



Salvatorian College *Parent Bulletin*

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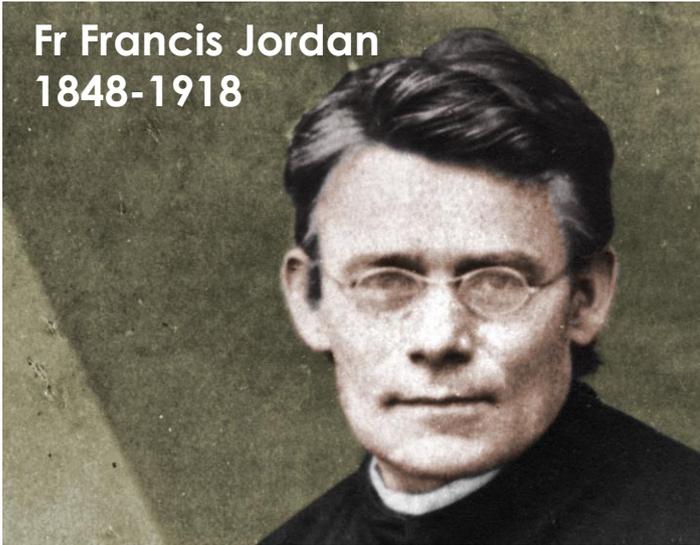
The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

FOUNDER'S DAY MASS

A special Mass for Founder's Day was celebrated today in St Joseph's church with contributions from various members of our school community. A link to this Mass will be made available to you shortly.

Fr Francis Jordan
1848-1918



MESSAGE FROM FR RICHARD MWAY ZENG SDS PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR OF THE SALVATORIAN ORDER

Dear Friends,

Happy Jordan's Day to all of you gathered for 'virtual' Mass. Fr. Jordan was of humble beginnings, being born in the town of Gurtweil, Germany, in southern part of the Black Forest. At the age of 12, during the celebration of his First Holy Communion a deep spiritual experience set this joyful and active boy on the path of inner transformation. From that day onward he felt a great longing to become a priest.

We are gathered for the celebration of our Founder's birthday, and as our Country slowly attempts to return to normality. Your education during the time of lock-down has, undoubtedly, been disturbed but we thank God that both staff and pupils have kept working hard from home. It is in the same spirit I would like to encourage you to work all the more and achieve your dreams. The Salvatorian College aspires to be the 'school of first choice'. However, for you to excel, you must also work hard.

Father Jordan can certainly inspire us all to work hard. Just one year after completing primary school,

his father died. This deeply shook the young boy but also intensified his interior transformation. To help support his family, Jordan worked as an unskilled labourer on a railway construction crew near his home village. Later he served as an apprentice to a painter and decorator and attended a nearby technical school. Following this path, it would seem impossible that Jordan would ever become a priest.

However, his dream of becoming a priest did not go away just because of his life's hardship. After leaving school at the age of 14, Jordan was privately taught by his parish priest and a friend to be able to sit his exams. He had a gift for foreign languages but struggled with mathematics. However, Jordan's hard work and persistence paid off and once he had completed his priestly studies, he was ordained to the priesthood on July 21, 1878, and was then sent by his bishop to Rome to study oriental languages: Syrian, Aramaic, Coptic, Arabic, as well as Hebrew and Greek.

We always learn from life's experiences. In the life of Fr Francis Jordan what became his driving force was to save souls for Christ, being inspired by the text found in the Gospel of John, chapter 17 and verse 3: "Eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." This prompted Fr Jordan to begin a religious movement of priests and lay people who could help spread the Good News of the gospel, to bring all to a knowledge of the love and salvation offered through Jesus Christ. With two friends, he began his work on 8 December 1881 in Rome. Today the Salvatorians are working in over forty countries and serving God's people, not only in parishes, but in many other fields, such as the running of many schools and colleges, providing health and medical care in the poorest parts of the world, in missionary activity, evangelisation, social justice projects, to name but just a few. Indeed, Fr Francis Jordan encouraged his co-workers to use all the ways and means the love of God inspires to make Him known and loved.

From 1890, nine years after the Foundation, Fr Francis Jordan started sending out missionaries. The first mission was established in Assam, India and He came to begin a mission in England in 1901. From the expansion of the Salvatorian Community based here at St Joseph's, the Salvatorian College was first established.

After much activity and dedication to his work, Fr Jordan died in one of his foundations in Tafers, Switzerland, on September 8, 1918, and was buried in the local parish church. His mortal remains were later transferred to our Mother House in Rome. Devotions and prayers through Father Francis Jordan's intercession began from the time of his death. He is seen by his present day priests and brothers, and

many lay people as a model of faith and a sure candidate for sainthood.

