

Trinity News

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Pentecost 23 - Remembrance Day

One of the most significant aspects of our humanity is our capacity to remember our history. Some of us can remember many of the details of our personal life within the recalled cultural and national setting of our formative and later years.

For some, the remembering disappears in a blanket of memory mist and the reflective journey backwards comes to an end. It gives us a twinge when we can no longer remember someone's name or the details of a particular incident in our pilgrimage. All too often, we remember best the moments when we have made poor decisions or when others have succeeded in piercing our emotional skin with their barbs. We all remember when we have made blunders or when others

have made us feel small. No one forgets being made to feel shame for being oneself. The human capacity for reflection is a beautiful one, but it can be twisted into a negative re-living of past dramas. Too much of our counselling has been preoccupied with past negatives.

The two greatest festivals of Christianity, Christmas and Easter, are all about remembering and re-living the past so that it becomes a living reality in the present. The historical religions depend on *anamnesis*, which in their case means the “re-lived recall of the founder’s person and teaching”. They would dissolve into dust on the shelf of history if they no longer practised such remembrances.

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**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2009**

**We are thankful to those who are
ministering in the church this morning**

Celebrant: **[7:30]** The Rt. Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Jones

[9:30] The Very Rev. Barry J. Cumberland
Former Chaplain, British Embassy Manila

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: **[7:30]** Edison Yap

[9:30] Philip Thoburn / Clark Brown

Readers: **[7:30]** Edison Yap

[9:30] Kristine Mariz Ursua/Steven Limandibhratha

Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista /Domino Marcos

Guest Choir: University of the East Chorale

Bugler: Sgt. Felipe S. San Jose, PAF

Ushers: **[7:30]** Linda Keng/Lilia Yu

[9:30] Josephine Co /Cas Talacay

Acolytes: Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged/Eric Gatulla
David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by:

Harry & Elvie Noppers; Bertie & Ratna Ezra

Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality: Bertie & Ratna Ezra

Collect: [7:30] O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Scripture Readings for 7:30 service:

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16 page 402

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 page 1352-1353

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

Hymns for 7:30 service:

Gradual No. 337, And now, O Father

Recessional No. 680, O God our help in ages past

Your prayers are asked for:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially
Harry Noppers (Nov. 9) Shane Parminter (Nov. 11)
Luke Ryan Ong (Nov. 9) Kim Lorrie Yu (Nov. 11)
Hailey Elizabeth Yap (Nov. 9) Harrison Gue (Nov. 12)
Agosto Macli, Jr. (Nov. 10) Emily Yu (Nov. 12)
Don Jon Alano (Nov. 11) Joanna Danaux (Nov. 14)
Ratna Ezra (Nov. 11)

Those celebrating their wedding anniversary especially
Bing & Millie Ceballos.

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield,
Beryl Tanner, Ron Jacob, Agosto Macli Sr, Carlyn-Fern Manning,
Johnny Manning Jr, Rom Vildzius, Audrey Lacson, Loy Solasco,
Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Aris Paraman,
JPeter, Isabel Yu, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas,
Helen Irvine, Carrie Angus, Diana Croyston, Nori Ongsiako,
Emerinciana Gatela, Valerie Jones, J-Anne Bartolome,
Suzanne Jacobson.

Per Wallum, Vernon MacAninch, Louis Brenkamp on the
occasion of their death anniversaries.

This week:

Nov. 10 Tuesday

Bible Study, 10am, Parish Hall

Nov. 12 Thursday

Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel

Bible Study, 7pm, Rectory

Nov. 15 Sunday

Regular Sunday Worship, 7:30 & 9:30

Sunday School, 9:15am

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Every Sunday, in particular during the recitation of the great Prayer of Thanksgiving, we remember the great events of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The focus is on the remembrance of what happened in the upper room in Jerusalem the night before Jesus died. That night he touched and held bread and wine before them and said that they represented his life and his sacrifice for humanity. He told us to remember it, and we have remembered very well, at times at great risk over the years since the Last Supper. An ancient chalice from the holy island of Iona has these words inscribed on it: "Do this in order to call me back". We recall not only the Last Supper in our Sunday Worship, but also the Christ life and all that he means to us. He had looked into his future in the upper room and his resolve was renewed. The past came with him, but the future would define his destiny, and his tread was no doubt firm as he walked away to meet those who would eventually come looking for him.

"Greater love hath no man than this that he should lay down his life for his friends". This is the

text from the Authorized Version of the Scriptures at John 15:13. The translation is correct, though not in either modern or inclusive language. It was spoken by Jesus about himself and all those who would take up their cross and follow him. It is a text that appears on memorial boards around the world that honour the fallen in many wars. The memorial to the Burma campaign at Canterbury in Kent, England, has these words in its inscription: "We gave our tomorrow so that they could have their today". Today we remember those who gave their "tomorrow" in an endeavour to secure our freedom. We use our remembrances to highlight once more the power of sacrifice. The words from the Jewish writers in Tractate Sanhedrin could very much apply to Christ: "Whoever saves a single life saves the whole world." One day at Calvary a single life offered salvation to the entire world. We are a "Resurrection People in a Good Friday World". Let us remember well, especially all that enhances life, and enrich our souls.

Bishop Arthur Jones