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Come and be a part of the largest meeting of families ever held.

Dear sisters and brothers,

On Saturday June 25, we will be celebrating the tenth World Meeting of Families (WMF), a wonderful initiative of Pope Saint John Paul 2 at St Michael's Cathedral from 10am to 4pm. It will be a welcoming, fun, heartening, helpful, faith-filled and inspiring occasion.

The UN declared 1994 to be 'The International Year of the Family', and Pope Saint John Paul 2 wanted the family to be celebrated in the Church. Thus, the first World Meeting of Families was held in Rome on 8 and 9 October. A World Meeting of Families has been held every three years since in different places around the world: Rome, Rio de Janeiro, Manila, Valencia, Mexico City, Philadelphia, Dublin, Milan. Each Congress has had a theme and ended with a vigil and Festival of Families and then a great final Eucharistic celebration with the Pope.

Those fortunate enough to be at these meetings found them to be very supportive, encouraging and energising. Unfortunately, the cost of attending as a family from Australia has limited participation of families from Wagga diocese.

Due to Covid, this World Meeting of Families was postponed from last year and has been re-organised to take place all across the world at the same time. Each diocese has been invited to be a centre for this event. We all have the opportunity to take part in this day of fun, prayer, formation and friendship and to take a step in response to Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*.

"Family love, vocation and the way to holiness" is the theme Pope Francis has chosen for this WMF.

There is a place for all families, younger, older, energetic, fragile or non-nuclear as the Church is a 'family of families.' More

information and registration is available on page 9 of this edition of Together, and also on our diocesan website at www.wagga.catholic.org.au

Next month, we will explore an exciting opportunity to engage with another of Pope John Paul's initiatives: World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.

I hope to see many of you at St Michael's Cathedral on Saturday 25th.



***Yours in Jesus Christ and
Mary Immaculate***



Prayer Intention for June - Pray with Pope Francis

For families.

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Visit this link to hear the Pope deliver his monthly prayer:
<https://thepopevideo.org/>



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For nearly two decades, we've said, 'make good choices!' to all six of our children on a regular basis. A counselor friend of mine once noted that sometimes even good people make bad choices, but the choice doesn't take away the worth of the person. Say, even when my tweens threw a ball in the house, minutes after I asked them not to, decapitating my Mary statue! Now that those children are growing into teenagers and young adults, the spirit of unconditional love and advancing in holiness has taken on new meaning.

We sometimes equate holiness with perfection, but I'm guessing scores of heavenly saints would argue that it was their choices—sometimes good, often bad—that led them

to the heart of Jesus. Well, that and the unconditional love of people who were in their corner, lifting them up when it mattered. Just ask St. Augustine and his mother, St. Monica. As a mom of six I will add that it's my shortcomings (like my willingness to ask for forgiveness) and mercy of my children (to offer and accept forgiveness), that pushes us all a little closer to our eternal reward. As Pope John Paul II reminds us, "to maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

When the world feels heavy and our crosses almost unbearable, may families focus on the choice right in front of them, willing to be a servant to one another. That foundation of grace, mercy and love will surely give us the strength we need to advance in holiness, one imperfect choice at a time.

Mass of Thanksgiving

During the month of May, Bishop Edwards celebrated Mass of Thanksgiving for the work and contributions of the Presentation Sisters and the Mercy Sisters.

The Presentation Sisters

On Wednesday May 4, Bishop Mark celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Mount Erin Chapel for the work and contribution of the Presentation Sisters to Catholic Education across the Diocese of Wagga Wagga since 1874.

Present at the Mass were many of the Presentations Sisters including Sister Margaret Barclay, Congregational Leader. Each school that was founded or operated by the Sisters were represented by their Principal and student leaders.

Our schools have either been founded or operated by the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of Mercy, the Josephites, the Christian Brothers and the Marist Brothers.

We certainly continue to acknowledge their contributions. But last Wednesday we particularly celebrated and gave thanks for the Presentations Sisters who are still a significant presence within the diocese and it was very appropriate that Mass was celebrated in the Chapel at Mount Erin, where it all began.

Sister Noela Fox has written extensively on the history of the Presentation Sisters, Wagga Wagga and in her book titled "In this Land" she details the story of the women known locally as the "Mt Erin Sisters".

The foundation of the Presentation Sisters began with five Sisters who, at the request of the people, left Kildare, Ireland for Wagga Wagga in 1874.

From these humble beginnings and over the next 148 years the Presentation Sisters established schools and made foundations

across the Riverina, Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Longreach, the Western Australian Goldfields and after World War II in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. This was all done as the Sisters faced drought, fires, conflict with the hierarchy, Vatican II and the social and educational changes which have swept across the world.

The Mercy Sisters

On Monday May 16 Bishop Mark celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sisters of Mercy at Sacred Heart Church North Albury along with Fr Martin Cruikshank, Fr John McGarth, Fr Paul Hart and Fr Bernie Thomas. The work of the Sisters across the diocese in education, health, social services and with parishes was recognised and appreciated.

Sr Mary Bennett, Community Leader, travelled from Canberra and our very own Sr Anne Hagan who works in Catholic Education in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga as an Education Officer in the Evangelisation and Religious Education Team along with many Sisters of Mercy were present. Mr Justin Clancy, Member for Albury was also present.

Again our Principals, Religious Education Leaders and students, many of them school captains from the schools and colleges founded and operated by the Sisters of Mercy from across the Diocese represented their schools.

On July 22 1868, eight women arrived in Albury after having made the journey from Goulburn. Over the next 154 years, the Sisters have been involved in education,



Sisters of Mercy with Bishop Mark Edwards OMI.

health, social services, as well as various roles supporting local Catholic parishes.

Our Mass of Thanksgiving provided us with the opportunity to remember the many remarkable women, both living and those no longer with us, who worked tirelessly and selflessly to make a positive difference in the lives of others and their contribution to the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, particularly in education.

We also gave thanks for the gift of

Catherine McAuley and the faithful witness of our pioneering Sisters who have inspired so many to follow in Catherine's footsteps and to serve as did Catherine. In giving thanks we honour the Sisters of Mercy, faithful to that long tradition and we pray that they will continue to inspire us and enable us to walk with you in the footsteps that speak of the merciful love of our God whose life Catherine embraced.



Mass of Thanksgiving at Mt Erin Chapel.



Offertory procession St Anne's school captains followed by Cassie Jones, REC and Lea Alibon, Assistant Principal.



Some of the Presentation Sisters.

Saint Joseph's Primary School students helping people to stay warm this winter

St Joseph's Primary School students are going above and beyond to help those struggling to stay warm this winter.

BY TAYLOR DODGE - The Daily Advertiser

Students from years five and four are the driving force behind the schools Head to Toe Winter Appeal, which is part of Mini Vinnies - a group of primary schools that help those in need through St Vincent de Paul.

The Winter Appeal launched at Saint Joseph's Primary School on Friday, with baskets placed in each classroom as a donation point.

The teachers then collect the donations and take them to St Vincent de Pauls for distribution.

Year five student Beth Ingle said she enjoys participating in various charity drives that the school supports annually as it enables her to help those in need.

Similarly, year five student Violet Paton enjoys volunteering her time to help others.

"I really like it," Violet said.

"It helps a lot of people who don't have a lot of things."

Charli Hall, also a year five student, said the Winter Appeal is her favourite charity the school participates in.

"It's a really fun thing to do," she said.

Sienna Heffernan, year five, said she enjoys the fact that students and their families get to donate items which go towards a good cause.

The school will continue collection donations from those within the school community until the end of term.



Above: St Joseph's Primary School Wagga year five students Charli Hall, Violet Paton, Sienna Heffernan and Beth Ingle showing some of the donations. Picture: Taylor Dodge



Some of the students participating in the appeal. Picture: Taylor Dodge

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Refugee Week 2022: Healing

Refugee Week is from Sunday 19 June to Saturday 25 June and is focused on coming together. This year's theme is *Healing*.

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. The first Refugee Week events were organised in Sydney in 1986 by Austcare. In 1987, Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) became a co-organiser of the week, which became a national event from 1988. RCOA took on responsibility for the national coordination of Refugee Week from 2004. Major-General Paul Cullen, the foundation president of both Austcare and RCOA, actively lobbied, from the 1980s, for a global annual celebration of the contribution of refugees. His dream was achieved in 2001, when the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) coordinated the first World Refugee Day (June 20).

Refugee Week provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the country. The ultimate aim of the celebration is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

Over the past 20 years, Refugee Week celebrations have developed in a number of other countries. While there are minor differences in the dates for Refugee Week, all include World Refugee Day (June 20). In Australia, Refugee Week is scheduled to ensure that it does not clash with public holidays in any Australian state or territory.

