

## TRADITIONAL MASS COMMUNITY

### GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

#### KELMSCOTT WA

From Kelmscott TLM Community Co-ordinator.

As the year 2018 draws to a close, an Annual Review of the activities undertaken during the past 12 months and a little history seems to be in order.

#### **Milestones:**

**Anniversary:** On Palm Sunday 2018 we reached the 10<sup>th</sup> year of continuous Sunday Traditional Latin Mass celebrations in the Good Shepherd Chapel, our spiritual Community home. It is 7 (?) years since Fr Michael Rowe opened the refurbished St Anne's Church as the full time Latin Mass Centre in Western Australia, moving from Kelmscott to Belmont. Once Fr Rowe moved away from Kelmscott where he celebrated Holy Mass every Sunday at 2pm, considerable effort was made to rebuild Liturgical assets, train young boys as Altar Servers, obtain new Vestments, Liturgical Vessels and the greatest challenge of all was obtaining Clerical Supply; that Challenge lives on today.

**Supply:** Fr Lionel Henry SDB has been our most committed Celebrant over all those years, being joined 4yrs ago by His Grace Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey and more recently Monsignor Michael Keating. Fr Henry now in his mid-80's, is finding his health issues more challenging and has modified distribution of Holy Communion from along the rails to just 2 kneelers; Father just keeps on keeping on and we pray regularly for him. Archbishop Hickey has just celebrated 60yrs as a Priest, and Monsignor Keating has recently retired after serving as the Dean of the Cathedral for quite some years.

**Servers at Holy Mass:** Dr James Koh is our Senior Server who trains the young boys in their duties. With our most recent addition, we now have 6 young boys regularly serving at the Altar, a very privileged position requiring personal discipline, a willingness to learn Latin responses, the various sequential actions, and the special reverence due to their nearness to Our Blessed Lord at the Altar. Well done to those committed young men, much more is required of them beside 'just going to Mass'. Please add them to your prayers.

**Attendances:** Regular attendees number on average 30 adults and a healthy 16 teenagers and younger. There also appears to be a regular ebb and flow of visitors on Sundays throughout the year.

**Innovation:** There seems to be healthy innovation designed to help the Community contribute to Parish and Community life. Firstly there is the **small coin collection**, this idea enables the Community to contribute their loose change to special causes. In May 2015 the 1<sup>st</sup> cause was Caritas Australia, In May 2016 it was the Franciscan Sisters of The Immaculate, several onetime special causes such as support for the Missionary Work of a Community Member in India and Project Compassion during Lent. This past year the financials were; The Sisters in Benin \$740, Project Compassion \$340 plus \$200 for our India-worker appeal bolstered by \$250 from the proceeds of our first plant sales stall.

Next there is the **Adopt A Spot** maintenance of the Chapel Roster. Action:-Members are asked to look after a small section of the Chapel, which again has proved a "Vote Winner". This allows the Chapel to

be regularly cleaned and polished at a time that suits the Member or Family, thus avoiding the tedium of adhering to a set time/day each cleaning period.

**Our latest innovation** - a Website of our own: Being listed on the regular Traditional Mass websites was proving difficult, after finally getting onto one site only, the obvious answer was to “join them” rather than beat their door down. Michelle and Mark Moody came up with the idea of our own website, both Mark and Michelle are working hard on this project. When completed and approved by the Parish Priest, Michelle will become the Moderator keeping the ‘hackers’ at bay as well as keeping the site current.

**Chapel alterations.** At the time of writing the Chapel is undergoing changes to the space dedicated to the Neo-Catechumenal Way and TLM Mass area; the resultant change ‘while still a work in progress’ has been given the ‘thumbs up’ by all who have seen it. The acoustics however have changed, resulting in a rethink of the positioning of the Choir and Organ, if successful the change would also enable the Pulpit to be removed from the Altar steps and placed in the more traditional position on the side. Having reduced the space, it became necessary to dismantle four of the pews and alter others to make them smaller. If permitted the salvaged timber can be sold or offered to Parishioners for a voluntary donation, there is some very good timber to be had (instead of burning it as happened in the past)

*A little bit of Liturgical understanding:*

**The Dialog Mass in Practice.** *In September 1958*, the Sacred Congregation of Rites published its comprehensive Instruction on Sacred Music and Sacred Liturgy (*De Musica Sacra et Sacra Liturgia*) which reaffirmed the principles and legislation laid down by Pope St. Pius X regarding liturgical music, and gave four methods of how the Dialog Mass could be practiced:

31. A final method of participation, and the most perfect form, is for the congregation to make the liturgical responses to the prayers of the priest, thus holding a sort of dialogue with him, and reciting aloud the parts which properly belong to them.

There are four degrees or stages of this participation: a) First, the congregation may make the easier liturgical responses to the prayers of the priest: Amen; Et cum spiritu tuo; Deo gratias; Gloria tibi Domine; Laus tibi, Christe; Habemus ad Dominum; Dignum et justum est; Sed libera nos a malo; b) Secondly, the congregation may also say prayers, which, according to the rubrics, are said by the server, including the Confiteor, and the triple Domine non sum dignus before the faithful receive Holy Communion; c) Thirdly, the congregation may say aloud with the celebrant parts of the Ordinary of the Mass: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Credo; Sanctus-Benedictus; Agnus Dei; d) Fourthly, the congregation may also recite with the priest parts of the Proper of the Mass: Introit, Gradual, Offertory, Communion. Only more advanced groups who have been well trained will be able to participate with becoming dignity in this manner.

32. Since **the Pater Noster** is a fitting, and ancient prayer of preparation for Communion, the entire congregation may recite this prayer in unison with the priest in low Masses; the Amen at the end is to be said by all. This is to be done only in Latin, never in the vernacular.

I would like to **thank everyone** who has contributed in any way to the ongoing celebration of the Traditional Mass in Kelmscott and participation in Community activity.

We are soon to celebrate our 11<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating Holy Mass in the Traditional Form or Extra-Ordinary Form it would not be possible without you.

God Bless, Phil Chadd.