

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

21ST JUNE 2015

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REFUGEE WEEK – SUNDAY 14TH – SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2015

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (20 June). In 2015, Refugee Week will be held from Sunday 14 June to Saturday 20 June.



The theme for Refugee Week for 2015 to 2017 is **“With courage let us all combine”**. Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

A call for unity and action for a fairer society: The Refugee Week theme encourages Australians to celebrate the best aspects of our nation's welcome of refugees, frankly acknowledge unjust treatment of asylum seekers and refugees and commit to working together to ensure that we do better. In doing this, we celebrate the positive contributions to Australian society made over the past 70 years by the 800,000 Australians who once were refugees, taking inspiration from the second verse of *Advance Australia Fair*:

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross, we'll toil with hearts and hands;
to make this Commonwealth of ours renowned of all the lands;
for those who've come across the seas, we've boundless plains to share;
with courage let us all combine To Advance Australia Fair.*

This Year's Social Justice Statement of the Australia's Catholic Bishops' to be released for Social Justice Sunday on **27th September 2015**, is entitled **“For Those Who've Come Across The Seas”**. More than 50 million people around the world are now displaced as they flee persecution and unspeakable terror. The Bishops will address the divisive national debate over asylum seekers who have arrived by boat and they discuss Australia's response in the broader context of the global movement of people and the dreadful experience of the flight from persecution. The Bishops will call for a new approach beyond deterrence and detention. They appeal to our nation's history of welcome and human rights obligation.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church and God's family *Aidan Harry Finch*, the first child and son of Adrian and Miriam (nee Dittman) being Baptised during the 8.30AM Mass this Sunday. *"By God's gift through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life."* (Rite of Baptism)

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners who contribute **monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly** may **collect their Planned Giving Envelopes in the foyer this weekend.** The **packets** of envelopes (52 weeks) have been delayed and will be available for distribution at the Mass **next weekend.** It is always a big task distributing the envelopes at this time of year. Please assist by collecting your envelopes before or after Mass. Dorothy is available to assist you.

The new envelopes commence in two weeks time or the weekend of 4/5 July. Please do not use your new envelopes until 4/5 July. Thank you for your assistance. **Please destroy all old envelopes when you begin using the new ones in two week time.**

NEW ROSTER FOR READERS and MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Please collect your new Roster in the foyer this weekend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosario Patane (Italy: Brother-In-Law of Rosaria Romeo – 15/6/15), Bridget Murphy (Warwick), Santo Grasso, Mavis Marstella, Vivian Stuart, Marlene Holmes, Michele (Mick) Messina, Cirillo Carniel, Mario Giacomantonio, Hans Hack

TO REMEMBER: Andrea Miotto, Reuben Empen, Rainer (Ron) Empen, Ugo, Elide & Mario Brisotto, Gelindo Canzian, Luigi & Mario Stecca, Giovanna & Mario Zanella, Salvatore Cardillo & Venera Murabito, Fr. Thomas McCormack

FOR THE SICK: Giovanni Gottardo, Gloria Keats, Bro. Ed Collins OH, Vincenzo Di Raimond, Marie Hindmarsh, Karen Anderson, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, Mario Costanzo, Joe Costanzo, Danny Mahoney, Ken McQualter, Cathy Sullivan, Linda Vinciguerra, Debra Micallef, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

THIS WEEK:

MASSES: MON: NO MASS; TUES: 7AM; WED: 11.45AM; THURS: 9.15AM; FRI: 5.30PM; SAT: 7AM SATURDAY VIGIL : 6.30PM SUNDAY: 8.30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Prior to Sat. Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass or anytime by contacting Fr. Brian 4681 2157 or Fr. Lino 4681 3653.

FEAST DAYS: MON: STS. JOHN FISHER & THOMS MORE; WED: SOLEMNITY OF NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF FR. PAT HALL: *Parishioners are invited to a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, tomorrow Monday 22nd June at 11AM to celebrate Fr. Pat's 60 years as a Priest of the Diocese.* Fr. Pat was a former much loved Pastor to the parishioners of Wallangarra and Lyra many years ago and has been living in Retirement at Lourdes Home in recent years. Fr. Lino and Fr. Brian will be at the Mass and Dinner to honour Fr. Pat on this significant milestone in his life.

