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Safeguarding: Church must place disabled persons at centre, experts say

(written by Justin McLellan CNS in Catholic Magazine)

To prevent abuse across the board, the Catholic Church must place disabled persons at the centre of its safeguarding efforts and ministry, speakers said at an international safeguarding conference in Rome.

Hosted by the Pontifical Gregorian University's Institute of Anthropology: Interdisciplinary Studies on Human Dignity and Care, the conference, which ran from 18 to 21 June, brought global experts to Rome to discuss the relationship between safeguarding and disability.

During the conference, Fr Hans Zollner SJ, president of the institute, told Catholic News Service that the theme for this year's conference was selected to bridge the gap between safeguarding—referring to practices meant to address and prevent emotional, physical and sexual abuse—and caring for people with disabilities.

'The framework is there but very often it is not really linked to the real needs of the people on the ground, of those who have been abused, and so we are here to learn from those with disabilities what their particular needs are and what the Church can do as one of the key players in the health system worldwide in the implementation and inculturation of these different models that we have,' he told CNS on 18 June.

After the conference was opened by Vatican secretary of state Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Sheila Hollins delivered the opening keynote address. Hollins was a founding member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and founded Books Beyond Words, a not-for-profit that produces word-free books for people with disabilities that engage with topics ranging from relationships to surviving abuse.

She said, 'Although disabled people might be a minority demographically, they're at considerably greater risk [of abuse], and if disclosure was easier

for them, they may actually constitute a majority of abused people.'

She told CNS that many 'unconscious biases' put disabled persons at risk of abuse, such as the perception that nobody would abuse a disabled person because of their impairment. Disabled people also face additional barriers 'to being heard, to being able to explain, to being able to understand' their abuse, she said.

Hollins, a Catholic and parent of five disabled adult children, said those biases and barriers can arise within the Church when people consider disabled people as 'other' than non-disabled churchgoers. As a result, the Church can perpetuate structural exclusion of disabled people, such as by not creating space for wheelchair users in the congregation or by holding separate Masses for neurodivergent people.

Hollins suggested that a way to root sensitivity to the experience of disability in the Church could be to have every seminarian 'get to know a disabled person and their family, their lives, and continue knowing them, because they've become part of their circle.'

'I think that we could actually change things quite substantially by getting priests to get to know disabled people,' she said.

Fr Justin Glyn SJ, General Counsel for the Australian Jesuits and a visually impaired person, said that as society becomes increasingly individualistic and achievement-based, the Church has a key role in upholding a sense of community that is central to the experience of disability.

'The disabled world is the world of interdependence,' he told CNS. 'We may need assistance in various ways, but we can provide it also.'

Similarly, Catholics professing the communion of saints 'don't believe that salvation is an individual thing,' he said.

'We are the people who actually are invested in each other in Christ,' Fr Glyn said, 'and disability is a classic demonstration of that.'

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Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtube.com/live/JodEQsxPx1A?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

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Readings for Next Week
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the book of Prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Psalm

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak
for he will speak peace to his people
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him
that his glory may dwell in our land

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet
righteousness and peace will kiss each other
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground
and righteousness will look down from the sky

The Lord will give what is good
and our land will yield its increase
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us

in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our heart that we may know the hope to
which we are called
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

Reflection

1/ To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in .

2/ In this week's reading, we see how God chooses ordinary people to carry out His work

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

2024 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

If you wish to have your child to be part of this year's sacrament of Confirmation program, you are required to send the completed registration form by the 4th of October, 2024 (you can obtain the registration form from our website or from the Parish office Tuesday-Friday 9am to 2pm. Your child must be in Grade 6 and have already received their Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Communion.

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish Bingo will be on **FRIDAY, 19 July** at 7.30pm in the Annexe. You can come on your own or as a group. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441. Please note that this activity is strictly adults only (18 years or over). Unfortunately, we are bound to a strict policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER COLLECTION

During the winter time, the Vinnies received so many request from people who needs assistance. For that during this cold time, we will have a 'special collection' to support the work of this group in the hope of keeping 'warm' the disadvantage people. This weekend we are conducting special collection at all Masses to support their work.

