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Taking our Wounds to the Eucharist

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Recently a man came to me, asking for help. He carried some deep wounds, not physical wounds, but emotional wounds to his soul. What surprised me initially was that, while he was deeply wounded, he had not been severely traumatized either in childhood or adulthood. He seemed to have just had to absorb the normal bumps and bruises that everyone has to absorb: some belittling, some bullying, never being the favorite, dissatisfaction with his own body, unfairness within his family and siblings, career frustration, unfairness in his workplace, the sense of being chronically ignored, the sense of never being understood and appreciated, and the self-pity and lack of self-confidence that results from this.

My answer to him, as for all of us who are wounded, is: *Take those wounds to the Eucharist*. Every time you go to a Eucharist, stand by an altar, and receive communion, bring your helplessness and paralysis to God, ask him to touch your body, your heart, your memory, your bitterness, your lack of self-confidence, your self-absorption, your weaknesses, your impotence. Bring your aching body and heart to God. Express your helplessness in simple, humble words: *Touch me. Take my wounds. Take my paranoia. Make me whole. Give me forgiveness. Warm my heart. Give me the strength that I cannot give myself.*

Pray this prayer, not just when you are receiving communion and being physically touched by the body of Christ, but especially during the Eucharistic prayer because it is there that we are not just being touched and healed by a person, Jesus, but we are also being touched and healed by a sacred event. This is the part of the Eucharist we generally do not understand, but it is the part of the Eucharist that celebrates transformation and healing from wound and sin. In the Eucharist prayer we commemorate the "sacrifice" of Jesus, that is, that event where, as Christian tradition so enigmatically puts it, *Jesus was made sin for us*. There is a lot in that cryptic phrase. In essence, in his suffering and death, Jesus took on our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, and our sins, died in them, and then through love and trust brought them to wholeness.

Every time we go to Eucharist we are meant to let that transforming event touch us, touch our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, our sin, and our emotional paralysis and bring us to a transformation in wholeness, energy, joy, and love.

The Eucharist is the ultimate healer. There is, I believe, a lot of value in various kinds of physical and emotional therapies, just there is immeasurable value in 12-Step programs and in simply honestly sharing our wounded selves with people we trust. There is too, I believe, value in a certain willful self-effort, in the challenge contained in Jesus' admonition to a paralyzed man: *Take up your couch and walk!* We should not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by hypersensitivity and self-pity. God has given us skin to cover our rawest nerves.

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But, with that being admitted, we still cannot heal ourselves. Therapy, self-understanding, loving friends, and disciplined self-effort can take us only so far, and it is not into full healing. Full healing comes from touching and being touched by the sacred. More particularly, as Christians, we believe that this touching involves a touching of the sacred at that place where it has most particularly touched our own wounds, helplessness, weaknesses, and sin, that place, where God “was made sin for us”. That place is the event of the death and rising of Jesus and that event is made available to us, to touch and enter into, in the Eucharistic prayer and in receiving the body of Christ in communion.

We need to bring our wounds to the Eucharist because it is there that the sacred love and energy that lie at the ground of all that breathes can cauterize and heal all that is not whole within us.

February Parish Events

Weekend 10 & 11 February – Launch of Project Compassion
Sunday 11 February at 11am Mass – Fr David Shelton 50th Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday 11 February at 5pm Mass – SPPS Staff Commissioning Mass
Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday
Friday 16 February at 6.30pm – Evening Prayer

Sacred Heart Sodality

We wish to invite all friends of the Sacred Heart Sodality to join us at Mass every 4th Sunday of the month at 8:30am. Next Mass will be held on **Sunday 25 February 2018**. New members always welcome. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

First Parishioner Morning Tea

Come along and enjoy the first morning tea with fellow parishioners
after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 4 February 2018 ALL WELCOME!

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s Liturgy is held every Sunday of the Month at the 8:30am Mass in the Children’s Chapel, located just inside the side foyer of the Basilica. All Children Welcome! **Liturgies will be held on Sunday 4, 11, 18 and 25 February.**

Ash Wednesday Masses and Stations of the Cross

Ash Wednesday, 14 February, begins the Lenten Season and is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses in the Basilica: **9am, 12.10pm and 7pm.**

Stations of the Cross will also commence on Friday 16 February to Friday 23 March and will continue every Friday as follows: English: After 12.10pm Mass; Italian: After 7pm Evening Mass

Basilica Evening Prayer



Is 2018 the year you make more time to talk with God?

Commencing on Friday 16 February, St Patrick’s Basilica will host a special Evening Prayer service on the third Friday of every month. It will start at 6:30pm and lead into the regular 7pm Mass. This is the perfect opportunity to spend some extra time with God.

Evening Prayer, part of the traditional Liturgy of the Hours, consists of psalms, hymns, readings, prayers and antiphons.

A cantor and organist will lead you in this monthly celebration of prayer.

2018 PREP Program

This year the Fremantle Catholic Parish of St Patrick’s Basilica will offer the PREProgram for all Catholic children that attend non-Catholic Schools. This program incorporates Religious Education along with Sacramental Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes will commence in February and will continue throughout the whole year. For enrolment and other information contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 3pm).