NEXT WEEKEND:

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Each year, near the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, a collection is taken up in all Parishes throughout the world to assist the Pope in his universal Ministry.

This special collection will be taken up at Masses NEXT SUNDAY, at Notice Time, after the Prayer after Communion.

HOMELESS PEOPLE TO VISIT THE SHROUD OF TURIN, THANKS TO POPE

People might ask what does the Pope do with funds which are donated from around the world. The following article in Zenit (The world seen from Rome) on 10th June is just one example of Pope Francis and his practical concern for the poor. Contributions we make to next week's second collection for the Pope could be used for similar good causes during the year ahead.

Pope Francis has once again shown his care not only for the material, but also the spiritual well-being of those less fortunate.

Some 50 homeless persons, residents of a shelter run by the Roman parish of Saint Lucy, are having an all-expense paid trip to see the Holy Shroud in Turin.

"The trip was offered to our homeless brethren by Pope Francis who, upon hearing about the pilgrimage, through his almoner assigned to works of charity, wished to give a contribution to these people who live in precariousness with the conviction that, like the Shroud, they represent the suffering Face of the Lord Jesus," said Fr. Antonio Nicolai, pastor of St. Lucy's Parish.

Part of the group made their way to Turin last week, and was received at two pilgrimage centers that are modelled after the centers in Lourdes, France. Sr. Giuseppina Fornoni, director of the 'Accueil del Cottolengo, highlighted the importance of giving the pilgrims an experience that nourishes both body and soul.

"During the winters, we welcome homeless people – and we are prepared to receive these brothers and sisters so that they live a joyous experience of community, in which every sick person and guest feels welcomed individually with their priceless worth, according to the spirit of St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, as is taught by the message of the greatest love that we contemplate in the Shroud," she said.

POPE FRANCIS TO OPEN HOSTEL FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE NEAR ST. PETER'S



Pope Francis is to open a hostel for the homeless, in his latest initiative to help those sleeping rough on Rome's streets.

The Pope, who has made concern for the poor a pillar of his papacy, is to open a dormitory for 30 people near St Peter's. The gesture follows the opening of a barber and showers for the homeless under the colonnades of the square.

The hostel, which will open after the summer, is just outside the walls of the Vatican, in Via Penitenzieri, in a building formerly used by an agency for humanitarian travel.

The plans for the dormitory, which will only be open at night and will be operated by volunteers, were confirmed by Mgr Konrad Krajewski, the Pope's official almsgiver.

Francis appointed the Polish priest as his almoner because Mgr Krajewski regularly used to distribute food to the poor and needy on the streets in the area around the Vatican.

Rumours that Francis sneaked out of the Vatican, dressed as a priest, to distribute charity to those living on the streets, circulated in Rome in 2013, after Mgr Krajewski dropped a strong hint during a TV interview.

The idea comes 27 years after St Pope John Paul II opened a dormitory for homeless women.

The Polish pope asked Mother Teresa of Calcutta to help him after seeing homeless people sleeping under the arcade at the entrance to St Peter's Square on a snowy night.

Francis, who is also the bishop of Rome, has made a series of gestures to the city's homeless since he took office two years ago.

(Source: Cath News 12.06.15)

COMING UP:

VISIT OF BISHOP COLIN CAMPBELL - Tuesday 14 July

Bishop Campbell was consecrated the sixth Bishop of Dunedin in 2004 and has been involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 1971 and National Chaplain for the renewal in New Zealand since 1998. Bishop Campbell will be speaking on the topic: **"Whose DNA Do You Have?"** at a presentation on **Tuesday 14 July from 7.00 till 9.00pm**. The Wings of Freedom Charismatic Prayer Group, with the support of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane, is hosting this event. The venue will be the **All Seasons Function Centre; Cnr Tor & North Sts Toowoomba**. For more information contact Mike Pyke on 0427 800 913 or email michael.pyke56@bigpond.com

ST JOSEPH'S FETE-CAN YOU HELP?

Preparations are well underway for the **School Fete and 140 Year Celebrations** to be held on **Saturday 31st October**. This is the major fundraising event for the School and is shaping up to be a fun-filled and successful day.

Amongst the many stalls that will feature at the Fete, the Committee will be running a **second-hand book and plant stall**.

Please contact Angie Sims on 46 815904 if you have any books no longer required or can assist with potted plants and seedlings.