The aims of Refugee Week are:

- to educate the Australian public about who refugees are and why they have come to Australia;
- to help people understand the many challenges refugees face coming to Australia;
- to celebrate the contribution refugees make to our community;
- to focus on how the community can provide a safe and welcoming environment for refugees;
- for community groups and individuals to do something positive for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people, within Australia but also around the world; and
- for service providers to reflect on whether they are providing the best possible services to refugees.

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity for us all to experience and celebrate the rich diversity of refugee communities through theatre, music, dance, film and other events which take place all over Australia and highlight the aims of the Week, as outlined above. Refugee Week is an umbrella

participatory festival which allows a wide range of refugee community organisations, voluntary and statutory organisations, local councils, schools, student groups and faith-based organisations to host events during the week.

Past events have included football tournaments, public talks, exhibitions, music and dance festivals, theatre projects and film screenings. Everyone is welcome to participate in promoting the aims of Refugee Week – the more the merrier.

Through Refugee Week, we aim to provide an important opportunity for asylum seekers and refugees to be seen, listened to and valued.

Why does Refugee Week have a theme?

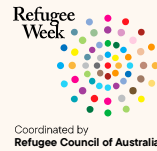
The Refugee Week theme has a number of important functions:

- It raises awareness of the issues affecting refugees. The theme aims to highlight aspects of the refugee experience and help the broader community to understand what it is like to be a refugee.
- It helps to make Refugee Week a national celebration. The theme provides a focal point for events across Australia, uniting separate activities into a single nationwide celebration.
- It promotes harmony and togetherness. The theme unites individuals, communities and organisations from many different backgrounds behind a common cause. The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.
- It broadens the impact of Refugee Week. The theme provides a common, cohesive message which can be promoted across the country, helping to maximise the effectiveness of awareness-raising activities.

2022 Theme – Healing

Australia and the rest of the world have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hit the reset button on how we behave towards one another. The importance of human connections has been underscored by the pandemic and such lessons can help us in so many ways. Mainstream and refugee communities alike can draw upon shared hardship to heal wounds, to learn from each other and to move forward. Healing can occur through storytelling, through community and also through realisation of our intrinsic interconnectedness as individuals.

In 2022, we encourage organisations and individuals to utilise our website for Refugee Week resources and events that will facilitate this healing and subsequent rejuvenation. Let us make 2022 much more than just a footnote in the pandemic years, let us heal together and emerge a more fulfilled and connected society.



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To all those
who've come
from far and wide,

We're happy you're safe
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Refugee Week Multifaith Prayer Service for Peace

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2:30pm Sunday 26th June 2022

Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist Church, San Isidore

Join representatives of Wagga Wagga's faith
communities coming together in solidarity for Peace.

Launch of Peace Pamphlet

- a symphony of thoughts, prayers and reflections contributed by local
representatives of various traditions of Faiths, Churches, Cultures, and
Communities sharing understandings and hopes of Peace.

Special welcome to new arrivals

Afternoon tea will be provided after the service

Hosted by the West Wagga-San Isidore Refugee Committee

Contact: Joan 0459 706695

Liturgy on the margins

Sister of Mercy, Elizabeth Young, is at home with people on the margins. Whether it's walking alongside men and women in prisons or detention centres or providing pastoral care and support to young or old, the call to serve those on the peripheries is at the heart of her mission.

BY FIONA BASILE

Emerging from this work is a vision for the Catholic Church in Australia to explore, discuss and discern the diaconate, including the reinstatement of women as deacons. It's a conversation that she hopes will be led and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth Young RSM felt the call to permanent ordained ministry when she was seven years old.

It was a call that persistently recurred in her life thereafter, and which saw her become a Catholic during her primary school years. She'd grown up in a Protestant family on Boandik country in South Australia and was sent to the Catholic primary school in Penola established by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in 1866. In Grade two she received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion and became Catholic. Her mother and siblings soon followed.

'As a family, we all went to the Uniting Church together, and we were very involved,' Elizabeth said. 'Dad was a lay preacher; mum ran the Sunday School and we loved going to church – it was a big part of our life.'

'I really felt attracted to the Catholic

Church. I loved the sacramentality, and I loved the saints, I just felt at home in the Catholic Church. I did appreciate the church I'd grown up in, but the Catholic Church became who I was.'

Over the years, following the call in her heart to give her life in service to those in need, Elizabeth became a Sister of Mercy and undertook her final profession in 2016. She has studied an undergraduate degree in Circus Arts at Swinburne University in Melbourne, a Bachelor of Theology at Flinders University in Adelaide, a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning at Charles Darwin University and completed her Master of Theology (Coursework) at the University of Divinity in Melbourne.

Over the years, Elizabeth has spent much time and energy in ministry on the margins, and it's where she feels most deeply called. She was in the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie for six years, which included coordinating the youth and young adult ministry, as well as taking on a chaplaincy role in the prison in Port Augusta and detention centres. During holiday periods, she was chaplain at Curtin Detention Centre in Western Australia.



Leading a prayer at an interfaith environmental gathering - *Living the Change*.

She has worked as a pastoral associate at All Saints Parish in Fitzroy, Victoria, where she served people from the housing trust flats, and newly arrived peoples. She also volunteered at Port Phillip Prison, a maximum-security prison in Melbourne one day a week, which she 'loved'. She's currently in the Catholic Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes where she is serving as a pastoral worker and chaplain to the local secondary college.

'I am involved in a very wide variety of different ministries and roles, and the only way you can really describe it altogether is "like a deacon",' said Elizabeth. 'What I do is like the work of a deacon, but without the ordination.'

It was this 'call to diaconal ministry' that saw Elizabeth create a website in October 2021, *Liturgy on the Margins*, to participate in a nation-wide movement in the hope of generating 'conversation, prayer and discernment'. Before the website was launched, an interested group of people had formed to share this initiative, under the name of 'Australian Catholics Exploring the Diaconate'. Since then, Elizabeth has been listening to the stories of many people engaged in diaconal ministry – deacons, priests, pastoral workers, chaplains, and Sisters. A few, like her, feel called to have this ministry authorised in a more permanent way.

'I think that we can have this conversation together with the institutional Church, with the people in the pews, with the people who are on the margins, the current permanent deacons and others doing these ministries,' said Elizabeth. 'It's a conversation that can include everyone; everyone can consider and pray about this at a national level, but

of course these sorts of things have to be discerned at the Vatican level, too.'

Elizabeth is very specific about not confusing the conversation about the reinstatement of women in the diaconate with the role of priesthood. That is not the case. 'Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI opened a possibility for the reinstatement of women in the diaconate by their change in the Canon Law, which made quite a clear distinction between the priesthood and the diaconate,' explained Elizabeth. 'They're quite different and we are just focussing on the diaconate.'

'And for me, the focus is not on women and what they can and can't do, rather, the focus is on the people on the margins and specifically, the liturgical needs of those people. Anyone can offer pastoral care – that's not an issue – but the issue is how we can serve people in liturgy and sacrament, which is such a special and different aspect of God's mission that is offered.'

'As Catholics, we believe in the sacraments and in the power of the liturgy and how important that is to our faith. There are people, particularly in rural and remote areas, in prison and detention, and many other settings, that are in need of liturgical ministry, and their needs are not being addressed. And yet, there are people willing and able to address them.'

'And it's not about changing what we're doing or taking anyone's jobs at all. It's about recognising that the Spirit is calling people to this as a vocation and that it's an option for young people as a permanent calling. I think that's an important thing – it's really about the future generations and



At a prayer vigil in MPs office calling for end to children in immigration detention.

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it's about those on the margins who are not being served.'

Elizabeth has had the 'great privilege and joy' to serve liturgically in prison, parish and school settings. She received training in the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion to lead, with the approval of the bishop or archbishop, on those occasions when a priest could not be present.

In her years of prison ministry, there were several times when the men and women residing in prison requested that liturgical prayer be available. 'God works through the liturgy in a different way than just sitting down and having a chat one-on-one, or even in a group,' said Elizabeth.

'I used the approved Communion Rite to share Christ's body with people who were so deprived of intimacy and comfort.' On one particularly moving occasion during the liturgy, 'there was an opportunity for grief to be expressed, to be worked through, to enable a connection with God and with each other. It was very moving and touching, both for the people who were there and also for me, and the other chaplain who was present as well'.

'In many experiences like this one, I have felt that I am exactly in the right place – I'm where I'm meant to be,' she said. 'I sensed God smiling on all of us. I do not think that I am alone.'

