

NEWSLETTER

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Monday 28th September – Sunday 4th October 2020

Monday 10:00am Cn. John McNamara R.I.P
Tuesday 10:00am Peter & Patricia Girardi R.I.P
Wednesday 7:00pm Holy Souls
Thursday 10:00am Louis Dien R.I.P
Friday 10:00am Special Mass
Saturday 6:00pm Tony Davereux R.I.P
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 8:30am Priest's Intention
10:00am Mick O'Connell R.I.P
12 noon People of the Parish

FR JACK.

Two sons, two stories:

It would be easy to criticise the rights and wrongs of the two, I'm good at that; the whole world passes every day before my tribunal.

I've found plenty of guilt in politics, economics, slums, alcohol and the film industry.

I see it in so many people, Christians, priests, politicians; all in all, in just about the whole world except me. Because of this many people pack up their faith, their going to church etc. The great pity about all of this is that people throw out the baby (Jesus) with the bath water. Paul wants people to believe in Christ so that they will be united in their love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing that would make us completely happy.

We were made for love and outside of it we die very quickly.

Profound Change of Attitude

The general transformation Francis is calling for is: *contemplation* and *compassion*.

"A profound change of attitude can be the fruit only of contemplation, otherwise a world sickened by consumption is heading for a fall." he warned.

"The outlook on reality is increasingly rapid, distracted, superficial, while news and forests are burnt in a short time." "So as not to be distracted by a thousand useless things, we must find silence; for the heart not to become sick, we must be still." "To contemplate is to *gift oneself with time* to be silent and to pray." "It is the antidote to hasty, superficial and inconclusive choices" he affirmed.

LAUDATO SI'

The Pope met representatives of the Laudato si' Communities last Saturday, in the heart of the "Season of Creation", which runs until October 4th. Some 250 men and women from 60 communities, spread the message of the encyclical and put it into practice. Vatican News reported that the movement was born in Italy shortly after the publication of the encyclical and is spearheaded by Bishop Domenico Pompili of Rieti and Carlo Petrini, president and founder of the international "Slow Food Movement".

Climate Change and Poverty

Pope Francis congratulated members for having "placed the integral ecology proposed by the encyclical *Laudato si'* as the driving force behind all your initiatives". He said the term 'integral ecology' is often misunderstood, pointing out that it is based on his fundamental concept: "there is no ecology without equality and there is no equality without ecology".

"Even the pandemic has demonstrated this: the health of humanity cannot be separated from that of the environment in which we live."

"It is also clear that climate change not only upsets the balance of nature, but also causes poverty and hunger, afflicting the most vulnerable and sometimes forcing them to leave their land." "The neglect of creation and social injustices influence each other."

He called on the entire international community -- *first and foremost its leaders* -- to question an economic system whose effects are causing harm to the Earth.

"We need the genuine will to tackle the root causes of the climate upheavals that are happening. Generic commitments are not enough," "We need to work today for everyone's future. Young people and the poor will hold us to account," he said forcefully.

BAPTISMS

*For baptism of babies,
see Fr Jack*



Signing of school forms

Saturday 10th, 17th and 24th October
between two and four in the afternoon.
Please make sure to come with your child.