



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 24-25 June, 2023

Refugee Week

This Saturday is the last day of the Refugee Week. Below is an article from Melbourne Catholic Magazine on one of the event during the Refugee Week.

They are your brothers and sisters': Catholics pray for refugees

On Tuesday 20 June, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office hosted an online prayer service for Refugee Week 2023 (18–24 June). With 115 people registered for the event, it was a valuable opportunity to 'gather' and pray for all those who have fled their homes in search of a new life.

This year the theme of World Refugee Week is 'Finding Freedom'. Kylie Cullen, Director of the Catholic Immigration Office, began the night by reflecting on what it means to be free, and how easily we can take it for granted.

'To be free is to live without war,' she said. 'It's to have our basic human rights upheld. And many of our brothers and sisters around the world embark on dangerous journeys to find freedom, and to put so much at risk.'

Those gathered online listened to the Scriptures, offered prayers of the faithful, and were treated to a song of praise and worship by the Ugandan and Nigerian community in Sydney.

In his sermon, the Bishop of Port Pirie in South Australia, Karol Kulczycki SDS, reflected on what it means to journey together as the Church and to care for refugees.

'Love does not like separation,' he said, 'and the heart is bleeding when someone has to separate and start a new journey in a different country.'

As followers of Christ, he observed, we are also on a journey. 'Every time when we enter the Eucharist, we not only join other community members, but most of all, on a practical level, we join Christ on the journey of our life ... We enter into the life of Christ. Or rather, Christ enters into ours,' Bishop Karol said..

"Baptism in Christ unites us as members of God's family ... We are no longer strangers in God's house. Looking spiritually, there are no refugees and migrants in God's house. But from the human perspective, those who come from other places have to be fed and nourished by the strength of those who care."

He encouraged people to pay attention to other people in their parish. 'Look around you,' he said. 'These people in the pews, they are your brothers and sisters.'

During the service, Peter Arndt, Director of the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [shared this year's resource](#) for World Refugee Day. The document includes messages from Pope Francis, prayers and information on Australia's current approach to asylum seekers and refugees, and on how people can get involved.

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm

Sunday
9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
https://youtube.com/live/LqWtG6S0_0

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP

St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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THANK YOU

St Vincent de Paul group thanks you for your generous support during their winter collection last weekend. We raised \$1,405.30. If you missed last Sunday and still wishes to donate, there are envelopes available in the foyer/gathering space which you can place your donation in. You may then hand this envelope in to the parish office or simply place it in the collection basket.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Just a small reminder that the children's liturgy does not run during the school holiday period. It resumes on the 9th of July at 11am Mass. During the break we will have an illustration available at the entrances. Please pick one up as you walk in if you wish to have a copy.

As you may have noticed, the number of children in this program has increased, which is wonderful news, however, to enable us to pay enough attention to each child, we kindly ask for more volunteers to assist those who are now leading the program. We only ask you to help within your capacity, no more than what you are readily able to do. Please contact the parish office on 97003781 if you are interested in helping out.

YOUTH MEETING (for Year 5-9)

Thank you to parents whom have enthusiastically attended their first meeting for this age group and are excited to commence activities for the children. The first gathering will be on **FRI-DAY, 11th AUGUST at 7pm in the Annexe**. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office on 9700 3781

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT is August 4-6 (Friday night to Sunday afternoon). at Pallotti College for those aged 18+. It will be run by Tom Warren (from our Passionist Youth Retreat Team in Brisbane) and Fr Luke. This is an open invitation to young people in our parish, as well as friends, or anyone else who would like to come. Registration forms will be available at the gathering space. We are limited to 20 people, so please register soon (details to the right). Cost is \$150 per person. This will be a great opportunity to get to know other young people in our wider parish community, as well as deepen faith in a fun and open way. There will also be the possibility of being part of an emerging Team of young people facilitating school retreats around Victoria towards the end of the year. Reg-



ister by scanning the QR Code, or clicking [this link](#).

2023 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This program is for all school children in years 6-8 who have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. If your child is in this category and wishes to be part of the 2023 program, registration is now open. You can obtain the registration form from either the Parish Office or our website (under "documents and forms" tab) or simply click here. Donation is \$25 per child. Return the completed form to the PARISH OFFICE no later than the 23rd of SEPTEMBER (Please do not return to the school office)

PARISH BINGO

Remember to put it in your diary that our next parish bingo night is on **FRIDAY, 21 July from 7.30pm**. You may come in a group or on your own. 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 only for anyone older than 18 yrs old**. Anyone under this age is not allowed to come in to the hall.

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN is an organization which provides supports for women (

is having a fundraising event on **SATURDAY, 22 July 2023** from 2pm to 4pm. 'HIGH TEA' in KENNEDY HALL, Killester College, 433 Springvale Rd, Springvale 3171.

Cost is \$60 per person. If you wish to have more information or to book, please send email to lata@wellspringsforwomen.com payment is by bank transfer to the following account:

account name: Wellsprings for Women
BSB 636 000 Account 129 467 502
Ref Surname

RSVP by 17 July 2023

DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

The next Dandenong Deanery Dinner is on **WEDNESDAY, 12th July at 5.30pm**. It will be held at **Graduate Restaurant of St John's Regional College, Caroline Street, Dandenong**

This time the guest speaker is Deacon George Piech Meat Cost is \$45 per person (incl. 3 course meal and Wine or Beer) If you interested to attend please RSVP to Paddy 0422 296 961 or email to dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Payment is by Cash or cheque or bank transfer (please note that there is NO CARD FACILITY)

Readings:

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Mt 10: 26-33

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Denis Carlow, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Chris Williams, Cecil Harper, Fr Brian Gleeson, Wilhada de los Reyes, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Rajendre Rasiah, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Horace Stolke, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or home-bound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Assunta Beltrano, Angela Leong, Stephen De Niese, Ainsley Jansz, York-Chau HO, Joseph Cyril Hickey, Luis Lobato, Felisberto Araujo **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