It is a diaconal call, a call to liturgy on the margins – a call that I hope our Church will recognise and promote for people like me.'

She added, 'Those liturgical moments, those celebrations with people in the tiniest little churches, in the schools, in the prisons, in the detention centres fill me with joy. Those times give me hope and talking to the people involved, it's really special for all of us. It changes something in our lives; it moves from the everyday into that realm of liturgy where magic can happen, and then we go back and are strengthened. I feel God's really with us all, and our faith comes alive.'

Elizabeth is inspired by the example of Jesus who 'called us to witness to the reign of God in the world. He went out to the margins, and he included and empowered people, often the least likely people, to lead. In the early Christian Church, ministries were taken on by women, by fishermen, by people that weren't the expected religious leaders'.

'There was this whole vision of the reign of God, in which young and old, women and men, would be proclaiming God's love to the world. That's who we are as Christians,' she said.

As the international Catholic Church embarks on the Synod of Synodality in 2023, Elizabeth is hopeful that the conversation to restore women to the diaconate can be reignited. Just as the



At a rally in support of refugees.

Holy Spirit led those present at Vatican II to reintroduce male permanent deacons, she hopes the Holy Spirit will again lead to this 'simple change'.

'I think the vision of the deacon is to be of service to those places that are in greater need or have missed out, as identified by the bishop. There are people willing and able to address them. We need to be creative and to find ways to serve and minister, but we need that commissioning by the Church to do so properly.'

'This has been a long journey of prayer and discernment, over many

years, and I feel that the Holy Spirit has been working in this whole journey. And while myself and the Sisters might have had other plans for my life, it just keeps coming back to that pastoral and liturgical ministry on the margins.'

Join the conversation and find out more about upcoming talks and webinars by contacting Elizabeth Young RSM through <https://liturgyonthemargins.org/>

Homeless services working overtime as winter snap hits

Member services within the Catholic Social Services Australia network are working overtime as freezing cold weather hits the eastern seaboard and forces homeless people off the streets.

'Life on the streets is hard enough at the best of times but when the temperature plummets people sleeping rough need a safe place to sleep, a warm meal and a hot shower more than ever,' Chair of Catholic Social Services Australia, Francis Sullivan, said today.

'Thousands of people on the east coast have just been through weeks of relentless rain and are now enduring some of the coldest weather we have had for years.'

'They are reaching out to homelessness services, many of whom

are struggling to find places for them to sleep,' Mr Sullivan said.

The last census had some 116,000 people across Australia classified as homeless with the fastest growing group being women over 55.

'Older women are vulnerable to unexpected events such as the death of a partner, a health crisis or divorce. They often have little or no superannuation.'

'These women are the unexpected face of homelessness in Australia.'

'The new federal Government has made a major commitment to new



community and social housing but there is still a major shortfall in places available and demand.

'Sadly, there is never enough

funding for emergency housing and shelter, every year places are harder to get and every year the demand for them increase,' Mr Sullivan said.

WAGGA DIOCESE



Family Gathering

SATURDAY 25 JUNE
ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL
10AM - 4PM



All families in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga are welcome to join together at St Michael's Cathedral for a day of prayer, fun, formation, reflection, sharing and building up of faith and friendship, while also celebrating the coinciding World Meeting of Families in Rome.

GUEST SPEAKERS



DR ANDY MULLINS

Author of *Parenting for Character* and newly released *Parenting for Faith*, Dr Mullins was formerly the Headmaster of Redfield and Wollemi Colleges in Sydney and now currently works with parents and university students in Melbourne while also teaching the Formation of Character course at University of Notre Dame in Sydney.



FR SEAN BYRNES

Administrator of St Mel's Narrandera and previously Vice-Rector and First Year Formator at Vianney College, Fr Byrnes also has a podcast with Stina Constantine called *Living Fullness* which covers a range of topics relating to relationships and virtue.



TREVOR & CATHERINE DAL BROI

Catechist Coordinator for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, Trevor and his wife, Catherine, are parents of 10 children and will provide testimony about their own experience of living the Catholic faith and raising a young Catholic family.

PROGRAMME

- 10 am Solemn Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards
- 11:30 am *Parenting in a Digital Age* by Dr Andy Mullins
- 12:30 pm BYO Lunch
- 1:30 pm *Family Communion - A Style of Ecclesial Communion* by Fr Sean Byrnes
Raising a Catholic Family by Trevor & Catherine Dal Broi
- 3 pm Holy Hour and Consecration of Families
- 4 pm Conclusion

YOUTH & CHILDREN

VIRTUE MINISTRY AND CHOSEN YOUTH

Activities and a workshop on Virtuous Friendship will be provided for youth aged 13-18 to help them harness their unique potential and discover how to become all they were made to be.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Games and activities will be organised throughout the day for children aged 3-12 to have fun and explore their relationship with God.



Register now using the QR code or visit wagga.catholic.org.au

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

NAIDOC Week is 3-10 July and calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

We have a proud history of getting up, standing up, and showing up.

From the frontier wars and our earliest resistance fighters to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities fighting for change today—we continue to show up.

Now is our time. We cannot afford to lose momentum for change.

We all must continue to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! for systemic change and keep rallying around our mob, our Elders, our communities.

Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or

calling out racism—we must do it together.

It must be a genuine commitment by all of us to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative reforms.

It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations—they have been the heroes and champions of change, of equal rights and even basic human rights.

Getting Up, Standing Up, and Showing Up can take many forms.

We need to move beyond just acknowledgement, good intentions, empty words and promises, and hollow



commitments. Enough is enough.

The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! with us to amplify our voices and narrow the gap between aspiration and reality, good intent and outcome.

**Get Up! Stand Up!
Show Up!**

Ryhia Dank wins the 2022 National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition

Ryhia Dank, a young Gudanji/Wakaja artist from the Northern Territory is the winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC poster competition for 2022 with her entry, Stronger.

We are so excited to announce that the winner of the 2022 National NAIDOC Poster Competition winner is Ryhia Dank, a young Gudanji/Wakaja artist from the Northern Territory.

The NAIDOC poster is a symbol of our survival as First Nations Peoples. NAIDOC Week brings us together from many different communities to celebrate our long history as custodians of this land. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will always communicate through the language of art because art connects us to our lands and spirits—it has, and always will be with us, from time immemorial to the far distant future.

"I created this piece after reading this year's National NAIDOC Week theme – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and are still fighting for" said Ryhia.

"I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the details and messages in the artwork."

Meet Ryhia and learn more about her storywork by watching this video:

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/news/ryhia-dank-wins-2022-national-naidoc-week-poster-competition>

See more of her artwork at:
<https://nardurna.com/>

Ryhia will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and attend the 2022 National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony in Narm (Melbourne) in July this year as a guest of the National NAIDOC Committee.

Ryhia's artwork was one of more than 300 poster entries, a record number for the NAIDOC Poster Competition. The National NAIDOC Committee would like to thank all those who entered the competition and encourages them to enter again next year.



2022 National NAIDOC Poster Competition winner, Ryhia Dank.



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Catholic Earthcare celebrates 20 years with Growing Network

Sandhurst Diocese launched their commitment to Laudato Si' action on the banks of the Broken Creek in Nathalia this week as part of Laudato Si' Week.



Sue Martin from Earthcare and Bishop Shane, on behalf of Bishops, cut the anniversary cake.

This event provided the occasion for Catholic Earthcare Australia to celebrate 20 years of creating dialogue and inspiring action to care for our common home. St Mary's College Nathalia hosted lunch for 150 guests who then walked to the creek.

Sue Martin, Catholic Earthcare Coordinator, shared Earthcare's Journey over 20 years. Catholic Earthcare, now a program of Caritas Australia, was founded in 2002 in response to the Bishops' Social Justice statement, *A New Earth*, calling for ecological conversion. Its role has evolved into developing a response to Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and the seven Laudato Si Goals which emerged, and were given real impetus by this year's Bishops' Statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*.

Sue brought greetings from Bishop Long, Bishops' Committee for Justice,

Ecology and Peace, whose own Diocese has taken a similar path to Sandhurst, with the Diocese joining the international platform and recommending parishes/schools partner with Catholic Earthcare.

Bishop Shane MacKinlay, Sandhurst Diocese, opened up Laudato Si' and the concept of integral ecology reiterating the Bishops' commitment, and launching the Diocesan response with more than half of schools and parishes already partnered with Earthcare. He then commissioned all Earthcare Parish/School Representatives who received a Laudato Si' Tree, Certificate and Badges.

