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HOPE: FUEL OF THE FUTURE

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm

Sunday:

9.30, 11.00am (Chinese),
12.30, 3.30, 5.00pm (Korean)

1st Sunday:

1.30pm (Filipino)

1st & 3rd Saturday:

2.15pm (Indonesian)

Monday to Friday:

7.30am, 12.10, 5.30pm

Saturday:

12.10pm & Vigil at 5.30pm

Public Holidays:

12.10pm



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In April Pope Francis notched up another first – he's the first pope to give a TED talk. TED is an international organisation that seeks to spread ideas through the medium of short strong talks. Francis spoke from the Vatican to an enthusiastic live audience in Vancouver about a future fuelled by hope. Here's a shortened version of what he had to say.¹



Good evening – or, good morning, I am not sure what time it is there. Regardless of the hour, I am thrilled to be participating in your conference. I very much like its title – "The Future You" – because, while looking at tomorrow, it invites us to open a dialogue today, to look at the future through a "you."

As I meet, or lend an ear to those who are sick, to the migrants who face terrible hardships in search of a brighter future, to prison inmates who carry a hell of pain inside their hearts, and to those, many of them young, who cannot find a job, I often find myself wondering: "Why them and not me?" I, myself, was born in a family of migrants; my father, my grandparents, like many other Italians, left for Argentina and met the fate of those who are left with nothing. I could have very well ended up among today's "discarded" people. And that's why I always ask myself, deep in my heart: "Why them and not me?"

First message

First and foremost, I would love it if this meeting could help to remind us that we all need each other, none of us is an island, an autonomous and independent "I," separated from the other, and we can only build the

future by standing together, including everyone. We don't think about it often, but everything is connected, and we need to restore our connections to a healthy state.

Many of us, nowadays, seem to believe that a happy future is something impossible to achieve. While such concerns must be taken very seriously, they are not invincible. They can be overcome when we don't lock our door to the outside world. Happiness can only be discovered as a gift of harmony between the whole and each single component. Even science – and you know it better than I do – points to an understanding of reality as a place where every element connects and interacts with everything else.

Second message

And this brings me to my second message. How wonderful would it be if the growth of scientific and technological innovation would come along with more equality and social inclusion. How wonderful would it be, while we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters orbiting around us.

Solidarity is a term that many wish to erase from the dictionary. Solidarity, however, is not an automatic mechanism. It cannot be programmed or

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controlled. It is a free response born from the heart of each and everyone. Yes, a free response! When one realizes that life, even in the middle of so many contradictions, is a gift, that love is the source and the meaning of life, how can they withhold their urge to do good to another fellow being?

There is a parable Jesus told to help us understand the difference between those who'd rather not be bothered and those who take care of the other. I am sure you have heard it before. It is the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). [It] is the story of today's humanity.

People's paths are riddled with suffering, as everything is centred around money, and things, instead of people. And often there is this habit, by people who call themselves "respectable," of not taking care of the others, thus leaving behind thousands of human beings, or entire populations, on the side of the road. Fortunately, there are also those who are creating a new world by taking care of the other, even out of their own pockets. Mother Teresa actually said: "One cannot love, unless it is at their own expense."



Now you might tell me, "Sure, these are beautiful words, but I am not the Good Samaritan, nor Mother Teresa of Calcutta." On the contrary: we are precious, each and every one of us. Each and every one of us is irreplaceable in the eyes of God. Through the darkness of today's conflicts, each and every one of us can become a bright candle, a reminder that light will overcome darkness, and never the other way around.

To Christians, the future does have a

name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow. Hope is the door that opens onto the future.

Hope is a humble, hidden seed of life that, with time, will develop into a large tree. It is like some invisible yeast that allows the whole dough to grow, that brings flavour to all aspects of life. And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness. A single individual is enough for hope to exist, and that individual can be you. And then there will be another "you," and another "you," and it turns into an "us." When there is an "us," there begins a revolution.

Third message

The third message I would like to share today is, indeed, about revolution: the revolution of tenderness. And what is tenderness? It is the love that comes close and becomes real. Tenderness means to use our eyes to see the other, our ears to hear the other, to listen to the children, the poor, those who are afraid of the future. To listen also to the silent cry of our common home, of our sick and polluted earth. Tenderness means to use our hands and our heart to comfort the other, to take care of those in need.



