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AD LIMINA APOSTOLORUM
Bishop Gregory Homeming is one of the 40 bishops who are at present in Rome on their official visit Ad Limina Apostolorum (To the Threshold of the Apostles). The bishops made a pilgrimage together to the tombs of the Apostles and the principal church of Our Lady in Rome. They met with Pope Francis to report on their dioceses and receive his blessing for themselves and their people. Pope Francis has encouraged them to explore new ways of being missionary in Australia at this time. (ABC Media)

HOLY HOUR
St Carthage’s Cathedral Parish celebrated Corpus Christi Sunday last week with Holy Hour held in the Cathedral after the 9am Mass.

ADORATION
A reminder that Adoration is held in St Mary’s Chapel every Friday at 3pm except for the first Friday of the month when it is held at the Carmelite Monastery after 7am Mass.
**THE NEED TO JUST DO IT**

I have a friend who recently turned 70. At her birthday party, she told her gathered friends and family something of the values and principles that had governed her life. One of these principles was a constant exhortation, a motto she would recite when she was forced to negotiate with the many challenges that life presented. It was a motto that she shared with a well-known athletic shoe company – Just Do It!

Whenever my friend was confronted by a distasteful task at work or an unavoidable confrontation with a co-worker, she would tell herself “Just do it!” and face the problem. When serious ill health visited her in her fifties, she faced the ordeal of invasive treatment with the same invocation, “Just do it!” And even when family decided to plan a big 70th birthday, she related to us that, despite her misgivings, she embraced the occasion by telling herself “Just do it!”

In today’s gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus at an important turning point in his ministry “resolutely took the road to Jerusalem” or as the original Greek has it, “[Jesus] set his face for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51).

We cannot know how much Jesus knew of his coming mission in Jerusalem; what his expectations were; or what he thought might be the outcome. Did Jesus suspect what we know, that his mission in Jerusalem would end in his arrest, trial and death?

The story that Luke tells about Jesus up until this point is one that is characterised by conflict and confrontation. Jesus must have known that taking his revolutionary message to the heart of the Jewish nation and the site of the Roman Imperial headquarters, would only escalate the controversy surrounding him. But he was resolved to “Just do it!”

Luke hints that Jesus’ final, fateful journey to Jerusalem will not ultimately end in defeat, but rather in Jesus being “taken up” into heaven and exalted. Jesus’ “path to life” would lead down into the very depths of despair and even death.

This is the paradox that lies at the heart of human existence. Often, we are the victim of circumstances beyond our control. There is a certain fateful inevitability to events that befall us in our everyday lives and test our resolve. And, yet, we do have the “freedom” of which Paul speaks in today’s second reading to imitate Jesus and “set our faces” to these challenges with love, tolerance, and hope.

Responding to disaster and disappointment with such a positive ‘just-do-it’ attitude would seem meaningless if it were not for the promise of the gospel. As Paul writes elsewhere, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life … nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

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**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

There are still a few boxes of Planned Giving envelopes that have not been collected at the back of the Cathedral. If you have not collected your envelopes please do so as soon as possible.

If you have not received your pack or would like to be added to the Planned Giving Program please fill in a gifting card available from the table at the entrance to the Cathedral and place on the collection plate or contact the Parish office on 66260200, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm.

**SUNDAY MORNING TEA**

Don’t forget morning Tea is held in Doyle House after the 9am Mass every fortnight. So drop in after Mass this weekend.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

The Winter Appeal this year continues to challenge the notion that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in the communities they live. Envelopes are still available at the back of the Church and can be placed in the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.

**THE WINSOME SOUP KITCHEN**

Winter is now upon us, and every day we're asked for help, and our stocks are running low.

The main needs are:

- blankets
- sleeping bags
- warm clothes...

Please leave your donations at the Parish office and we will arrange the transfer of stock to the Winsome.

Thank you. Deacon Graeme & Rosemary Davis

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**LITURGY ROSTER**

**– for 7th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Margaret Lavis, Jerome Brecard, Leslee Hunt, John Muscat, Elsa Dumlao, Noel Bell, Carmel Windred, Mary Mason, Pat Cree, Margaret Amos, Georgia Rhodes, Barbi Osborn, Dawn Brohier.

**THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pietro Ivan, Bette Hancock, Eileen McGuiness, Roslyn Clifford, Nathan Hayward, Margaret Clifford, Ida Ros, Joyce Wallington, Patricia Mary Jung, David Behan.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Mary Loy, Garry Loy, Gordon Houlden, Doris Murphy, Barbara Hoult, Harry Todd, Shane Coffey, Vernon Woodward, Norman Buchanan, Patricia Armstrong

**OTHER SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Billy and Vergie Monteagudo.

**COlLECTION TOTALS - Weekend 23 June**
- First collection - $ 1122.45
- Second collection - $ 817.00
- Loose - $ 244.80

**YOUTH GROUP**
Are you in High School? Do you want to have fun, fellowship and celebrate your faith? Why not join the Proclaim Youth - Youth Group.
Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday starting with Mass on Sunday at 5:30 followed by Youth Group at St Carthage’s Primary School Hall from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. **NEXT MEETING 30th June** - Please note this will be last meeting until next school term.

**ST CARTHAGE’S CATHEDRAL PASTORAL COUNCIL**

*Back:* Fr Alexander Munyao, Jack Sheridan, Fr Bing Monteagudo, Br Peter Walsh, Paul Murphy, Travis Lyon (Deputy Chairperson)  
*Front:* Tayla Bennett, Suzanne Nichols, Margaret Condon (Chairperson), Lisa Williams (Secretary)
FIRST READING
1 Kings 19:16. 19-21
The Lord said to Elijah: ‘Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.’

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. ‘Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you’ he said. Elijah answered, ‘Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?’ Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5
(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.’ O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING
Galatians 5:1. 13-18
When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL
As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ Jesus answered, ‘Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’

Another to whom he said, ‘Follow me,’ replied, ‘Let me go and bury my father first.’ But he answered, ‘Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.’

Another said, ‘I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:14-18