"Catholic Earthcare has made it easy to address the goals and journey towards becoming living Laudato Si' communities," says Richard Landels, Caritas Australia's Advancement Director.

"The Earthcare Schools' program began earlier but since the launching

of the Laudato Si' goals, it's gained momentum and the newly developed Parish program has mushroomed."

Fr Joe Taylor, Shepparton explains, "I'm really excited about becoming an Earthcare parish. We've wanted to do something, and this framework gives us a way to do it."

"Our Earthcare process is filling a need for communities across the nation

who want to do something about the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor,'" says Sue Martin, Earthcare Coordinator.

An anniversary cake was cut by Bishop Shane, on behalf of the Bishops, and Sue Martin, Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Watch the event at
<https://vimeo.com/713248870>

First Holy Communion



On Sunday, May 22, eight students received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in a beautiful liturgy at St Mary's Church, Lockhart.

They are pictured here with Father Bradley Rafter who was instrumental in assisting them to prepare for this Sacrament.

Catholic education looks forward to working with new Education Minister

Catholic education congratulates the new Federal Minister for Education, Jason Clare MP, and thanks outgoing Shadow Minister for Education Tanya Plibersek for her commitment and support over the past six years.



Federal Minister for Education, Jason Clare MP with his family.

"I congratulate Minister Clare on his appointment and look forward to working with him, the Assistant Minister for Education, Senator Anthony Chisholm, and the new Labor government to support Catholic schools as a genuine and affordable choice for Australian families," National Catholic Education executive director Jacinta Collins said.

"I also thank Tanya Plibersek for her long-standing commitment to education and support of Catholic schools, particularly in finalising the implementation of a new 10 year-funding agreement for non-government schools, which gave greater clarity and certainty for our school communities.

"Mr Clare, who is an experienced former minister as well as a former shadow minister, most recently holding the shadow housing portfolio, has expressed a strong commitment to improving the

lives of Australians through education," Ms Collins said.

"The choice of a faith-based education is a desire for many families in Australia, and I look forward to the Albanese government finalising the Religious Discrimination Bill early in the new parliament to protect the right of parents to choose a school in line with their beliefs and values, and enable Catholic schools to operate and teach as Catholic schools."

Ms Collins said Catholic education supported Labor's commitment to recommence the Australian Law Reform Commission's Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti Discrimination Legislation, to ensure a fair and reasonable balance with other protected rights.

"The Labor government has also committed to strengthening the teaching profession, supporting genuine school choice through the current 10-year

funding agreement, access to early childhood education and ensuring affordable contributions for families in non-government schools.

"Catholic education looks forward to working in partnership with the Government to lift education standards so that all students reach their learning potential, and I look forward to discussions on this, and other areas of priority, with the Minister in the coming months."

NCEC is the peak body for Catholic Education in Australia and is responsible for the national coordination and representation of Catholic schools and school authorities.

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Caritas Australia and Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation call on government to close the gap for First Australians

This Reconciliation Week, Caritas Australia calls on the government to continue to work towards closing the gap for First Australians.

"We work with First Australian partners all over the country, from Western Sydney to Beswick in remote Northern Territory, and our key priority across all these partnerships is to really listen, understand and collaborate," says Christine Rhazi, Caritas Australia's First Australians Associate Director, and a proud Yamatji Widi woman from Geraldton, Western Australia.

"Our country has a history of making decisions on behalf of rather than with First Australians. This means we've ended up with a lot of policies that don't work or cause further trauma to culture and communities."

Caritas Australia works in close partnership with Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander peoples, and First Australian-led organisations to support programs that focus on intergenerational healing, strengthening cultural identity and spirituality, livelihood opportunities, and advocacy.

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) was formed by the survivors of Kinchela Boys Home in Kempsey, New South Wales, who were forcibly removed from their families during the Stolen Generations. It seeks to address the trauma of being forcibly removed from their families, as well as the multigenerational trauma that adversely impacts on the lives of their families and descendants.

"The truth-telling about the invasion of this land needs to be told. It needs to be



Christine Rhazi and Uncle Michael Welsh outside KBHAC office. Photo Caritas Australia

told for everybody. Not just the children who were forcibly removed, but for the bigger pain that's not talked about," said Uncle Michael "Widdy" Welsh, KBHAC's Chairperson.

"We were rejected by the non-Indigenous people when they took us away, and then by Indigenous people when we went back home, so we're still waiting to be identified by our true heritage of our grandfather and grandmother's land. And that's something that needs to be finished. The Bringing Them Back Home report, that's what it's all about."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are worse off compared to other Australians across almost every measurement of wellbeing, including financial, social, physical and mental health. First Australians are incarcerated at significantly higher rates, with dire consequences for some children incarcerated as young as ten years old.

"This is simply not good enough.

We must invest in our First Australian communities, and close the gap in wellbeing and outcomes," said Ms Rhazi.

"Truth-telling is vital to reconciliation because as we've seen with KBHAC it promotes healing, but this also needs to be supported with strong and sound policies and an understanding that First Australian-led is best – not the top-down decision making like we've seen in the past. The time has come for First Australians to be empowered to make the decisions that affect their lives, because they do have the answers."



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The Maronite Diocese of Baalbek is one of the poorest in the country. Christians are a minority here. Even

before the economic crisis, people were poor here, with an average monthly income of barely US\$450. But things have grown even worse since then, and the minimum wage is now equivalent to just around 20 US dollars a month. For ordinary families, rent, electricity, food, and medicines are a heavy financial burden, and they often have to choose what is most essential, for example cutting down on basic food in order to pay for rent or medicines.

The diocese is trying to help the poorest families in the parishes by providing food parcels to help them over the worst of their plight. Hence the appeal from the diocese to ACN: "Let us join forces so that no one has to go to bed hungry and so that as far as possible these people too can come through this crisis safely and regain their trust in humanity." Our help will also be a contribution to the survival of the Christian communities in Lebanon,



where Christians have been living since biblical times, yet from which more and more people are abandoning their homeland because they can see no future there for themselves and their families.

We are proposing to help the diocese of Baalbek to feed the 500 poorest families, for example, those with

many children or with elderly and sick family members, by supplying parcels of basic necessities. These are families with at least five members, and we are sending a total of 96,000 AUD.



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Aid to the Church in Need Australia has launched an **emergency appeal to support the Catholic Church in Ukraine**. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The appeal has been given the support of Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania.

ACN began its support to exiled Ukrainian Christians in 1953. ACN was crucial in helping rebuild Church life and still has many projects in

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Wagga leaders have expressed concern at the passing of euthanasia legislation

Two community leaders have voiced their concerns over the passage of the controversial voluntary assisted dying (VAD) legislation passed through state parliament in May.

BY ANDREW MANGELSDORF
The Daily Advertiser

Catholic Bishop of Wagga Mark Edwards said the legislation was a bad sign for our society.

"I think we have become a less caring and less compassionate place with the passing of this legislation," Bishop Edwards said.

"I don't have any accusations for those voting for the legislation. I'm sure they are people of integrity and are doing it for what they believe are good reasons, but I think they are mistaken."

After a marathon debate, the euthanasia bill passed both upper and lower houses, making NSW the final state to enact such laws.

Introduced by independent MP Alex Greenwich last year, the bill limits the right to choose to adults with terminal illnesses who will die within six months, or 12 months for neuro-degenerative conditions.

Bishop Edwards said despite the passage of the bill, the Catholic Church will "continue to care for people in a holistic way right to the end of their natural life".

Cardiologist and Palliative Care Alliance Wagga chairman Gerard Carroll agreed, saying he was "disappointed but not surprised" at the outcome.

Professor Carroll said the law goes against what medical professionals are taught.

"All we're trained to do is to help people," he said.

"This bill is ... a great tragedy for society." However, Professor Carroll said it appears only a minority share that view.

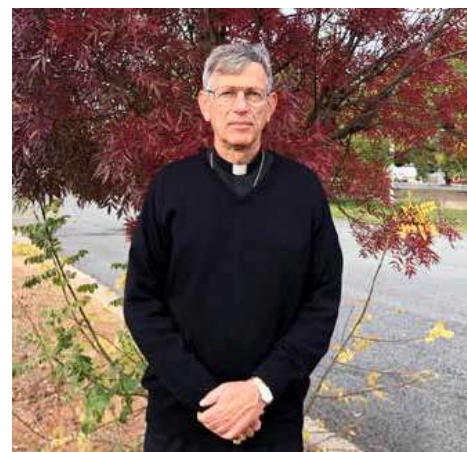
Sitting on the other side of the fence is euthanasia advocate and Wagga local Keith Favell.

