

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)**

**20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

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## **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2014**

**The theme of this year's appeal is**  
***"Heal The Broken Hearted – Rwanda 20 Years On".***

In 1994, following years of ethnic tension between the Hutus and Tutsis in the small African nation of Rwanda, one of the worst genocides ever seen took place. One million people – 20% of the population were tortured and killed.

Over the last twenty years since the 1994 genocide, the Catholic Church in Rwanda has played a major role in helping the Tutsi and Hutus people in their process of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Many thousands of people are still in need of practical, spiritual and emotional support.

Edward and Immaculee, (see their photo on the poster in the foyer) are two parishioners who have been able to start the process of healing thanks to their strong faith and help from the Catholic Church. During the genocide they hid in the mountains with their extended families, but then returned to seek safe refuge in their local Catholic Church in Nyamata. But over the next week, more than 10,000 people, including Edward and Immaculee's parents and fifteen brothers and sisters were brutally killed in and around that Church.



Fr. Emmanuel is now one of the three priests in Nyamata parish helping to heal the wounds in the lives of the survivors. Fr. Emmanuel was eighteen years old at the time of the genocide.

Tragically not only did his community lose so many loved ones during the genocide, but they also lost their Church which is now a memorial to the dead. They started building their new Church twelve years ago, but ran out of funds.

The anniversary of the start of the genocide falls near Easter each year (7<sup>th</sup> April). These people have shared in the suffering and death of Jesus, and now they are sharing in His resurrection as they forgive and continue the healing process and rebuilding their lives.

Together we can reach out through this year's Catholic Mission appeal to support the people of Rwanda and our missionaries in 160 countries around the world.

Please give generously to this important annual appeal. Thank you for your past generous support.

## APPEAL ENVELOPE

Included in each Parish Bulletin is a Catholic Mission Appeal Envelope. *If you have come prepared* for today's appeal, please fill out your details and include your contribution and place on the Parish collection.

*If you wish to promise a gift*, fill out your details, place on the collection and Catholic Mission will contact you soon.

*If you take your envelope home*, remember to return it soon on the collection plate at Mass or at the Parish Office.

**Donations are tax deductible.** Please fill in your details.

**Help support the Rwanda people who we see in the DVD today and on the poster.**

**Pray for the work of Catholic Mission throughout the world.**



**DECEASED:** Fr. Bill McCarthy (18/07/14 Former Administrator of Indooroopilly Parish), Evelina Piovesan, Edward Longhurst, Ross Cardillo, Pietro Boccari, Ursula Neil

**TO REMEMBER:** Lucia Urzi & Dec. Family Members, Quinto Pierini, Oreste Ponzio, Mary Kelly, Fr. Robert Flynn, Msgr. John Bennett

**FOR THE SICK:** Ron Lawson, Cathy Sullivan, Lorraine McQualter, Linda Vinciguerra, Stella Bayley, Alyssa Coxen, Ev Thompson, George Brac, Debra Micallef, Margaret Ballinger, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** is on sale in the foyer each week – \$2 a copy. An added reason to purchase a copy **this week** is **on the back page – a whole page article on Fr. Lino celebrating his Diamond Jubilee. The article was written by our local Selina Venier who writes regularly for The Catholic Leader.** Be sure to purchase a copy this week – there are extra copies, in expectation that this week's edition will be a "sell out".

**NEW ROSTERS:** The new Readers and Ministers of Communion Rosters are available in the foyer to be collected today.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** At the **8.30AM Mass today** at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word, children (Primary School age) are invited to go to Children's Liturgy held in the Parish Centre adjacent to the Church to reflect on this Sunday's Gospel and enjoy some activities appropriate for their age. **The dates for Children's Liturgy in the months ahead are 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

**THE PARACLETE** is a Magazine published by the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo where students for the Priesthood for the five Dioceses of Queensland are trained. Those who took copies of the Magazine last Sunday are asked to return them to the foyer when you have read the magazine so that other parishioners can read about our Seminary and its students. Our Diocese currently has one student in his second year of formation – Jacob Saal from Toowoomba. Others are in the process of discernment. Let us pray for vocations and pray for the students at the Seminary and those responsible for their formation and training.



