

## Ta' Pinu Shrine

# Our Lady, Queen of the Family A CALL TO PRAYER

## “Jesus-Christ, Our Lord - King of the Universe”



At the closing of the Holy Year 1925, Pope Pius XI's Pontificate was marked with the insertion into the Sacred Liturgy of a special feast of *the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ*.

In his Encyclical '*Quas Primas*', he wrote: "It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of **"KING"** because of the high degree of perfection whereby He excels all creatures." So He is said to reign "*in the hearts of men*," both by reason of the keenness of His intellect and the extent of His knowledge, and also **BECAUSE HE IS VERY**

**TRUTH**, and it is from Him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, "*in the wills of men*", for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by His grace and inspiration, He so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavours.

He is "**KING OF HEARTS**", by reason of His "charity which exceeds all knowledge." His mercy and kindness draws all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man, that he may be said to have received from the Father "Power, Glory and a Kingdom". Since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily **SUPREME AND ABSOLUTE DOMINION OVER ALL THINGS CREATED**.

Christ as our Redeemer purchased the Church at the price of his own blood; as priest he offered himself, and continues to offer himself as a victim for our sins.

After his resurrection, when giving to his Apostles the mission of teaching and baptizing all nations, Jesus took the opportunity to call himself "**KING**" [Matt 25: 31-40] confirming the title publicly, and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given him in heaven and on earth. These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of his power, the infinite extent of his kingdom. What wonder, then, that he whom St. John calls the "Prince of the Kings of the earth" appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as he who "hath on his garment and on his thigh written 'KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS'!". It is Christ whom the Father "hath appointed heir of all things"; "for he must reign until the end of the world, he hath put all his enemies under the feet of God and the Father." [Cf. 1 Cor. 15: 25] .

*If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men...*



**IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT NOT ONE OF OUR FACULTIES IS EXEMPT FROM HIS EMPIRE**

**He must reign in our minds**, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ.

**He must reign in our wills**, which should obey the laws and precepts of God.

**He must reign in our hearts**, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone.

**He must reign in our bodies and in our members**, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as "*instruments of justice unto God*"

Let us pray that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion; that having lived our lives in accordance with the laws of God's kingdom, we may receive full measure of good fruit, and counted by Christ good and faithful servants, we may be rendered partakers of eternal bliss and glory with him in his heavenly kingdom.



**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015**  
**At 2.00 p.m.**

**MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN IN ADVENT**  
**and**

**Opening the "Door of Mercy"**  
**Eucharistic Celebrations**  
**will be led by**

**His Grace Denis J Hart DD**,  
Archbishop of Melbourne &  
concelebrated with Leaders of  
the "All Nations Marian Family"  
*So Bring along your own*  
*'Family & friends'*

## THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

### THE THREE STATES OF THE CHURCH.

"When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is'"

*All of us, however, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbours, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God. All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church and in Christ cleave together.*

"So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods."

**The intercession of the saints.** "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus ... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

*Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.*

*I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.*

**Communion with the saints.** "It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself"

*We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples!*

**Communion with the dead.** "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them."

Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

**In the one family of God.** "For if we continue to love - one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity all of us who are sons of God and form one family in Christ - we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:** *"The Harvest is great but the labourers are few ; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. (Luke 10-2)"*



### Gospel Reflection :

**"The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the cruise of oil shall not be emptied". [1 Kings 17:14]**

St Mark tells us that, one day Jesus sat down opposite to the treasury watching the people put money into the treasury. Many rich people put large sums and a poor woman put two copper coins, equivalent to a penny". Then he called his disciples and said to them, **"I tell solemnly, this poor woman has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury;** for all they have put in money they had over, but she from the little she had **has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on".**

The first point we notice from this extract of St Mark's Gospel is that Jesus appreciated what the people were putting in the Church treasury. God praises acts of generosity for the sake of divine cult as well as gifts made with pure heart. He doesn't condemn the rich for being generous in contributions because the Church needs ample help, not only to be able to honour God the way it should, but to support those who are selected to bring the Good News to the World, as well as to help people in need. God also gives preference to those who voluntarily contribute from the little they have. However, God values the disposition of the giver more than the gift received. He is always ready to give hundred-fold to those who are generous with him. The widow of Zarephath is an authentic proof of this, **"The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the cruise of oil shall not be emptied"**. This widow gave only a little scone from the little quantity of flour and the few drops of oil she had to Elijah, and she and he, and all her household ate for many days.