"I am very relieved to see this bill passed," he said.

However, he expressed disappointment at those against the bill who "were trying to make out we were anti-palliative care".

Rather, he sees euthanasia and palliative care as two separate matters.

"We think voluntary assisted dying should be an option just like palliative care is. It shouldn't be one



Catholic Bishop of Wagga Mark Edwards said passage of the voluntary assisted dying legislation this week reflects badly on our society. Picture: Supplied.

against the other."

It comes as the Murrumbidgee Local Health District prepares to mark National Palliative Care Week.

This year's theme is "It's your right", with a campaign aiming to raise awareness about the rights of Australians to access high quality palliative care.

Statement from Catholic Health Australia on the passing of Voluntary Assisted Dying Laws in NSW

Catholic health and aged care providers in New South Wales have served their communities with compassion and professionalism for more than a century and will continue to offer high quality hospital and end of life care despite this poorly designed law.

BY BRIGID MENEY

Catholic Health Australia Director of Strategy & Mission

However Catholic health and aged care providers are disappointed and saddened by the passing of a law that violates their ethic of care.

Our members have made it clear they cannot conscientiously participate in voluntary assisted dying and yet the Parliament has passed a law that forces our aged care members to facilitate it.

This law will force organisations that

do not agree with assisted dying to allow doctors onto their premises to prescribe and even administer restricted drugs with the intention of terminating a resident's life – without even informing the facility.

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Erin Earth Open Day

As gardeners of the Riverina, I'm sure we can all appreciate how precious a few drops of rain are. The 60 mm we received over the weekend of our 2nd of April Open Day was cause for celebration rather than despair; an appropriate reminder of our friend Mother Nature and her gifts.

Our volunteers did a fantastic job feeding the brave locals that weren't deterred by the weather. The garden was filled with gentle folk music from the Black Shillings, as people filled their bellies with sausages, homemade veggie burgers, local kefir and cake boxes, full of sweet treats and love.

Groups of people filtered through the garden and house on organised tours or were led by their own curiosity. A composting workshop and recycling station helped engage visitors with ways they could bring sustainable practices back into their own homes.

The plant sale certainly didn't mind the rain, and we're excited to think of all the beautiful gardens that now have a piece of ErinEarth in them. We had prepared a range of mostly natives and some exotics for sale. Our guest grower, Paul Walker, brought his own collection of natives, which added further diversity to our stall.

We also enjoyed having Paul's plant knowledge and expertise on site.

Kids expressed themselves artfully with the help of students from Kildare Catholic College, who were very generous with their time and enthusiasm. A scavenger hunt was a great way for kids to explore, finding clues to help them find hidden parts of the garden.

Thank you to all who shared in our Open Day on 2nd of April. We hope you carry a piece of it with you.

A special thanks to Riverina Milk, Brumbies Bakery, South Wagga Butcher, The Black Shillings for filling the garden with music, Jordan Hughes Photography for photos of the day, Elizabeth Madden for hosting a recycling workshop, Lou Ball for supplying beautiful Aquila Garden guides, Paul Walker, guest grower, and Elizabeth Foxlewin for making beautiful decoupage eggs for sale at the plant stall.



The ErinEarth garden is a place to relax and unwind. Set in the heart of Wagga with on street parking and wheelchair accessibility, our predominantly native garden is a great place to take some quiet time out. Our large urban garden is open to the public Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am - 3pm, at 1 Kildare St Turvey Park.



Liberal arts college launches Early Offer Scheme

Campion College announced the launch of its Early Offer Scheme, which allows Year 12 students and non-high school leavers to secure their admission for 2023.

Early Offer Scheme applicants will be automatically considered for a first semester scholarship, receive priority allocation for on-campus accommodation and be among the first to take advantage of the college's new academic centre.

College president Dr Paul Morrissey encouraged anyone considering the liberal arts to apply, saying this is an unmissable opportunity to fast track your Letter of Offer and plan for your future with confidence.

"As demand to study our leading liberal arts program continues to grow, the Early Offer Scheme is the best way to secure your spot at Campion and receive additional support to ensure a smooth transition to college life."

To apply for the Early Offer Scheme, applicants must provide academic

documentation such as Year 11 and 12 reports, proof of tertiary study or STAT results. They must also supply a written statement and a community recommendation before undertaking an interview with one of Campion's academics.

Each stage in the process will allow applicants to demonstrate their readiness for tertiary study, commitment to the liberal arts tradition and potential to make meaningful contributions to the Campion College community based on previous educational, vocational and community involvement.

Campion's Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts (three-years full-time) and Diploma of Liberal Arts (one year full-time) provide students with an integrated understanding of the events, ideas, personalities and works which have



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Grand opening of T3 Cafe

To celebrate the launch of their new menu, the cafe team at Marian Catholic College organised a grand opening.

Whilst the T3 Cafe has been opened since last term, we have been operating with a limited barista menu. However, our Cafe Team Leaders have spent the entire term planning for an all-new menu that now includes healthy smoothies, milkshakes, chai and teas. To celebrate the launch of this new menu, the team has organised a Grand Opening occasion.

On the 24th May, our doors opened and the crowd was ready for celebration. In

addition to the long queue of students and staff waiting to order, we had our music students who performed a wonderful live music session in front of the T3 Cafe whilst the Cafe Team were preparing all the drink orders in the background.

Well done to all students involved, including the music students, Cafe Team members and our Cafe Team Leaders. **It was a huge success and the school community cannot wait to see what's next!**



From The Sacred Penitentiary: Indulgence for the Centenary

To increase the holiness of the faithful and for the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculty granted to it in a special way by the Most Reverend Father in Christ and Our Master, the Lord Francis, by Divine Providence, Pope, having taken note of the requests made by Mary Murphy, President of the Association called the Legion of Mary, on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary, the Apostolic Penitentiary graciously concedes from the heavenly treasures of the Church a plenary indulgence properly fulfilled under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intention of the Holy Pontiff) to the members of the association and to other members of the faithful who are truly penitent, to be gained from 7 September 2021 until 7 September 2022, which can be applied for the souls of the faithful detained in Purgatory by way of suffrage, if they

visit any church of the said Association or wherever on pilgrimage and are present devoutly at the joyful celebrations, or at least recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creed devoutly, with added pious appeals to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The aged, the sick, and all who cannot leave home for a grave reason, can gain equally the Plenary Indulgence, having evinced a detestation of sin and a purpose of amendment, where first permitted, under the three usual conditions, if they join themselves spiritually to the joyful celebrations, offering the prayers, sorrows or misfortunes of their own lives to the mercy of God.

In order to facilitate out of pastoral charity such visits for the reception of the divine forgiveness through the keys of the Church, this Penitentiary especially requests priests who have the faculties to hear the confessions of the said people, to

make themselves available with prompt and generous heart for the celebration of Confession.

This letter is only valid for this purpose. All other things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 7 of September, in the Year of Our Lord's Incarnation 2021.



Below is a list of current Praesidia (Legion of Mary groups) for your information. If you would like to join Our Lady's 'SAS'* please contact your Parish.

Name	Location	Meeting time	Spiritual Director
Our Lady of Fatima	Holy Trinity, West Wagga Wagga	Wed, 7pm	TBA
Our Lady Help of Christians	St Brendan's, Ganmain	Wed, 2pm	Fr Justin Darlow
Our Lady Spouse of the Holy Spirit	Our Lady of Fatima, South Wagga	Fri, 1.30pm	TBA
Our Lady Star of the Sea (Juniors)	St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga	Wed, 3.45pm	Fr Reece Beltrame
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom	Vianney Seminary, Wagga Wagga	Thu, 3.40pm	Fr Steven Lednich
Our Lady Queen of Heaven	St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga	Thu, 5.45pm	Fr Damien Jelllett
Our Lady Gate of Heaven	St Joseph's, Leeton	Tue, 5pm	Fr Anthony Dunne
Our Lady of Cana	St Mel's, Narrandera	Thu, 6pm	Fr Bradley Rafter
Our Lady Ark of the Covenant	St Mary's, The Rock	Mon, 7pm	Fr Gabriel Murray

* The British Special Air Service, known as the SAS, is the infantry counterpart to the Special Boat Service. Their insignia bears the phrase "Who dares wins." Asked about the importance of the SAS's role in the fighting that followed the Iraq War, US Gen. Stanley McChrystal said: "Essential. Could not have done it without them."

Henschke Primary happenings

Henschke Primary School in Wagga Wagga have been very busy of late. Here's a snapshot of their events.



1
Year 6 Mission Day

2
Year 4 Passover

3
Mt Erin Chapel Mass

4
Anzac Liturgy

5
Holy Week

Sacred Heart Griffith SVdP Day Conference Cook-up

Recently, members of the Sacred Heart Griffith SVdP Day Conference helped out at the Griffith Community Centre Cook-up.

The Cook-up provides a cooked meal to those in the community in most need. SVdP Client Support Officer, Lisa Whillians, was also in attendance to give those in the community the opportunity to learn how to cook a healthy meal on a budget. This is one of many activities the Griffith SVdP Conference is involved.

If anyone is interested in helping out please contact the Griffith Office on 02 69643863, Wednesday to Friday between 1:00pm and 3:30pm.



Above: Margaret Johnstone and Yvonne Couper SVdP Cookup

Right: Sr Teresa Foley SVdP Cookup



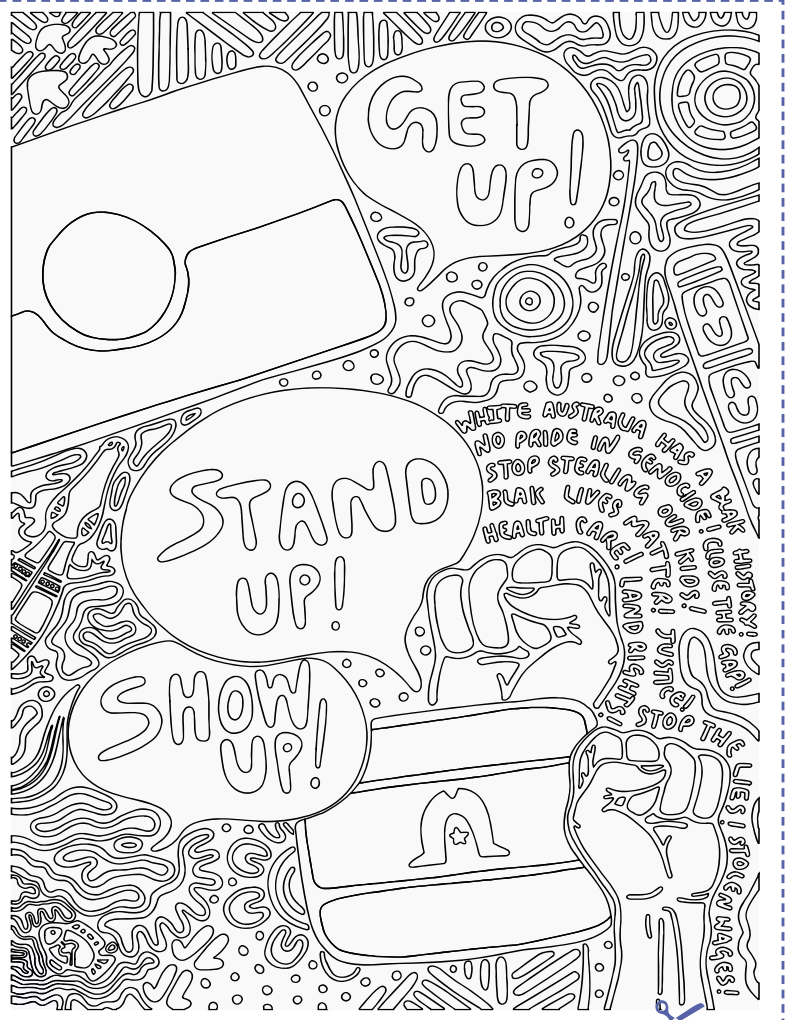
KIDS corner

SAINTS FUN FACTS

Barnabas sold his land and possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. He and Paul undertook missionary journeys together converting many to Christianity. He was also one of the first teachers of the Church at Antioch. They both attended the Council of Jerusalem to deal with the issue of converting Gentiles to Christianity.



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Science...

Pepper + water
science experiment

You will need:

- pepper
- small bowl of water
- toothpick
- dishwashing liquid



Learning about surface tension and other cool science-y things is more fun when you can do it hands on. Grab your supplies and get ready for some great science fun in the kitchen.

Instructions:

- Half fill a small bowl with water.
- Sprinkle pepper on the surface of the water, forming a small layer.
- With your cocktail stick, firstly dip this in the washing-up liquid.
- Then dip the tip of the stick in the middle of the water.
- As the washing-up liquid touches the water, what is happening to the pepper?
- The pepper should spread out and merge together forming patterns.

Why?

Because the washing-up liquid reduces surface tension and allows the particles of water at the surface to spread out more.



Send your coloured picture, word search or joke ideas with your name, age and school to:

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We'd love to hear from you!



JUNE SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

Word Search

Find all of the words or phrases in the puzzle that are in **BOLD** in the word bank below:

B	A	P	T	I	S	T	N	Y	K	L	K	L	P
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G	L	T	S	A	C	R	E	D	H	E	A	R	T
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St. Justin

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. Norbert

St. Ephrem

St. Barnabas

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Aloysius **Gonzaga**

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

St. Cyril of Alexandria

St. Peter

St. Paul

First Martyrs of the Church of **Rome**

Goodness, what is it?

Goodness, is knowing and fulfilling a particular thing's designed purpose.

So, it's good to use a coat to keep us warm in winter. It's not so good to use it as a hand towel in the kitchen. It's VERY good to use a cup every morning to hold our essential dose of caffeine. But it's not so good to wear it as a hat. These things may sound bizarre, like they don't even make sense. That's because we know what we're meant to use them for, and we use them accordingly. That's goodness.

Now, we might say, but these things can be multipurposed, and that may be true. After all, they are just things. But what if we had the same attitude not towards things, but towards people? Dare I say, perhaps we can already see this in our world. What is the purpose we were designed with? Simply put, we were designed by love, for love: to receive and give love. Because we were designed to be in communion with God, which makes us different to things, we were designed to be loved. This means that every time we see this misused, whether that be through violence, bullying, racism or even words of hate, and using one another in the name of 'romance' we're failing to uphold the goodness of that person.

We have received life from God, and we make a gift of our lives by the way we choose to live out our lives. This is why virtue is essential. Virtue teaches us how to relate to God, and to our brothers and sisters according to our design. That is, to be loved and to love.

At Virtue Ministry, we run a variety of talks and workshops on growth in self-knowledge, character and virtue, and how we apply them to our relationships. We also know that we can't be everywhere at once, none of us on the team have seemed to figure out how this 'bilocation' business works yet. So, in the meantime we try and reach people through a variety of means. In person and online.

We produce regular articles on our website written by our two writers Elise Drum and Emily Shaw, and occasionally by Stina Constantine.

Our articles have a variety of themes, from friendship, dating, relationships, marriage, parenting through to the virtues, challenges in the world we live in and spirituality. We aim to encourage and find practical ways for us all to be better equipped and able to take on the world around us, as loving, faithful Christians.

Have a read below of a segment from our youngest writer Elise on her blog named 'Embrace your cross'.

'If you've ever gotten a splinter, the idea of hugging a rough, heavy plank of wood whilst your body is peppered with open wounds is repulsive. You'd

certainly want a good reason to consider doing it.

That is the graphic reality of the cross. That is what being a Christian is. The cross is not smooth and porcelain, with pretty flowers adorning it. It is prickly, it cuts, it is heavy and it hurts.

To bear your cross well, you must be willing to embrace it!

You must be willing to get sore feet and spiritual splinters and to love so much it hurts. To simply bear something is to put up with it. When we bear something, it is a dead weight that we take on with little say in the matter. And humans can only do that for so long.

But to embrace something... we do that to something we love, something we see value in, something that is worth the pain.' – Elise Drum

To read more, visit www.VirtueMinistry.org.au to find the full collection of articles.

If you're a deep-thinking young adult, with a heart for Jesus and writing and looking for a way to share your love, get in touch with us.





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St Joseph's School, Junee



St Joseph's students celebrated Pentecost with a liturgy followed by the presentation of athletics awards and a shared lunch with parents, carers and friends.



St Patrick's School, Albury



The glorious sunshine came out for the 'Green Thumbs' during lunchtime. Thank you to all those who participated.



All Saints Primary, Tumbarumba



Thank you K/1 for an amazing first assembly and to parents and visitors for your support. Raising the bar for 2-6! A difficult feat for some students who have never viewed an assembly before. They all reflected our school baseline behaviours admirably, despite the nerves.



Mater Dei Catholic College, Wagga



On June 7 representatives from the College along with students and staff from local schools were invited to attend the 'Enlighten for Equity' project. Guests included Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC (Governor of NSW), the Mayor of Wagga Wagga and other dignitaries.