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

Wellsprings for Women is an organisation committed to providing programs and services in an environment that is caring, nurturing and safe for children, young people and adults at risk. Their work is majority funded by donations and fundraising activities. One of their annual fundraising events is a High Tea. This year's high Tea will coincide with their 30 Year anniversary. It will be held on **SATURDAY, 20th July 2024** from 2-4pm at Kennedy Hall, Killester College, 433 Springvale Road, Springvale 3171. Cost is \$65pp. If you wish to attend please register using this QR code by the 8th of July



NAIDOC WEEK

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Catholic Church. The theme for this years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Keep the Fire Burning—Strong in Faith'.



Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to the **2024 NAIDOC Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on SUNDAY, 7 July at 11am**. Marking the start of NAIDOC week (7-14 July), the Mass is an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

You can find more information on NAIDOC WEEK on this link <https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week>

ADORATION GROUP

This is one of our parish group which was formed in 2022. Members of this group have been quietly taking turn having adoration in the prayer room.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact John Hendriks for more information on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

This link will give you a little bit of information on adoration <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/Johnehendriks%40gmail.com?projector=1>

COME AWAY DAYS

A ministry of the Passionist community who offer a space which is an oasis of peace and quiet, away from the busy world. in the surrounds of beautiful gardens, open space and trees. Their first session is on **WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER**. The day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am and end at 2pm. This retreat runs at Holy Cross Retreat 207 Serpells Road Templestowe, VIC.

For further information about Come Away Days contact Phone - 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com

Readings:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Ezekiel 2:2-5

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Jennifer Palamara, Raymond Cabral, Rui Manuel Campos, Annette Tanner, Ruby Reid, Kay Dal Lago, Maureen Dawson, Michael Arcaro, Margaret Ferrao, Danny Sugunasekera, Roger Gray, Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Meti **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

K. Bhaskerrao, Fred Steinwall, Giuseppina Bartuccelli, Martin Van Ratingen, Clairette Marie Leo, Lauren Houghton, Alex Loudon Snr, Nicolina Laratta, Lewis Guillot, Sydney Allegany, Mirreille D'Argent, Joseph D'Argent, Simone Desribes, France Desribes **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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Laureen Lynch-Ryan, coordinator of deaf ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington, who presented her talk at the conference in American Sign Language, told CNS through a sign-language interpreter that while there has been a lot of research about the disability community and abuse, ‘specifically within the deaf community there is very little research regarding abuse and the Church.’

Additionally, she stressed that direct input from disabled and deaf people must be involved in the development of safeguarding policies. Safeguarding training, Lynch-Ryan said, ‘goes through hearing systems’ and is developed by ‘people that don’t have experience working with deaf people or even people with disabilities.’

Dafne Aida Zapata Pratto, a psychologist at Antonio Ruiz de Montoya University in Peru, said that biased beliefs about disabled people prevent many within the Church and broader society from reaching out to people with disabilities and considering their needs.

For example, she told CNS, that a widespread myth among Peruvians is that disability is a ‘divine punishment’ for a sin or error committed by a family and that ‘many families have prejudices against their disabled children.’

Combatting that attitude ‘is an important challenge for the Church,’ Zapata said. The Church’s response must involve including disabled people more centrally in the life of the Church but also considering ‘the type of message and image of God that we express and share with others,’ she said.

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alvey Lionel Alvey Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Florence Madeira	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Jean Jansz Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Peter Miller Lionel Alvey	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Florence Madeira Sai Dilinger Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Stephen Herbert Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Riona Alvey Carmeline Don Paul Peter Miller	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Lakni Weerasekera Diane Heaton
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Diane Allegany Anne Astin	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Janina Gorski Grace Sudjono	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu