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REFLECTION FOR PIP JULY 2020

I have been listening to lots of new podcasts and YouTube interviews lately that have been recorded to bring encouragement to people during this time of the global pandemic. They have been addressing issues such as uncertainty, grief and loss and overwhelm. One such international personal development leader, Tony Robbins, said that in his 45 years in the Personal Development Sector, the number one concern people bring to him, by far, is this, "Am I good enough?"

If I unpack this more deeply the question could be asking, "Am I good enough to deserve the people and things I have in my life?" "I know I am far from perfect; am I good enough to be loved by God?" "Am I a good enough husband/wife, parent, child, etc.?"

I sense a similar sense of questioning found in Psalm 13. "Has God forgotten me because I

am not good enough? "Has God allowed hardship in my life because I have sinned?" "How long will you (God) hide your face from me?" Vs 1b.

At times of hardship it is possible to couple the burden of our own sins with the situation we find ourselves in. In fact, sometimes our situations are directly caused by the decisions we make, however God's grace is much greater than we can fathom; God's love is more compassionate, understanding, and kinder than we could ever possibly imagine.

The Psalmist begins to call out to God towards the end of the chapter; "I will trust in God's steadfast love" (vs 5a) reminding us that in God's eyes we are seen as more than enough when we trust and rejoice in God's salvation (vs 5b) The lie that we are not enough is the enemy which can steal the fullness of life that we were born for. A fullness that is not based on our life situation or our self-doubt but

in God who invites us to "...sing to the Lord for he has dealt so bountifully with me." (Vs.6)

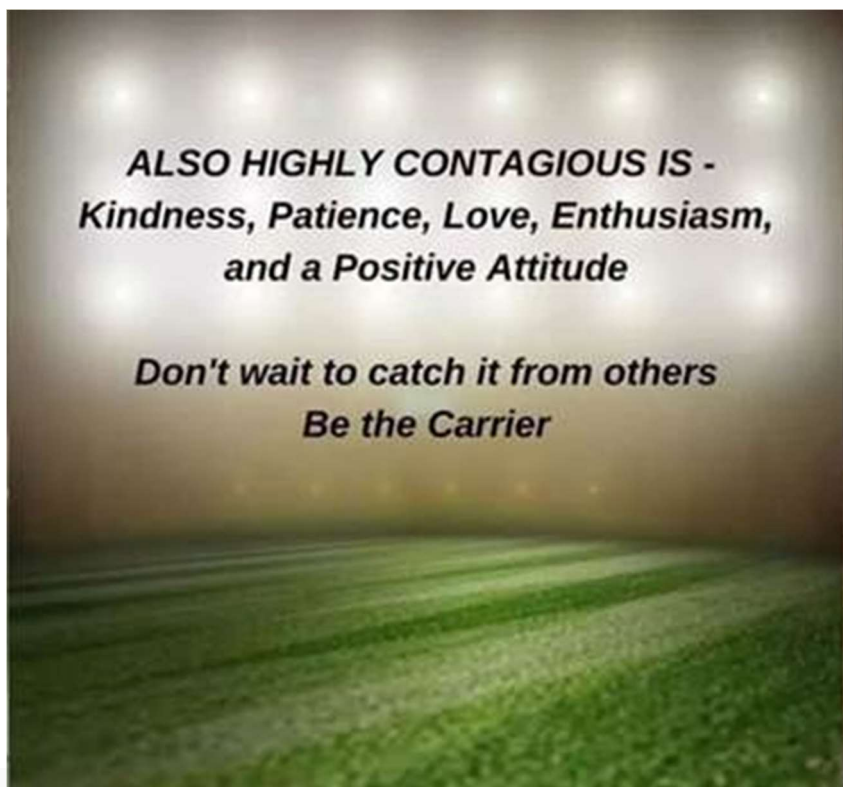
May your faces be turned towards God and may his Light enlighten your pathway in all situations.

In Jesus' name.