On 24 January 2014 a married couple from one of our parishes in Brazil found out that they would become parents. Due to difficulties in pregnancy, the mother underwent a number of tests. After medical examinations, doctors told them their daughter would probably suffer a skeletal deformation and were advised to terminate the pregnancy, which they rightly rejected. During this very difficult moment, they prayed through the intercession of Father Jordan, together with the group of Lay Salvatorians to which they belong, as well as with some Salvatorian Fathers and Sisters. Their baby girl, Lívia Maria, was born in perfect health on 8 September 2014 - the birthday of Our Blessed Lady and the anniversary of Fr Jordan's death.

Livia Maria's extraordinary birth is recognised today by the Church as a miracle, being obtained through the prayers of Fr Francis Jordan. After many long medical investigations and official Church investigations, preparations are now being put in place for Pope Francis to officially proclaim Fr Francis Jordan as "Blessed Francis Jordan" just one step prior to being declared a saint. Our hope had been that such a celebration would take place this year but Covid-19 has impacted the reality of this to take place this year.

As the world attempts to get back to some level of normality, it is our sincere hope that the final processes will soon be completed and a date will be set for the Beatification Mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. To this end, I ask you to remember this process in your own prayers too.

I invite you to reflect on the life of Fr. Jordan and to take him as your example to follow in your academic dreams and put no obstacle in between you and your goal. Stay close to God and He will stay close to you. Pray constantly, study well, and be assured of the prayerful support of the Salvatorian Fathers in all that you do.

With every good wish and blessing,



Father Richard Mway Zeng SDS
Provincial Superior.

ONLINE LEARNING FOR YRS 7-10

From 22nd June we will be opening up Online Learning to all Year 7s to 10s. It is very important that you register your child for Online Lessons in Microsoft Teams via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Bq6MLY>

You will then be sent an email with details of how to join and a timetable of lessons to attend. There will be assemblies, for all Year groups, at 9.30am on Monday 22 June.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51



Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God! What a Gift we celebrate today!

The Eucharist is everything. It's all things, the fullness of life, eternal salvation, mercy, grace, happiness, etc. Why is the Eucharist all this and so much more? Simply put, the Eucharist IS God. Period. Therefore, the Eucharist is all that God is.

In his beautiful traditional hymn, "Adoro te Devote," St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe..." What a glorious statement of faith in this wondrous gift.

This statement of faith reveals that when we worship before the Eucharist, we worship God Himself hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. Our senses are deceived. What we see, taste and feel do not reveal the reality before us. The Eucharist is God.

Throughout our lives, if we were raised Catholic, we were taught reverence for the Eucharist. But "reverence" is not enough. Most Catholics reverence the Eucharist, meaning, we genuflect, kneel, and treat the Sacred Host with respect. But it's important to ponder a question in your heart. Do you believe the Eucharist is God Almighty, the Saviour of the world, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity? Do you believe deeply enough to have your heart moved with love and profound devotion every time you are before our divine Lord present before us under the veil of the Eucharist? When you kneel do you fall down prostrate in your heart, loving God with your whole being?

Perhaps this sounds like it's a bit excessive. Perhaps simple reverence and respect

is enough for you. But it is not enough for God. Since the Eucharist is God Almighty, we must see Him there with the eyes of faith in our soul. We must profoundly adore Him as the angels do in Heaven. We must cry out, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty." We must be moved to the deepest of worship as we enter into His divine presence.

Ponder the depth of your faith in the Eucharist today and strive to renew it, worshipping God as one who believes with your whole being.

I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe. Jesus, I trust in You.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday- Pantheon - (Noun) - A group of particularly respected, famous, or important people; all the gods of a people or religion collectively.

- Louise had many alliances, a **pantheon** of friends.
- The deities of the Hindu **pantheon**.

Tuesday- Precocious - (Adjective) - (Of a child) having developed certain abilities or inclinations at an earlier age than is usual or expected.

- I was a **precocious** child who at the age of four was already discussing the daily news with my parents.
- At only five years of age, the **precocious** pianist brought the entire audience to its feet.

Wednesday- Indignation - (Noun) - Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.

- He was full of righteous **indignation** about the attack.
- His response was one of high **indignation**.

Thursday- Impartial - (Adjective) - Treating all rivals or disputants equally.

- A member of the jury was not **impartial**, therefore the judge insisted the case be retried.

Friday- Specious - (Adjective) - Superficially plausible, but actually wrong; misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive

- Rather than admitting he overslept, Joe gave his teacher a **specious** reason for being late.
- Several weight loss products on the market make **specious** claims as to their effectiveness.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. Don't gain the world and lose your soul; wisdom is better than silver or gold. Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice. To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

All students and staff at Salvatorian College would like to wish all fathers a happy Fathers' Day this coming Sunday.