Design and Technology students created designs and produced a 3D sculpture mock up of these concepts which City of Wagga Wagga developed and manufactured.

Sculptures created are now along the equity walk within the Wagga Beach Riverside precinct.

Click the following link to learn more about the Enlighten for Equity project:

<https://bit.ly/equity-sculptures>



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Diocese of Wagga Wagga

All schools enrolling now

The Cardinal of Ethiopia in the Capital, guest of Catholic Mission

Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, Archbishop of Addis Ababa and Chancellor of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa, recently visited Australia at the invitation of Catholic Mission.

Wednesday, May 25, a reception was held to welcome the Cardinal Souraphiel at Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Center, Canberra. It was the occasion to meet with the Wagga Wagga Diocesan Director, Jane Plum, and John Goonan, former Diocesan Director.

"I was grateful to meet the Cardinal Souraphiel and, in particular, appreciated his vision of building on the level of education for girls from one generation to the next," says Jane.

The Cardinal was introduced by the Nuncio, Archbishop Balvo, who had met the Cardinal several years ago, when he was the Nuncio in Nairobi.

During this event, the Cardinal shared his personal story. Originally born in Tchela Claka, near the city of Harar in Ethiopia, he attended Mekanissa Major Seminary before studying theology at King's College in London, UK. He was ordained priest in 1976 and became Archbishop in 1999. Sixteen years later, in 2015, he was elevated to the cardinalate by Pope Francis.

But more than sharing the highlights of his story, Cardinal Souraphiel spoke about his imprisonment due to the political instability in Ethiopia during his early years as a priest, and how the strength of forgiveness helped him in his journey. It gave him the strength to forgive and help

his former gaolers as a sign of God's love.

During his journey in the Capital, Cardinal Souraphiel attended more events, during which he gave moving speeches on the importance of education in lifting people out of poverty and in unifying people, as well as the work of the Church in providing health care and social services in Ethiopia. He highlighted the importance of the support of the Australian community and the work of Catholic Mission in Ethiopia.

Catholic Mission is currently supporting, hand in hand with the Church of Ethiopia and local communities, mission development projects to help communities in need. One of the current projects is to provide support to the Emdibir community.

To read more about Catholic Mission's work in Ethiopia visit this link:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/project-booklet-2022>

And to help support these vital works visit this link:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>



Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, the Archbishop of Addis Ababa and the Chancellor for The Catholic University of Eastern Africa with Jane Plum, Wagga Wagga Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission



Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel giving one of his talks.

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Mass Times across our Diocese

Wagga Wagga - Cathedral

St Michael's Cathedral
Church Street, Wagga Wagga
Monday - Friday 7:00am, 12:45pm
Weekend Masses
Saturday - 12:15pm
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am and 5:30pm
Confessions
Monday - Thursday 12:30pm - 12:40pm
Friday 12:00-12:40pm & 6:30pm-6:45pm
Saturday 11:00am-12:00noon & 4:30pm-5:30pm
Rosary times
Monday to Thursday 12:25pm and Saturday 11:55am (before Mass)
St Mary's Chapel
Vianney College, 17 Durack Circuit
Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am
Mt Erin Chapel
Kildare Catholic College
Edmondson Street, Wagga Wagga
Sunday - 11:30am (Extraordinary Form)
Confessions before and after Mass.

Wagga Wagga - Koorlingal

Sacred Heart
Lake Albert Road, Koorlingal
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm
Sunday - 8:00am and 10:00am
Weekday Masses
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 5:45pm
Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00am
Saturday - 9:30am
Reconciliation
Saturday - 10:00am - 10:30am
Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Wagga Wagga - South Wagga

Our Lady of Fatima
Bourke Street, Wagga Wagga
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:30pm (Syro-Malabar Rite)
St Patrick's Uranquinty
Sunday - 8:30am
Weekday Masses - Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday - 10:00am
Thursday - 11:00am (Ethel Forrest Centre)
Friday - 5:30pm
Anointing Mass
Marian Foyer, Henschke Hall
4th Tuesday of the month - 10:30am
Weekday Masses - Calvary Hospital
Monday-Friday - 8:00am (except public holidays)
Aged Care Facility Masses
Forrest Centre
Every Thursday - 11:00am
Nan Roberts Nursing Home
- The Haven
3rd Tuesday of the month - 11:00am
RSL Remembrance Village
2nd Tuesday of the month - 11:00am
Confessions
Saturday - 10:30-11:30am

Wagga Wagga - West Wagga

Holy Trinity Church
Bardia Street
Ashmont
Monday - Friday - 7:00am
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 6:00pm
Friday - 10:15am
Sunday - 9:00am, 10:30am and 5:30pm
Our Lady of the Blessed
Eucharist Church
Benedict Avenue
San Isidore
Saturday - 6:00pm

Albury

St Patrick's 515 Smollett St, Albury
Weekend Mass Times
Saturday - 9:30am
Vigil (Saturday) - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:30pm
Latin Mass - Sunday 12 noon
Weekday Mass Times
Monday to Friday - 7:00am
Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30am
Latin Mass Mondays - 7pm in the Adoration Chapel
First Friday - 5:30pm
Rosary before Mass
Saturday - 9:10am and 4:30pm
Sunday - 7:40am and 9:40am

Albury - North Albury

Sacred Heart Mate Street, North Albury
Saturday Vigil - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday to Friday 9.30am or as printed in weekly newsletter
First Tuesday of month - Mercy Place 11.00am - Includes sacrament of anointing
Confessions
Saturday - 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Albury - Lavington

Holy Spirit
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am
St Mary's Jindera - 9:00am
Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday - 7:00am
Saturday - 9:15am
Confessions
Saturday - 8.15am, 5.00pm
St Mary's Jindera - Sunday 8.30am

Albury - Thurgoona

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 9:30am, 5:30pm
Weekday Masses
Monday - 8:00am
Tuesday - 10:00am
Wednesday - 8:00am
Thursday - 7:00pm (Mass Novena and Benediction)
Friday - 10:00am
Confessions
Prior to Masses
Saturday - 5:30pm-5:55pm
Sunday - 9:00am-9:25am & 5:00pm-5:25pm
Thursday - 7:00pm following Novena
Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Berrigan

St Columba's 4 Corcoran Street, Berrigan
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 6:00pm Saturday Vigil
2nd, 4th Sunday - 10:30am
Savernake
1st Sunday - 5:00pm
Weekday Masses are announced in the Sunday bulletin
Confessions before Saturday Vigil Masses

Coolamon

St Michael's
Sunday - 9:00am
Confessions
Saturday - 4.45 - 5.15pm
Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:30am
Thursday - 10:15am
Saturday - 9:00am
Marrar
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Confessions
1st Saturday - 5:30pm
Allawah Village
First Thursday of each month.
Mass at 9.15am

Corowa

St Mary's Star of the Sea
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 9:00am
Weekday Masses
Refer to Parish Bulletin available in the Church or on the parish website
Confessions/ Reconciliation
Saturday - 11:00am-12:00, 5:30-6:00pm
St Pius X. Coreen.
1st, 3rd Sunday - 10:45am Mass

Culcairn

St Patrick's Culcairn
1st, 4th Sunday - 8:00am
2nd, 3rd Sunday - 10:00am
5th Sunday - Vigil Mass 6:30pm (Saturday)
Henty
2nd, 4th Saturday Vigil - 6:30pm
1st Sunday - 10:00am
3rd, 5th Sunday - 8:00am
Walla Walla
1st & 4th Sunday - 6:00pm (Sunday)
Weekday Masses
Vary according to needs and are announced in the Sunday bulletin
Confessions
Before each weekend Mass

Darlington Point

Oliver Plunkett
Hay Rd, Darlington Point
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8:30am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 6:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:30am - Darlington Point
St Peter's Cnr of Currawong Crescent and Kingfisher Avenue, Coleambally
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 10:30am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 8:00am
Weekday Masses
Holy Hour - Friday 5:00pm - 6:00pm at Darlington Point
Confessions
15 minutes before 10.00 am Mass on Sunday or by request

Finley

St Mary's 1 Denison Street Finley
Sunday - 10.15am
Weekday Masses
Are announced in the Sunday bulletin
Confessions
Saturday - 10.30 - 11.00am

Ganmain

St. Brendan's Ganmain
Sunday Mass
9:00am
Weekday Masses
Monday to Friday:
December-February 7:30am (Tues., Thurs.) & 5:30pm (Mon., Wed., Fri.)
March-November 5:30pm
Saturday: 8:00am (usually in the convent except 1st Sat. in the church).
Confessions
8.00-8.55am Sunday and 30 minutes before all Masses.
St. Patrick's Matong
6:00pm Saturday
Confessions 30 min before Mass

