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FATHER JULIAN TENISON WOODS 1833—1889: THE STORY CONTINUES

The Penola years were busy times, years which Julian filled to overflowing in his usual way. Churches were to be built and placed under the patronage of St Joseph at Penola, St Teresa in Mount Gambier and Our Lady Star of the Sea at Robe. A parish school was conducted by two sisters, the Misses Johnson. As he rode around his parish, no time was wasted. His horse must have been both knowledgeable and trusted, as his rider continued to read one of his many books from those on science, spirituality, literature which he regularly ordered from booksellers in Melbourne. He visited every station and small settlement, joining the family at meals and often providing piano accompaniment for evening enjoyment of song and dance. Since the heat of the day often made travel difficult, he made time to widen his knowledge of the natural characteristics of the region, to make notes and later write articles for scientific journals, some significant in subsequent development, such as that reporting on the Coonawarra terrarossa, 'suitable for viticulture' or his description of the Naracoorte caves. He corresponded with eminent scientists in order to understand the nature of the region, and to provide material for the articles and books already coming from his desk. These most frequently dealt with geological topics.

About the middle of his term in Penola, Mary MacKillop, his young friend from Portland, came to Old Penola Station, owned by her uncle Alexander Cameron, to act as governess to his daughters. She had already begun her long task of supporting her mother and younger siblings, but had dreams of giving her life to a religious order devoted to the care of poor children. When Julian Woods visited the Camerons, the two shared many a conversation and became firm and trusted friends. They spoke of their hopes of setting up a

school in Penola which would serve all the Catholic children, not only those who could afford to pay for tuition. Mary had already returned to Portland and was teaching in the school there when the Misses Johnson had announced that they were both to be married soon and asked Father Woods to find someone to take over their classes.

Some frantic planning and action followed with Annie MacKillop setting up school in the Penola church with twelve pupils, then Mary and their sister Lexie joining her in renting a small cottage, barely big enough to house them, let alone their pupils. So their brother John came to convert the stable into a classroom. Once the Penola people realised the quality of the girls' teaching, the future of the school was assured, and the next step for Julian and Mary was to form a simple community. This was not yet possible, although Mary adopted a simple black dress and bonnet. In the midst of building and equipping the stable-school, Julian learned that he was to be moved back to Adelaide as the new bishop's secretary. He wrote some simple directives for Mary and Blanche Amsinck who had come to join them, and when Bishop Sheil visited Penola before Julian's final departure, he blessed them, addressing Mary as 'Sister Mary', signalling the simple beginnings of their venture.

The bishop gave to his secretary the duty of organising parish schools, and after observing those already in existence and conditions in Adelaide, Julian could see the difficulties ahead. One problem was the absence of any other religious group in South Australia to share the task; another would be the novelty of a religious community which lived and moved among the people they served, not traditionally enclosed or remote. Difficulties had never deterred Julian from forging ahead with a plan which he believed



was God's will for him and those he served. He wrote a more formal rule of life for Mary and those who joined her in community life in Adelaide, and Bishop Sheil signed it. She and her companions made their first vows in the tiny oratory in Pelham Cottage in June 1867. Within a year there were 25 young women in the group, dispersed around rapidly opening country schools, an orphanage and a women's refuge.

During his five years in Adelaide as its first Director of Education, Father Woods saw to the establishment of a school system. He formed an Education Council composed of both lay and clerical members, as well as parish boards. The Council dealt with the location of schools, curriculum, teacher training standards and fundraising. The model school was located in the cathedral hall, with Mary as its head. To these activities Julian added his direction of the growing numbers of sisters and normal parish duties as well as being one of the Diocesan Trustees. Not all the diocesan clergy agreed with his methods, and the absence of the bishop for more than a year added to the dramatic, confusing events which culminated in the bishop's attempt on his return to excommunicate Mary and disband the sisters. After an episcopal investigation, they were restored to their former status, but Father Woods was no longer to be their director.

He left Adelaide in 1872, after the departure of a group of sisters to Bathurst, a new diocese in western New South Wales whose Bishop had been one of the investigators. Father Woods was asked by Bishop Quinn to give to those sisters a Rule which would establish them as a diocesan community under his control; he complied by simply repeating his original rule, and continued to visit and direct them.