Dominic Perissinotto's PIPE ORGAN PLUS in 2018

18th Anniversary of the Concert Series held here in St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle

Dominic Perissinotto – pipe organ

GUEST ARTISTS

Lumina – choir
Cameron van Reyk – choral director
James Hagan – reader

Eva-Marie Middleton – soprano
Michael Heap – baritone
Brent Grapes – trumpet

Easter

Monday 26 March @ 7pm

Begin Holy Week with a Monday evening concert of choir and organ music tracing Christ's journey from Palm Sunday to his death and resurrection.

Fantasia

Monday 4 June @ 2:30pm

Enjoy the June WA Day public holiday with an afternoon in Fremantle's beautiful Basilica, with some favourite organ works drawn from the 18 years of Pipe Organ Plus concerts.

Symphony

Sunday 2 September @ 2:30pm

Marvel at the vast expanse of aural possibilities on the Grand Organ at St Patrick's Basilica in this concert focusing on transcriptions of epic symphonic works.

For the Fallen

Sunday 11 November @ 2:30pm

Remember the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of World War I, as we honour those who have fallen through poems and music.

BOOKINGS Online: www.trybooking.com/TATI

Concert Series Subscription	Std: \$144	Conc: \$126	U-18: \$72
All 4 concerts at a discount price			
Individual Concert Tickets	Std: \$40	Conc: \$35	U-18: \$20

Weekly Services

Masses during the week

St Patrick's Basilica

Monday to Saturday: 12:10pm

Wednesday and Friday evenings: 7pm

Convent Weekdays (except Public Holidays): 7am

Weekend Masses

St Patrick's Basilica

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 7am, 8:30am, 9:45am (Italian), 11am, 5pm

St Anne's, North Fremantle Sunday: 8:15am

Holy Spirit Chapel, Notre Dame Sunday: 6pm

First Sunday of every month 12.15pm Polish Mass

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Patrick's Basilica Friday: 6:30pm

For Vocations and World Peace

St Patrick's Basilica

Novena to Our Lady every Wednesday
after the 7pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Patrick's Basilica

Thursday: 8am – 12noon

First Friday: 11am – 12noon

Saturday: 10:30am – 12noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Patrick's Basilica

Saturday: 9:30am – 10:30am,

10.30am Italian Reconciliation

11am – 12noon, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

First Friday: 11am – 12noon

**For enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings please
phone the Parish Office**

Rosters for February 2018

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please find a replacement. If you see a problem with the roster then please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 and ask that the information be passed on to Angie Emanuele.

Readers

Date	Saturday Vigil 6:00pm	Sunday 7:00am	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 11:00am	Sunday 5:00pm
3/4 (1)	Joan Swindells Tonia Petrucci	Gabriel Newman	Pamela Cattalini Danielle Cattalini	Mary Jardine-Clarke Doratheia Randazzo	Lyn Tomlinson Cherry Hein
10/11 (2)	Position Vacant John Gilmour	Chris Banasik Nola Banasik	Monica Lacey Christine Brown	Graham Mosley Mara Sticca	Marja Vandermark Cherry Hein
17/18 (3)	Lyn Jensen John Gilmour	Gabriel Newman	Mary Ann Yeats Position Vacant	Margaret Sheridan Lani Lanzara	Anne Greenwood Lyn Tomlinson
24/25 (4)	Pat Pettigrew Tonia Petrucci	Beatrice Yong	Susanne Sutton Ultan Stephenson	Krystyna Pacyne Position Vacant	Bill Sands Sr Lynn Chua

Communion Ministers

Date	Saturday Vigil 6:00pm	Sunday 7:00am	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 11:00am	Sunday 5:00pm
3/4 (1)	Tonia Petrucci Frances Gilmour John Gilmour	Sarah Bottoli	Position Vacant Pauline Ivandich Brian Tuana Anne-Marie Cross	Krystyna Pacyne Max Thompson Mark De Klyver Mary Smith	Ligia Seal Lyn Tomlinson Sr Fely
10/11 (2)	John Gilmour Marlene Dullard Frances Gilmour	Sarah Bottoli	Mary-Ann Yeats Christine Brown Pamela Cattalini Teresa Ducali	Doratheia Randazzo P Grootelaar M Sheridan Max Thompson	Ligia Seal Sr Melanie
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24/25 (4)	John Gilmour Marlene Dullard Tonia Petrucci	Beatrice Yong	Teresa Ducali Pauline Ivandich Anne-Marie Cross Position Vacant	Kystyna Pacyne P Grootelaar Doratheia Randazzo M Sheridan	Sr Lynn Chua

Music Ministry

Dominic Perissinotto – Organist and Director of Music

Date	Liturgy	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 5.00pm
3/4 February (1)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Grace Feltoe	Fleur Brockway	The Basilica Choir	Delia Price Andrew Brown (organ)
10/11 February (2)	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Theodore Murphy Holly Broadbent (organ)	Caitlin Rowe	The Basilica Choir	Theodore Murphy Holly Broadbent (organ)
17/18 February (3)	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Stephen De Filippo Andrew Brown (organ)	Aria Roy Annaliese Eames (organ)	Aria Roy Annaliese Eames (organ)	Emma Adele Ashton
24/25 February (4)	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Laura Pitts	Gilbert Rodgers	The Basilica Choir	Lucinda Nicholls