**INVITATION:** As part of Catholic Education Week, the *Year 2 students* would like to *invite parishioners to join them and meet them at Morning Tea at 10AM on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July in the Parish Hospitality Centre.* Please put your name on the sheet in the foyer before Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July or contact the Parish Office 4681 2157 to indicate your attendance.

**FR. LINO'S DIAMOND JUBILEE DVD:** A non-professional DVD is available on Fr. Lino's Jubilee Mass and Luncheon. DVDs are being made in Toowoomba. Cost \$20. Please place your name and number of copies on the sheet in the foyer. Numbers to be finalised by 16/17 August.

**PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Tonight, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7PM there is a **PARENT MEETING** in St. Joseph's Library/Administration Centre for the parents of the children who this week will begin their program of preparation for first Holy Communion on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**Instruction Classes** for the children begin this week on either Wednesday or Saturday afternoons (23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July).

The children will be **enrolled** at the Parish Masses next weekend.

We prayerfully support and encourage these children and their families during these important weeks of preparation.

### **THIS WEEK:**

**MASSSES:** MON: 7AM; TUES: 7AM; WED: 11.45AM; THURS: 9.15AM; FRI: 5.30PM  
SAT: 7AM; **SAT VIGIL:** 6.30PM; **SUN:** 8.30AM

**FEAST DAYS:** TUES: *ST. MARY MAGDALENE;* WED: *ST. JAMES, Apostle;* SAT: *STS. JOACHIM & ANNE, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**MEETINGS:** MON: 5.30PM FINANCE MEETING; 7PM LITURGY COMMITTEE

### **STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE - FEAST DAY NEXT SAT. 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured to be the parents of Mary who was conceived without sin and became the Mother of God. Mary was raised in a faith-filled Jewish family, faithful to God and the religious traditions of her day.

### **THE GIFT OF GRANDPARENTS**

**GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN - see each other's inner beauty.**

- To a grandparent, each grandchild is a wonderful mystery.
- To young children, their grandparents are simply beautiful and they tell them so; they don't seem to notice the wrinkles and sagging skin!
- As one grandfather said: *"they even laugh at my jokes!"*
- So both generations are helped to see themselves as God sees us – loveable, good and made in His image.

**GRANDPARENTS are often strong witnesses to the faith.**

Nowhere is their presence more important than in passing on the faith. This is the most obvious at special events such as Confirmation and First Communion. They often pray for their grandchildren, encourage them in their faith and pray for their special concerns.

## NEXT WEEKEND:

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** is being celebrated throughout Queensland **27<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August**. **Next Sunday St. Joseph's School** will have a significant involvement in the celebration of the **8.30AM Sunday Mass** to begin Catholic Education Week for St. Joseph's School.

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## HOW DO YOU FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? HOW DO YOU BECOME A CATHOLIC?

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH will soon be providing an opportunity **next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30PM** at the **Presbytery** for interested youth and adults to find out more about preparing for Baptism or how to become a Catholic.

Those especially invited are

- *those who are not Baptised;*
- *those with no religious background or formation;*
- *those Baptised in another Christian tradition, but who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith;*
- *those Baptised, but have not received Confirmation or the Eucharist;*
- *those married to a Catholic and wish to know more about the faith of their spouse or children;*
- *those who want to deepen their understanding of the faith so they can help their children grow in their faith.*

Parishioners are asked to tell others who may be interested about this opportunity **next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30PM** at the **Presbytery** (or if that time is not convenient, just contact Fr. Brian at the Presbytery soon). Without any obligation, those who are interested can find out how a young person or adult can prepare for Baptism or entry into the Church. We hope to have a Catechumenate program in the Parish (adults preparing for Baptism or entry into the Church), beginning in the months ahead for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter next year.

Do you know anyone who may be interested? There will be more details soon.

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## NOTICE:

**BOOK LAUNCH:** The book launch of emeritus Bishop Bill Morris' Book was held in Toowoomba last Monday night, with well over four hundred attending.

Our very popular and highly respected former Bishop was warmly welcomed by all. Bishop Bill wrote the Book mainly because he said he believed the people of the Diocese deserved to know the story. The book has been hugely popular and there were only a limited number of books available.

I have placed an order for the copies for parishioners who have paid for a copy. Hopefully it will not be long before they arrive. Thank you for your patience.