The next period of Julian Woods' life was that of a travelling preacher of missions, since he needed to support himself, and to keep sending sums of money back to Adelaide to defray the diocesan debt there, which had fallen to his lot as the sole remaining trustee. The Marist Fathers in Sydney welcomed their novitiate companion to their home at Villa Maria, Hunters Hill, and from this base he travelled around New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland in response to requests for missions.

[This is the second article produced in the Massabielle by Sister Margaret Press RSJ, a Sister of St Joseph from Perthville. She has spent many years in education, at secondary and tertiary levels. and is a prolific writer.]

LITURGY CORNER

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the Holy Days of Obligation and is always celebrated on August 15. It is coincidental that it falls on a Sunday this year. The Assumption of Mary into heaven, body and soul, was declared a dogma of the faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950 but the belief in this action of God has a much longer history in the Church dating back to around 500AD. Mary is revered by the Church as one who so perfectly co-operated with God's plan for salvation that she said 'yes' to him with all her heart. By doing this, Mary became a model of discipleship, one which we can emulate. *May we follow her example in reflecting God's holiness and join in her hymn of endless life and praise.*

The Summit



Today's Readings

First Reading: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6, 10. The woman brings forth the son who is to rule all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. Christ, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep, hands over the kingdom to

God the Father.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56. Mary, visiting her cousin Elizabeth, gives thanks to the Lord for all he has done for her.

Next week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13; Luke 13:22-30.

Feast Days this Week

Friday 20 - St Bernard

Saturday 21 - St Pius X

HOLY HOUR this Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays at 8pm in the Parish Office Basement. All welcome.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Warrina - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday 17 August at 4pm in the chapel.

Nuffield & Hopetoun - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday 18 August at 4pm in the chapel at Farrer Brown Court.

Nordby - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 19 August at 4pm.

Wirreanda - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 19 August at 11am.

Brian King Gardens - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Friday 20 August at 2pm.

Flinders - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 21 August 10am at Donnington Court.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets in the Lourdes Centre, 31b Brisbane Rd, Castle Hill on Thursday evenings 7.30-8.30. All welcome. Call Marilou 9680 4531 or Lesley 9873 1321

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

Envelopes are still available on the seats for those who missed the Diocesan Works Fund Appeal last weekend. Donations are tax deductible.

ALPHA COURSE: The Alpha courses has commenced but it's not too late to register. Invite a Non-Churched or Non-Christian friend, neighbour or family member to learn more about Jesus and Christianity. Come and be refreshed yourself. The courses are held in the evenings on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. Enquiries to Mike and Von on 9899 1383.



CERTIFICATES for the children who received Sacraments during the 2010 Sacramental Programme can be collected from the parish office during office hours.

CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY will be held at St Patricks Cathedral on 19 September with Mass at 2.00pm celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher. This day is set aside to recognise and value the importance of Marriage as part of Marriage Week. Married couples with significant wedding anniversary milestones are invited to attend and their marriage will be acknowledged during this time. Please phone the parish office to leave your details.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2010-2011

If you wish to enroll your child in the Sacramental Programme to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2011 and you have completed, or are attending, the Faith Formation Course, please collect your enrolment package from the Sacristy at the front of the church.



CAN YOU SPARE VINNIES A LITTLE TIME? From next weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its annual Doorknock Appeal in our Diocese to raise funds to help families in need. Are you

able to spare a few hours of your time on the weekend of 21/22 (or 28/29) August to join the great St Bernadette's Vinnies Doorknock Team? Encourage your family and friends to join you! No one too old! Phone Margaret Hawkes on 0413013390 or Greg Piggott on 0413747214.

THANK YOU FROM CARITAS: A very generous amount of \$26866.00 was donated to the Project Compassion Appeal from St Bernadette's Parish this year.

Volunteering Opportunity with Compeer: Can you spare an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? **Compeer** (a Work of SVdeP Society) matches volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness. Volunteers are asked to spend an hour a week for at least 12 months with their Compeer friend doing simple social activities. They are currently seeking female volunteers aged 50 – 70 years to match with friends on their waiting list. Training and support is offered. Contact Vanessa: 9622 2411 or compeer.blacktown@vinnies.org.au.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry

LIFE Nights presents "Where's Wally" (for grades 9 to 12) next Sunday night, 22nd August after the Youth Mass in the hall under the church till 8:30pm. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink



Into Life is on this Monday 7 - 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Years 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Young Adults: *Alpha Course* on this Tuesday Night. Join together with other Young Catholics for inspiration. For more information contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

Spring Camp 2010 Registration is here !!!

Registration is open online at www.lifeteencastlehill.com.au. Early bird rate is \$165 - afterwards \$185.

Into Life "Dr Seuss" (Grades 7-8) is on 10-12th September.

Life Night "Pulse" (Grades 9 -12) is on 17-19th September. Both are at La Salle Youth Camp Kincumber.

Leadership and Parent Support: LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE: Leader (ages 16yrs+) & Parent support. We have our next training and information night next Sunday, 15th August in the hall after the Youth Mass from 7pm till 8:30pm. For more information contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

Coming soon is WYD2011 Madrid (ages 15 – 34). More information nights coming up so stay tuned. For information wydtours.com.au (Parramatta diocese) or contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277.

The Final Weekend to Get Ready for the 40

Hour Famine -Do the 40 Hour Famine and raise money to fight the Global Food Crisis. Contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org. Auto pick up your famine book and do something real!



BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY: You are invited to join the knitters and crocheters of this friendly group for morning tea on Tuesday 24 August from 10.00am in the Marian Centre. Transport available if needed. Phone Jo 9634 5961 or Hilary 9894 5913.

PADRE PIO RELICS: To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Ordination to Priesthood of St Pio, Good Shepherd Parish, 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton will have a Veneration of the Relics of St Pio, Mass, Rosary and Adoration on Sunday 22 August with Mass commencing at 7.30pm.

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 Mr Luke Hackett, Pastoral Associate (Youth)
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45 am
 Tue 6.45am
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for Pedro Hornedo and Philomena Carvalho who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Emilie Scerri, Juana (Jenny) Cabarrus, Alan Bradshaw, Reta and Charles Bowie.
Prayers for the Sick: Caroline Wooster, Marj Orioles and Alvin Lai.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 21 & 22

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Michael Wilson S7	Martin Collins Katrina Obeid John Obeid	Carole-Anne Lunn, Annarita Mezger, Sabrina Lobo, Maureen & Ray Scully, Connie Tierney, Helen Wintle, Kelli McGinty, Joe Zammit
7.30AM Zeno Hong S8	Yolanda Colosimo Joyan Fife Jerard Heffernan	Rose & Peter Huby, Gerard & Geraldine Kearney, Sarah Markowskei, Joyan Fife
9.00AM Joe Josue S9	Angela Crowe Nanette D'Arcy Neil Bone	Christine Kelly, Catherine Chan, John Hogan, John Leach, Hilary Fong, Joan Claxton, Gi Zenere, Mike Reidy, Yvette Braganza
10.30AM Budi Kawiadji S10	Irene Ngu Margaret Griffin Guy Hannan	Tim Abrams, Coney Lau, Roslyn Knezevic, Letty & Robert Yu, Ollie Nguy, Susana Lorenzo, Adel Boudib, Dawn Wickramasinghe

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - August 22

Adult Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Kate Eagleston Annalyce Hangan Monica O'Callaghan Chris Dogulin		Musos Bass Erich Gracias Flor Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Daniel Ang Horns/Strings/ Winds Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Darian Jessup- Lonsdale Sara Ang Veronica Sahabu Bec Burrowes
Lectors Vanessa Muscat Tina Muscat Brenda Clasquin	Projectionist Matthew Ashton		Drums Anne-Marie Smith
Altar Servers S6	Usher Paul Musgrave Phillip Smith	Welcomers	
Gift Preparation Jeremy Smith Mitchell Johnson-Green			

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Marianne Holohan Louise Oxford	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Margaret Griffin, Margaret Sanders, Faye Goldsworthy, Maree Greenwell	COUNTING (2nd Collection) John Geoghegan, Kevin Johnson, Reginald Sinha
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