thoughts on the Gospel:

fastening eyes on Jesus helps sustain faith

where, i have often wondered, do Peter and the other disciples get their faith? or to put it another way, what makes them different from all those who gave up on Jesus and went away? now in asking this question we must, again, be careful. for as easy as it is to write off those other disciples as stupid or blind unbelievers, we should not pretend to imagine Peter and the rest as flawless or enlightened beings. both betrayed him by doubt and fear. they suffered at times from an overabundance of pride or a lack of courage, and they, too, eventually deserted Jesus — and at the very time he needed them the most.

so if they aren’t smarter or more faithful or more courageous or, in short, any better than the rest of Jesus’ disciples—then or now—then what is it that sets them apart?

one thing, listen, again, to Peter: “Lord,” he replies to Jesus’ question, “to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Peter, you see, knew where he was going: it’s what makes him and the other 11 different – it’s not their brains or their ability or their status or even their faith: they simply know where to look.

to Jesus; and they keep their eyes fastened on him, they listen, they pray, and they decide to follow him to the end.

From a homily on the Gospel by Fr David Lose, from the website of the St James Catholic Church in Pennsylvania.

REFLECTION:

the promise of Christian marriage

We do not always find it easy to bear with one another. In this sense, it seems to me, a marriage, as well as involving a lot of living, also involves a lot of dying. Husbands and wives must be ready to die to self-preoccupation, to self-centredness, to a ‘what about me’ mentality and instead model themselves on the Lord Jesus who ‘loved the Church and sacrificed Himself for her’.

For this reason, I want to say to all the married couples here this evening, and to those who are contemplating marriage in the future, that the mother of Jesus, together with Joseph, ‘have done all that they promised they would do’. May they always present in your wedding day. They have been, and will be, present as you live out the reality of your marriage, with those moments of joy and its moments of sadness and difficulty.

And if, at times, you feel as if the wine of joy has run out in your marriage, then allow the Lord to transform the tasteless water of the marriage into the new wine of joy. Amen. Let this be the deep serenity which is the promise of Christian marriage.

(homily: Marriage Day Mass, 11 Aug 2015, St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth)

Theresa Annals

August

22 James Frisina, Raaffaele Coluccio
23 Lucy Gregorio, Carmelina Travaglione
24 Frank Burns, Colleen Coyle, Monica Pope, Les Downie, Charlie Davis
25 Nancy Burns, Merle Nowey, Maria Paskov, George Ormerod
26 Michael Industry, Frederick Hawes
27 Joyce Bain, Daniel McConnel
28 Maria Befumo, Nicholas Keating, Sheila Brennan


August Baptisms

Through the Waters of Baptism, we welcome into our Church Family

Justin Ahn
Miranda Ahn
Gwilym David Sergey Everley
Emily Grace Cornwall

Columbarium

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Available to all registered membranes by appointment.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Contact: Fr Minh-Thuy Nguyen

RCIC - Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
RCIC Coordinator: Julie Kelly

Mary rest in peace

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