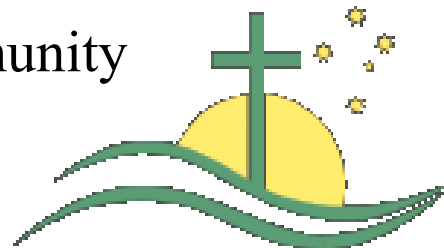




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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 16-17 July, 2022

The laity, the leaven of the world

New Farm is an inner-city Brisbane suburb with a dual personality: on the one hand, wealth and success; on the other, hardship and struggle. It nestles in a picturesque bend of the Brisbane River and is known for its historic buildings and charming cottages dating back to the early years of settlement.

House prices are high, and late-model luxury cars dot the streets. Though not always an affluent suburb, today it is a magnet for the rich and upwardly mobile. Rubbing shoulders with the affluent are the unemployed, the mentally ill, and the drug-addicted, because New Farm has a large proportion of social housing and a high proportion of singles with multiple problems who live from one welfare payment to the next.

In the middle of this muddled society, the Society of St Vincent de Paul works to distribute hope. Without fanfare, its members do their imperfect best to steer individuals through a crisis or emergency, visit the sick, put people in contact with further help, speak for the voiceless, and, above all, show through action rather than words the ardour of the spirit of Christ.

As an organisation of laypeople, its members have been walking alongside those in need since the mid-19th century. They cooperate with people as a friend or good neighbour, offering a hand-up. But what does that mean? Can food vouchers or the second-hand fridges they distribute do that?

The Conference in New Farm puts it this way. It is not the voucher or the fridge; it is the knowledge that someone cares, someone is listening without judging, someone is celebrating your small victories, someone is simply being present. It understands material help is only part of the equation. It is compassion that matters, which means "to suffer with".

Australia is a lucky country, one of the richest, with a robust welfare system acting as a safety net for those in need. Yet three million Australians live in poverty. What has failed? In 2017, the Minister for Human

Services, Alan Tudge, spoke of "pathways to poverty", which he identified as family breakdown, welfare dependency, mental illness, drug addiction, education failure, and financial indebtedness.

While absolute poverty is rare in Australia today, there is still impoverishment: "We see it acutely in remote Indigenous communities, but it is apparent in many other pockets of Australia, including in the suburbs of our largest cities." Australia may offer a safety net, but there are always those who slip through the net.

In the minds of many Catholics, mission is the province of priests and religious. Yet the Second Vatican Council spoke of the laity as "called by God to exercise their apostolate in the world like leaven, with the ardour of the spirit of Christ". Laypeople have the power to lift the societies in which they live. Pope John Paul ii once said that people's needs are best understood and satisfied by those closest to them - their neighbours.

(article was taken from Far East Magazine - June 2022)

On the last weekend of July (30/ 31 July) during and after all Masses, St Vincent de Paul group will start our Ministries weekends by presenting their work and how you can get involved.

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

*Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE*

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/eH41Vbmh3CU>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

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Principal
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

PASSIONIST COMPANION

The next Companion gathering is on **THURSDAY, 21st JULY 2022**, in the **Church**. Commencing at 7.30pm with some reflection and followed by a cuppa. You may bring a plate of finger food to share

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

All children who are registered in this program are reminded to attend the last **FAMILY NIGHT** which will be held on **TUESDAY 26th July**. Sign in will commence at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Attendance on this night is compulsory.

THANK YOU

On Sunday, 3rd July, we celebrated Fr Luke's thanksgiving Mass for his first year of ordination. It was quite an eventful Mass as we also held a baptism and celebrated the Naidoc Sunday.

Following the Mass, many joined in the gathering at the school hall. Sharing stories, food and drinks.

The celebration would not have run so smoothly without the many people who kindly volunteered to help. Some by sharing 'plates' of food, others with setting up, serving, cleaning and many other duties. We sincerely thank you for your ever generous hearts. A special mention also for Lakni who made the delicious cake we enjoyed!

We will keep praying for our leaders, including Fr Luke as they carry on with their vocation



PARISH BINGO

Thank you to all who came last Friday's Bingo night. Just to give you early reminder that our next Bingo night will be on

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2022 in the Tim O'Toole annexe hall. Start time is 7.30pm. Bring along friends and family (only open to 18 Yrs. and older) no booking required, just come and join the fun. You may win some too. Contacts are Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

PYX

(small golden box for taking communion to the sick)

We noticed that there are no single pyx (which belong to the Church) left in the cupboard in the sacristy.

If you have borrowed one of them and forgotten to return it to the

Church, please return it to the sacristy the next time you come to Church. They are quite small and easily overlooked. We need them desperately as we resume visiting those who are unable to attend Church.

(please see the picture attached to see what it looks like)



ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

The Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme helps to fill labour gaps in rural and regional Australia by offering employers access to reliable, productive workers from the Pacific Islands and Timor-Leste.

Currently, there are 100 men from Solomon Island who have been appointed to be part of this program for 4 years. Unfortunately, they arrived in this country without realising that they coming into the heart of our winter season.

PALM is reaching out to communities for some donations of second hand winter clothing, blankets and beanies for men aged from 23 years old to 45 years old.

For more information please contact PALM Pastoral Care coordinator Paula on 0455 313 014 or email pnoronha@laboursolutions.com.au.

More information about PALM please visit their website: <https://www.palmscheme.gov.au>

(Please note that they also have few women now)

You may drop them of at the Parish Office during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm)

Readings:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18: 1-10;
Col 1: 24-28;
Lk 10: 38-42

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18: 20-32;
Col 2: 12-14;
Lk 11: 1-13

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Adelina Frante, Vicky Robin, Robert D'Silva, Logotuli 'Henry' Peteru, Jo Sweeney, Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Deanna Rafferty, Joseph Kosi, Maria Longano, Egidio Valleri, Marianne Misso, Bruno Cerdor, Yvonne Parsons, Stephanie Bouquet, Philomena Silva, Aster Setiorahardjo, Ekawati Santoso, Stenna Bogdawalla, Francis Pacheco, Carlos Alberto Monteiro, Ponciano Cabrera **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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

