



Jesus among the Trees

If you walk the Quandamooka path below the labyrinth at Santa Teresa, you will come across a face carved out of a camphor laurel stump among the gum trees. For many people, the image evokes the name of 'Jesus' while for others it might be the face of compassion or wisdom. Sculpted by Toni Sokolov, it is designed to arrest our attention, capture our gaze and invite us to ponder the mystery of encountering another. The artist leaves it to our imagination to give it a meaning or a name. Likely, this carving will evoke an emotion in the viewer. For some, it will be a comforting figure, for others, a disquieting image, while for others, it might be intriguing or mysterious. Most of us have formed an image of Jesus in our minds through an endless series of holy pictures, our imaginative engagement with Jesus in the Gospels or experiencing some magnificent Christian works of art. Whatever our touchstones, we need to daily rediscover the face of Jesus in all those we meet to ensure that the Incarnation is not just an historical fact but a living reality in our lives.



Yarning Circle — a space for deep listening



Our recently installed Yarning Circle provides a new space for listening.

Our indigenous brothers and sisters have used yarning circles for thousands of years to tell stories and celebrate their tribal rituals.

It provides a space for harmonious, creative and collaborative communication to build responsible and honest interactions, trusting relationships and a safe place to be heard and to respond. You can tell a yarn, share hopes and dreams, celebrate group culture, pray, brainstorm ideas, meditate, listen deeply or express your feelings through dance.

We are grateful to Toni Sokolov and his team from Figtree Landscapes for creating this space.

Parish Reflection Days 2019 'Call to Holiness'

Taking Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: 'Rejoice and Be Glad' as our inspiration, 4 reflection days focused on our 'Call to Holiness' are being offered during 2019.

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| ◆ Saturday 23 March | 9am-3pm | Costs are \$30 per person (includes lunch box and morning tea) |
| ◆ Sunday 26 May | 10am- 4pm | |
| ◆ Saturday 31 August | 9am-3pm | Please register at: http://ebab.weebly.com
(booking and payment essential 7 days prior to the day) |
| ◆ Saturday 30 November | 9am-3pm | |

'Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action.' Rejoice and Be Glad n.26

Chapels – Glass Doors and Crucifix Icon in Blessed Sacrament Chapel



The large wooden chapel doors have been replaced by glass ones that provide greater visibility, ventilation, safety and security for our guests and staff. We are grateful to Mr David Friend from Archdiocesan Services for overseeing their installation.

A crucifix icon has been mounted above the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. This religious art complements the existing icons of the Last Supper and the Road to Emmaus as they provide windows into the mysteries of our faith.



Plenary Council: Make a Submission online at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

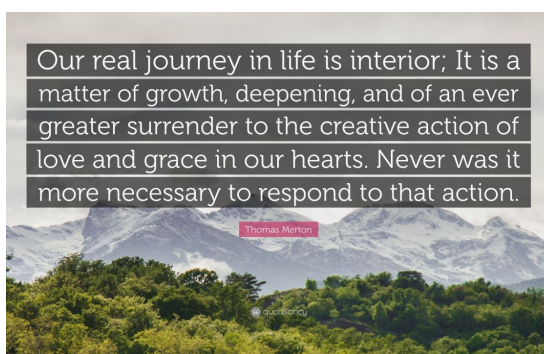
All people are invited to engage in Listening and Dialogue Encounters – which are an open and inclusive experience of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. This an opportunity to get together a group of friends, family or colleagues and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. Everyone is invited to respond to the question:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Time is running out. The closing date for submissions is 6 March 2019.

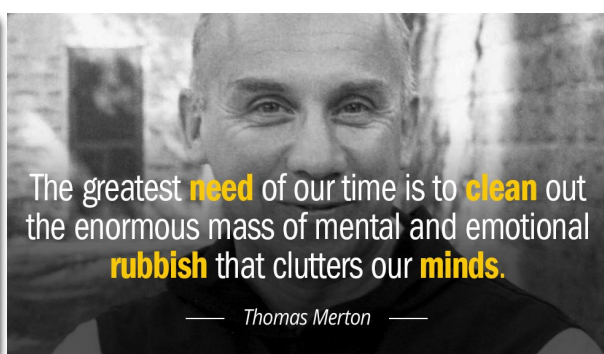


Wisdoms from Thomas Merton OCSO (1915–1968) Trappist monk, writer, mystic, and scholar.



By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.

— Thomas Merton



Visit of Sr Liz from Santa Teresa Community, Alice Springs

Last December, Sr Liz Weimers, a Good Samaritan Sister working with the indigenous women who create the beautiful Santa Teresa crosses and scarves visited Ormiston for the first time. Since 2009, STSC has supported the work of the Santa Teresa community through the sale of these items. Thanks Sr Liz for bringing the beauty of aboriginal faith and spirituality expressed in these precious art works into our lives and homes.



2019 – 10th Anniversary of Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

This year will mark the 10th anniversary of Santa Teresa since its opening by Archbishop Bathersby in October 2009. Building on the spiritual legacy of the Cenacle Sisters, who ran the Centre from 1980-2006, the Archdiocese seeks to welcome guests seeking to take time out to spend time in prayer and reflection amidst the beauty of this special place.



Contact us soon to organise your 2019 stay with us.

Whether it is a day, an overnight, a weekend or an extended stay, come and experience the beauty and peace of this special place.

*Blessings,
Mike Humphrys (Coordinator)*