What a big mistake do those who feel so reluctant to give even a penny to support the Church or the poor! Where do they get their living, who gives them their health? Is it not God who gives them health, which he can take back at anytime, and make their food grow? Some people are so greedy with God that they may spend anything in leisure and even in gambling and don't have a penny for God. Others think that they may fool God by contributing a five or ten cent coin. Poor man or woman, you are fooling yourself not God!!!!

God is your Creator and your King and you and your life are nothing without him. To add insult to injury, some people dare also to scandalise others by their comments against those who try to help, against the Church {Contd...}



## ON ALL SAINTS DAY

### POPE FRANCIS: 'THERE ARE MANY SAINTS TO BE FOUND IN EVERYDAY LIFE'

Pope Francis celebrated All Saints Day telling the faithful that there are many saints to be found in ordinary life and they are examples to be followed.

## Liturgical Celebrations for November 2015

Date	November Celebrations
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Our Lady of Lanka Oratory: Private Family Prayer Day
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>FIRST SATURDAY -Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</b> <b>Rosary, Holy Mass &amp; Eucharistic Benediction at 2.00p.m</b> <b>MASS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> November at 1.45p.m	<b>Our Lady of Good Health , Vailankanni</b> Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet ,Holy Mass & Benediction
<b>SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>COUPLES FOR CHRIST</b> <b>MARRIAGE RENEVAL VOWS (MRV) RETREAT</b> <b>START 9.00 A.M. TO CONCLUDE WITH HOLY MASS</b>
<b>TUE 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (WESTERN REGION)</b> <b>DAY RETREAT</b> <b>START 10.00 A.M. WITH DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS &amp; ROSARY</b> <b>FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS &amp; ADORATION</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>***Notice all devotees of Our Lady of Perpetual Help***</b> Mother and Child Oratory Wednesday Novenas have resumed and will be held at <b>7.30p.m</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b><u>SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST , THE KING</u></b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Rosary at Our Lady of Fatima's Oratory Followed by Holy Mass <b>9.30 a.m. 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
	<b><u>MAJOR EVENTS IN DECEMBER</u></b>
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> December <b>from 2.00p.m</b>	<b>OPENING OF "THE DOOR OF MERCY"</b> <b>PROCESSION FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS AND BENEDICTION</b> <b>Led by Archbishop Denis J Hart</b>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b><u>WALK WITH BABY JESUS</u></b> <b>Rosary, Holy Mass &amp; Eucharistic Benediction at 2.00p.m</b>

Speaking to the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square for the recitation of the Angelus, the Pope said **"Saints are people who belong entirely to God, they carry the seal of God in their lives and on their persons."** Pointing out that we are all children of God and that we received the seal of our heavenly Father with the sacrament of Baptism.

He added that **"Saints are those who have lived their lives in the grace of Baptism, keeping that seal intact, behaving like children of God, trying to imitate Jesus. "Saints are examples to imitate".**

And he continued noting that saints are not only those who have been canonized, but can also be anyone from next door neighbours, to members of our own families or others we have met as we live our ordinary lives, the Pope said "we must be grateful to them and to God for having given them to us as examples of how to live and die in fidelity to God and to the Gospel". How many good people have we met in our lives; how often do we exclaim:

**"This person is a saint!"...**

These are **the saints who live next door, not the ones who are canonized, but the ones who live with us**" he said.

Imitating their gestures of love and mercy, he said, is a bit like perpetrating their presence in this world.

Acts of tenderness, of generous help, of closeness can appear insignificant, but in God's eyes they are eternal...

**"Because Love and Mercy are stronger than death" he said.**

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 -St Peter's Square. Vatican**



{Contd from page 2} ...and against those who support whatever good works benefit from the common good.

The Holy Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, encourage people to be generous. The Book of Tobias tells us, "Do not turn your face away from any poor man, and the face of God will not be turned away from you. If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity.

Saint Cyprian, talking on good works and almsgiving says,

**"ALMSGIVING IS THE SHIELD OF HOPE, THE TEACHER OF FAITH, THE MEDICINE OF SIN"**

It lies within the reach of every person who wants to practice it.. It is the crown of peace and truth, the greatest gift of God. It is necessary for the weak and glorious for the strong. Through almsgiving the Christian attains grace, wins pardon from Christ our judge, and makes God in some way a debtor.

