**CONTACT US**

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Wed/Thu 10.30am-2.30pm  
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After Hours (7pm—7am) Emergency  
Catholic Clergy Contact: 0429 371 253

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**WEEKLY**

- **Wise Eaters**  
  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

**MONTHLY**

- **Secular Franciscans**  
  Every 2nd Mon of the month at 7.30pm.
- **Liturgy Meeting**  
  Every 1st Tue of the month at 2.00pm.
- **Parish Finance Committee Meeting**  
  Every 4th Tue of the month at 7.00pm.
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
  Every 2nd Wed of the month at 6.30pm.
- **Card Making**  
  Every 2nd Wed of the month at 1.30pm.
- **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.  
  Bookings required. Phone 5441 6244.
- **Anointing of the sick**  
  Please ring parish office or Fr Junjun.
- **WEDDINGS**  
  Bookings must be made  
  at least six months prior.  
  Please ring parish office.

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**ROSTERS**

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**Life’s like that...**

Confession  
A husband just went to confession. Upon coming home,  
the first thing he did was lifting up his wife and carrying her around the house.  
Surprised of the unusual gesture, the wife commented: ‘Oh, this is so sweet of you! Is this the penance the priest gave you? How thoughtful of him and how nice of you!’  
The husband replied: ‘Actually, it’s not. He just told me to embrace and carry my cross. That’s why.’