Rev Linda Young

**ALSO HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS IS -
Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm,
and a Positive Attitude**

**Don't wait to catch it from others
Be the Carrier**



LECTIONARY Readings Year A

Ordinary Sundays after Pentecost

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Date	Day/Season	Color	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
5 July	Pent 5 (14)	G	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
12 July	Pent 6 (15)	G	Genesis 25:19-34	119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
19 July	Pent 7 (16)	G	Genesis 28:10-19a	139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
26 July	Pent 8 (17)	G	Genesis 29:15-28	105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
2 August	Pent 9 (18)	G	Genesis 32:22-31	17:1-7, 15	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21

Colours: P – purple

W – white

G – green

R - Red



MACEDON RANGES SHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING INFORMATION PACKS

Do you or some-one you know need information or support to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic?

If you have no/poor internet access, call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on **5422 0237** and an information pack can be posted to you.

Topics include: community support contacts, financial supports, mental wellbeing and keeping healthy.



Submitted by Jeni C

COVID-19 has been a challenging time for all of us. Anxiety and insecurity can be heightened for those who do not have access to up to date information or community support. This information can be found on the internet but not every-one has the internet or a computer. The Macedon Ranges Health & Wellbeing Partnership have put together a Health & Wellbeing Information Pack that can be posted to you or some-one you know that may need this information.

The information pack includes information on how to prevent the spread of the virus, healthy cooking and getting active at home, keeping mentally well, food and financial relief services, staying connected and supporting children and families.

If you would like an information pack posted to you please ring the Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0237 or email recovery@mrsc.vic.gov.au (Recovery Operations Centre).

Golfing with God.

John 14:16. *I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you until the end of the age.*

As I slogged my way uphill on the boggy, wet, spongy par 5, 387m⁵th hole of Royal Park Golf course, I paused for a breather and commented to Campbell, "Where's this Helper, God promised me? I'll never make it up this fairway alone."

"Dad, that Holy Spirit of yours is probably as old as you, he'll get here eventually. Just be patient."

The inaugural annual Golfing with God tournament was held at Royal Park Golf course on 27th May. Only 2 competitors this year Campbell & Me, due to social restrictions. The day was fine and the last of the Autumn Sun brightened spirits with the course Boggy and wet. Played over 9 holes in just on 2 hours of highly uncompetitive golf, 2 Christians gathered, enjoyed God's creation, walked together and spoke together of our Church, our hopes, our tee shots, our prayer, our putting, our family, our bunker shots, our communities, and indeed Church buildings and their future use. There was an absence of Hymns which I greatly miss, but will learn to cope without, yet, perhaps I learnt a lesson on this day?

I learnt that perhaps my Holy Spirit grows old as I do, perhaps he takes longer to get around these days as I do, perhaps he goes missing sometimes? Perhaps I need to "Just be patient, He'll get here eventually."

As we completed our day and hugged our goodbyes, I thanked God that he gave me my Helper to get me up those Boggy, Wet Fairways of life and gives us both the strength to continue to carry the message out and beyond...

Brian.



"Some news from us up here in the North. We started our apricot plantation; we'll be able to donate the apricots to the food bank in Kyneton one day."

Thanks Brian! Ed

An Obituary printed in the London Times.... Absolutely Dead Brilliant!!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,
-by his wife, Discretion,
-by his daughter, Responsibility,
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers:- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

Submitted by Meg

Beat & Bake Chocolate Cake – my 'go-to' recipe for a quick and delicious cake every time!

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| 1/3 cup cocoa | 1. Sift dry ingredients into a bowl then add all remaining ingredients |
| ½ cup SR flour | 2. Mix with an electric beater on low speed until combined then increase speed to high and beat for 1 minute |
| 2/3 cup plain flour | 3. Spread mixture into a greased, lined cake pan. Cook in preheated oven at 160degC for 60-70 mins or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out cleanly |
| ½ tsp bicarb soda | 4. Leave in tin for 10 mins before turning out to cool. |
| 125g butter, softened | When cold cover with chocolate icing |
| 1 ¼ cups caster sugar | |
| 3 eggs | |
| 1 tsp vanilla | |
| ½ cup milk | |

(courtesy Cadbury Bournville Cocoa more than 20 years ago, submitted by Robyn Z)

PiP is a bit light-on this month, with uncertainty surrounding restrictions easing or not...

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