It also shows Him that the Christian loves Him, unless he does it for self interest, with the intention of getting back something, whether from Church or from neighbour. Let us pray the Holy Spirit, through his Bride the Blessed Virgin Mary, to infuse in us a generous heart, always ready to help whether in philanthropic or apostolic needs.





## ‘NOT IN OUTER SPACE’ *An Inspirational story of the Eucharist*

Through God's amazing grace, and through the faith and love my husband shared with me, I joined the Catholic Church a year and a half after our marriage. A year later, I found myself struggling through early menopause and the agony of depression.

One afternoon, while recuperating from surgery, I lay down on the bed to rest. I wanted so badly to just leave this world and go up to heaven to talk things over with God. Before I knew it, I fell asleep and had the most spectacular dream of my life. In my dream, I found myself driving up a mountain road. At the top, I got out of the car and surveyed the magnificent scene below. It was a picture-perfect day with sunshine, blue sky, and a mighty flowing river traversing the emerald green valley. All of a sudden, my spirit left my body and I found myself floating upward, like a feather. My eyes spotted a car driving on the road alongside the river, and it surprised me to see my husband and myself in that car. Then, a brilliant flash of light flared in the sky. It was like a giant fire cracker exploding, sending a shower of golden stars upon the earth. I marvelled at the exquisite beauty of it all. Although I didn't hear anything, I understood that it was time for me to return to earth. I didn't want to go back, but as my spirit re-entered my body a slight jerk awakened me.

I pondered this dream occasionally over a period of ten years, wondering what it all meant. During that time my father died, and my mother came to live with my husband and me. The stress from my mother's failing health, and having to nurse her through a difficult surgery and healing drew me back into depression.

My parish priest referred me to Father Vincent Beuzer, S.J. After listening to my story he anointed me, and then counselled both my husband and myself. He also offered a healing Mass for me, and we received Jesus in communion. For two weeks following this anointing and Mass, my husband and I shared an extraordinary conversion experience. Bathed in God's holy light, we viewed creation with enhanced vision. Soon we were led to Father Beuzer's sister who shared with us her involvement with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Through her guidance, we started an adoration program in our parish.

We maintained this program for a number of years, until we moved from the parish.

One evening, while praying before the Blessed Sacrament, I thought about the dream I've had years earlier. Because I still wondered about the purpose of this dream, I asked the Lord why I had dreamt it.

Once again I didn't hear anything, but the understanding flashed into my mind almost immediately.

***"My child, you were looking for me in outer space and you neglected to learn that I am right here with you on earth."***

Written by ***"Grateful Soul"***

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**RESPECT YOUR PARENTS:** *"Remember that through your parents you were born; and what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?"*  
(Sirack 7-28)

**FUNDRAISING:** We are currently planning to run some fundraising activities at the Shrine, in order to cover the cost of the recent establishment of our "Chapel of Mercy" and "Perpetual Adoration"

I wish to thank you beforehand for any monetary donation you might be able to make. Hopefully with your help and the help of many other devotees who frequently visit our Shrine and our dedicated volunteers, we would be able to raise some, if not most, of the \$20000 required to have a decent and worthy place for the adoration of Jesus, King of the Universe. Kindly contact myself, Maria Cordina or Josette, if you wish to know more about how you can help us. we deeply appreciate your generosity.

**Msgr Benedict Camilleri**

### Oratory Anniversary Celebrations at All Nations Marian Centre

As previously announced, the All Nations Marian Family will be getting together to join the Archbishop Denis Hart DD in our official Opening of the 'Door of Mercy'

On 12th December 2015. However, three of our ethnic groups would also be celebrating the anniversary of their oratories, namely The Slovenian Community led by the Episcopal Vicar the Very Rev Fr Ciril Bozic [Our Lady of Holy Family], The Filipino Community led by Msgr Joselito Asis [Our Lady of Perpetual Help] and also the Hispanic Community celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**To the other Ethnic Groups:- Come, Join in the celebrations too!!!**

### 2016 Calendar of Events is being finalised!!!

**Just a short Reminder to all those who have not already done so, to book their 2016 Community Events or visit at Shrine, please contact us as soon as possible.**

Our Filipino Community group at the Marian Centre would like to also announce since October, they have resumed their third Wednesday Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and would like to invite everyone to join them in their devotional prayers which start **at 7.30 p.m.** For more information please contact the office or Amy 0456 151 652 or Alfredo 0412 152 373

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