Griffith

Sacred Heart Warrambool St, Griffith
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Saturday - 8:00am
Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am, (Italian), 10:30am, 6:00pm
Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday - 7:00am, 5:30pm
Confessions
Friday - 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Saturday - 11:30am to 12:30pm
Marian Catholic College Chapel
185 Wakaden Street Griffith
Sunday - 9:00am

Holbrook

Our Lady of Sorrows
125 Albury Street
Holbrook
1st & 3rd Sunday - Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
2nd Sunday - 8.00 am
4th & 5th Sunday - 10.00am
Weekday Masses
Phone parish for details
Confessions
Before Mass on weekends
St Francis De Sales Church of the Pioneers
Hume Highway
Bowna
2nd Sunday - 11:30am

Howlong

St Brigid's
Hovell St, Howlong
Church of the Good Shepherd
Queen Street, Walbundrie
Weekend Mass Times
Howlong
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Walbundrie
Sunday - 9:00am
Masses
Howlong
Saturday 9.00 am - Howlong
For other Masses during the week, see the parish website.
Reconciliation
Howlong
Saturdays 9:30am (after 9:00am Mass) 5:30pm - 5:55pm
Walbundrie
Sundays 8:30am - 8:55am

Jerilderie

St Joseph's
Coreen Street, Jerilderie
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
2nd, 4th Sunday - 10:30am
Weekday Masses
Are announced in the Sunday bulletin

June

St Joseph's
21 Kitchener Street, June
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 9:30am
Weekday Masses
Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 7:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am
Thursday - 7:00am
Friday - 9:00am
Confessions
Saturday - 10:30-11:00am;
6:00-6:15pm or by appointment
Illabo and June Reefs
Alternate Sundays - 8:00am

Khancoban

Church of St Joseph the Worker
Sunday - 9:00 am
Weekday Masses
9:00 am
Confessions
Prior to Sunday Mass

Leeton

St Joseph's Leeton
Wade Avenue, Leeton
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am (First Sunday of the month is Italian)
St Patrick's Yanco
Sunday - 8:00am
Tuesday - 9:00am
Weekday Masses in Leeton
Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday (Yanco) - 9:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am
Thursday - 9:30am (Assumption Villa)
Friday - 9:15am and 5:30pm

Sacrament of Penance
Friday - 4:45-5:15pm
Saturday - 5:30-5:50pm
Eucharistic Adoration
St Joseph's Church Leeton
Friday - 4:30pm

Lockhart

St Mary's Church
55 Ferrier St, Lockhart
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday (Vigil) - 6:00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday - 8:00am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday - 9:00am & Friday - 10:00am
Confessions Up to 5 mins before Mass.

Mulwala

St Brigid's Havelock Street, Mulwala
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 8:00am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 6:00pm Saturday Vigil
Weekday Masses
Refer to parish notices
St Joseph's
Barooga
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 10:00am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 8:30am
Weekday Masses Refer to parish notices
Confessions Before weekend Masses

Narrandera

Narrandera St Mel's Church, Audley St
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 9:30am
Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 7:30am
Friday - 5:30pm
(subject to changes announced in the Sunday bulletin)
Confessions
Friday - 4:30-5:20pm;
Saturday - 9:30-10:00am
and 5:00-5:45 pm
Grong Grong
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8:00am
Galore
St Kevin's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday - 8:00am

Tarcutta

St Francis Xavier Sydney St, Tarcutta
Sunday - 8:30am
Ladysmith
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Confessions
Before all Masses

The Rock

St Mary's
102 Urana Street The Rock
Weekend Masses
Sunday - 8:00am (Extraordinary Form)
Sunday - 10:00am
Weekday Masses
Monday - 7:00am
Tuesday - 6:00pm
Wednesday - 7:00am (Extraordinary Form)
Thursday - 7:00am
Confessions
Up to 5 minutes before Mass.

Tocumwal

St Peter's
Charlotte Street, Tocumwal
Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm
Sunday - 8:30am
Weekday Masses
Thursday - 9:30am
Confessions
Half an hour before weekend Masses

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Tumbarumba

All Saints'
40 Murray Street, Tumbarumba
Saturday 9.15am
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday - 9.00am
Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday - 5.30pm
Confessions
Friday 4.30pm - 5.15pm
Saturday - 8.00am - 9.00am
And 30 mins before weekend Holy Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Tooma
4th Sunday - 7.30am
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday - 4.30pm & Saturday - 8.00am

Urana

St Fiacre's Church 5 End St, Urana
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 8.00am
2nd & 4th Saturday (Vigil) - 6.00pm
Weekday Masses
Thursday - 12.30pm
Confessions Up to 5 mins before Mass.
Oaklands
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 10.00am

Yenda - Yoogali - Hanwood

Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii
17 Edon Street, Yoogali
Sunday - 9.30am
St Anthony's - Hanwood
Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm
Sunday - 8.00am
St Therese's - Yenda
Saturday Vigil - 6.30pm
Weekday Masses
Tuesday - 8.00am - Hanwood
Wednesday - 8.00am - Hanwood
Thursday - 5.00pm - Yenda
Saturday - 9.30am - Yoogali (first Saturday of the month only)
Confessions
Yenda - Thursday, before Mass
Yoogali - Sunday, before Mass
Hanwood - Saturday - 4.30pm
Or by arrangement with the priest.

Please note that Mass times were true and correct at the time of printing. For further clarification, please check parish bulletins and noticeboards closer to the date.

Please pray for those priests whose anniversary of death occurs in June:

2 June 1934	Fr Peter McAlroy
6 June 1912	Fr Edward J Fallon
6 June 1926	Fr John Fleming
7 June 1967	Mgr Bryan William Hayden
9 June 1920	Mgr Michael Buckley
10 June 1981	Mgr John Joseph Harper
12 June 1928	Fr Patrick Hickey
18 June 1933	Fr Terence O'Shaughnessy
19 June 1966	Fr Albert Colletta OFM Cap.
27 June 1985	Fr Henry Theodore Josko

These faithful servants, Lord, put their wholehearted trust in you - Grant that they may live in your love.



Junior Legion

Every Wednesday afternoon at 3:45pm at St Michael's Cathedral Parish Centre.

All welcome!

Come and join Our Lady's Army and help your Priest serve his parish!

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Family reflections for: June/July

19th June - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle C

In our age of fast food and eating on the go, families often find that they are not eating meals together at a dinner table. As a family, look back over the past week and recall how many meals were eaten together and how many meals were eaten alone or on the run.

In the Bible, meals are seen as much more than a means to satisfy a physical need. The Hebrew people viewed eating a meal as a way of expressing and strengthening their relationship to one another under God's covenant. It is no coincidence that meals are often the setting of Jesus' teaching and miracles in the Gospels. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 people.

Read this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:11b-17. Talk about the kinds of hungers that people have in addition to physical hunger. Describe the hungers that a family nourishes (love, compassion, forgiveness, laughter, and so on). Together give thanks for the food that Jesus gives us that we celebrate on this Sunday's feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Make a commitment to share in this Eucharistic meal together as a family.

*Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 110:1-4
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17*

26th June - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Parents are always striving to help their children to set priorities. Children need to learn to finish homework before watching TV or going out to play. They need to know that they have to finish their chores before they can

go out with their friends. They need to know that paying attention to curfews for their safety is more important than being popular.

As a family, talk about these examples of setting priorities. Share examples of how you learned to prioritize as you were maturing. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about the importance of making him the number-one priority in our lives.

Read aloud Luke 9:51-62. Talk about how going to Sunday Mass as a family is an important way of keeping God at the center of our lives. Talk about other ways that the family can make Jesus a priority.

*1 Kings 19:16b,19-21 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
Galatians 5:1,13-18 Luke 9:51-62*

3rd July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God. Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly.

Read aloud Luke 10:1-12,17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation

to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.

*Isaiah 66:10-14c Psalm 123:1-4
Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12,17-20*

10th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Psalm 69:14,17,30-31,36-37
Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37*



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Stronger, Ryhia Dank (Nardurna)

I created this piece after reading this year's NAIDOC theme. I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and are still fighting for. I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the detail and messages in the artwork.

In this artwork I have little bits of me and my family, I have included a crocodile for my late granny. She was one of the strongest women I know and was never afraid to speak her mind and stand up for family and Country. I have also included my family's dancing stick, this is present as a reminder that we will always have our Country, Kin and Culture. There are also symbols to represent us as a community. People gathered around a camp, a spear and woomera to represent our strength, water, trees, animal tracks and non-human entities to show our connection to Country.



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