Yes, tenderness is the path of choice for the strongest, most courageous men and women. Tenderness is not weakness; it is fortitude. It is the path of solidarity, the path of humility. Through humility and concrete love, on the other hand, power – the highest,

the strongest one – becomes a service, a force for good.

The future of humankind isn't exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies. Yes, they do hold an enormous responsibility. But the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognize the other as a "you" and themselves as part of an "us." We all need each other. And so, please, think of me as well with tenderness, so that I can fulfil the task I have been given for the good of the other, of each and every one, of all of you, of all of us. Thank you.

ⁱ For a fuller version go to https://www.ted.com/talks/pope_francis_why_the_only_future_worth_building_includes_everyone?language=en



MONTHLY MASSES & EVENTS

Indonesian Mass, 1st & 3rd Saturdays at **2.15pm** (**3 & 17 June**). James Christian 0416 637 236.

Cantonese Mass, every Sunday at **11.00am**. Simon Liu 0411 377 618.

Korean Mass, every Sunday at **5.00pm**. Lucian Jin Young Noh 0451 465 857.

Filipino Mass, 1st Sunday at **1.30pm** (**4 June**). Juliet Byrne 0437 045 945.

Holy Trinity Prayer Community, Eucharistic Adoration **2nd & 4th Saturdays (10 & 24 June)** at **3.00pm**. Jence Oesman 0414 506 770.

Mass of Anointing, Every 1st Saturday (**Feb-Dec**) at **12.10pm (3 June)**.

Associates of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation, 2nd Saturday at **12.10pm (10 June)**. Mass followed by meeting. Fr Marcellus Glynn SSS (02) 9211 4100 or (02) 9270 6900.

Life in the Eucharist (LITE), Every 4th Saturday in Hall at **2.15pm**. Next meeting **24 June**.

St Peter Julian's Altar Auxiliary. The **12.10pm Thursday** Eucharist is offered for members of the St Peter Julian's Altar Auxiliary. (For information on becoming a member please speak to the Receptionist.)

NOTICES

CATHOLICARE is well placed to assist families to navigate the new world of the NDIS for their children with a disability. Our expert Customer Service Advisors can remove some of the complexity, working with people, their families and carers to put in place the support that is best for them. Contacting **CatholicCare** is as simple as calling **13 18 19** or emailing connect@catholiccare.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTIONS MORNINGS.

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information contact Bereavement Support telephone **02 9646 6908** or visit bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is **25 – 27 August**. Call: **0400 092 555** or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

TELL YOUR STORY IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au or call **(02) 9390 5407**. We'd love to hear your story.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Matthew 25: 35-46



IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

As Catholics, as Disciples of Christ, we are challenged to place him at the centre of our lives. It means to follow Christ who is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE.

This challenge is lived out in every sphere of our human existence and in manifold avenues of life. No matter our status in life there is the restless call to follow Christ and never cease to live by his word. It is a challenge we meet with the aid of his grace.

TO FOLLOW JESUS MEANS -

Making his choice of life yours:
in the place where you find yourself,
it means living for the values for which he lived and died.

His life was based on love.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength . . . and love your neighbour as yourself.

Love is the foundation of Christian life, Jesus died for love of us . . . greater love no man has who lays down his life for his friends . . . and Jesus called us his friends.

Is my life animated by love? A love that is understood as a constant, unshakeable goodwill and benevolence to all I meet? It does not mean emotional closeness, it means the steady direction of our good will to think, speak and act with love to all...even our enemies, if we have them. This is the kind of love that Jesus had for us, a love that took him to Calvary . . . we cannot imagine such suffering, violence and pain. Love took him there so we may ask, where does my love take me in my day to day life?

To love is never to be alone, and the Spirit of God is at hand to aid us to live love. Moreover, Jesus did not leave us orphans but left himself in the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the source and summit of our worship and our **daily bread** to help us live love.

To participate in the Eucharist, the Mass, is to enter into the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, to be drawn into his self-giving, to lose ourselves in him and to be overcome that he has loved us with an everlasting love, a love that carries his promise to be with us always, even till the end of time.

If, then, TODAY you hear HIS VOICE, harden not your hearts!

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