

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

19TH JULY 2015

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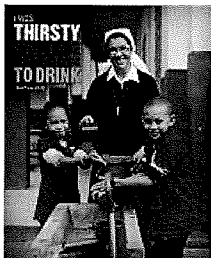
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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2015

POSTER: The Poster for this year's Catholic Mission Appeal is on the front of the Ambo – the Table of the Word – and in the foyer of the Church. Take time to pause reflectively before it.

It helps to make real how our generous support of Catholic Mission each year helps missionaries and communities in over 160 countries throughout the world.



The poster this year features **Sr. Rose Rasoavololona with two students** at the **"Ecole di la Sagesse Catholic School in the city of Vatomandry on the east coast of Madagascar.** Thanks to Catholic Mission and Sr. Rose the children now have access to clean water for drinking and washing at School, as well as much needed formation and spiritual support.

THE DVD: This weekend, in Homily time, we will view the DVD featuring the life-saving work of Catholic Mission in Madagascar. Sr. rose is a Daughter of Wisdom and Director of a Catholic School. With the help of Catholic Mission she has been able to build eight toilets and six water pumps at the School and provide training on sanitation and hygiene for the children and their families. There have been significant improvements in the children's health and that of the whole community.

Today's Catholic Mission Appeal is an invitation for all of us to support the work of Sr. Rose and other missionaries providing physical and spiritual water to children and their families, so they can have a healthy and successful future.

APPEAL ENVELOPE

Included in each Parish Bulletin is a Catholic Mission Appeal Envelope.

If you have come prepared for today's appeal, please complete your personal details, include your gift 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 missionaries like Sr. Rose who we see in the DVD today and on the poster.

Pray for the work of Catholic Mission throughout the world.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Joyce Fossey (Wife of Des, Mother of Debbie Hurtz, Jenny Williamson, Tania Swan & Craig Fossey – Funeral Liturgy: Wednesday 10.30AM), Beverley Gacia (Husband of Richard [Dec], Father of Joanne, Richard & Lynda), Edward (Ted) Monaghan, Fr. John (Jack) Clancy, Paulani (Lani) Zelakiewicz, Les Weber, Giovanni Gottardo, David Barker, Bruce Peter Smith, Ottavio Cattarin (One month), Laurie Reedy, Catherine Coleman, Fr. Jeff Scully

TO REMEMBER: Quinto Pierini, Francesco Giacosa, Lucia Urzi & Dec. Family Members, Pietro Cosu, Merton & Edna Smith, Giovanni, Silvia & Angelo Pozzebon & DFM, Adamo, Maria, Carmela Rossi & DFM, Verginio, Maria, Anna Zanlarensi & DFM, Costante, Giovanna & Antonio Foresto & DFM, Verginio & Bernadino Pestrin & DFM, Ettore, Norma & Bruno Pavanello & DFM, Ruggero & Ginetta Vimercati & DFM, Maria Maggiolo, Andrea Miotto, Giovannina & Carla Allesandrini, Anna & Stefano Pozzebon, Fr. Joseph Portley, Fr. Robert Flynn

FOR THE SICK: Thomas Lamb (9 Yrs), Ned Sparksman (21 years – In Praque Hospital with serious spinal injuries after accident - Cousin of Fr. Brian Sparksman Toowoomba), Ken McQualter, Gloria Keats, Marie Hindmarsh, Karen Anderson, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, Joe Costanzo, Danny Mahoney, Linda Vinciguerra, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Tonight, Sunday 19th

July, at **6PM** there is a **PARENT MEETING** in St. Joseph's Library/Administration Building for the parents of the Children who will soon begin their program of preparation for First Holy Communion on Sunday 30th August. See the Notice for full details of the program on the back page.

The children will be enrolled at the Parish Masses on next weekend. We prayerfully support and encourage these children and their families during these weeks of preparation.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES: MON: 7AM; TUES: 7AM; 9.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK at VILLA CARRAMAR, Alice Street; WED: 8AM; THURS: 9.15AM; FRI: 5.30PM; SAT: 7AM; SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.30PM; SUNDAY: 8.30AM

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday Mass 8AM (Not 11.45AM) owing to the Funeral Liturgy at 10.30AM)

MEETING: MON: 5.30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE

NEXT WEEKEND: CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK is being celebrated throughout Queensland 26th July – 1st August. **Next Sunday, St. Joseph's School Students will have a significant involvement in the celebration of the 8.30AM Mass** to begin Catholic Education Week for St. Joseph's School. The theme of this year's celebration is *"Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts, Serving Others"*.

PHOTOS OF SNOW IN STANTHORPE: If you have any nice photos of the snow – some with people in the photo or maybe some of the Church/Convent with snow on the roof, just a nice scene – could you email them to the Presbytery. We might be able to have a "Stanthorpe Snow Photo" on the cover of the Diocesan Horizon Magazine and have an article with some photos in the Magazine.

COMING UP: 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.

NOTICES:

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH invites 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 they may think might be interested. Without any obligation, those who are interested have the opportunity to find out how a young person or adult can prepare for Baptism or come to full communion with the Church. If there are some interested adults or youth, the Parish will have a Catechumenate program (adults preparing for Baptism or entry into the Church), beginning in the months ahead (about September) to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter next year.

PLEASE CONTACT FR. BRIAN IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED. INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND WITHOUT OBLIGATION.

THE ST. JOSEPHS PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION is

currently running a fundraiser called **"DESIGN-A-BRICK"**

where past and present students and staff have to opportunity to purchase a paver engraved with their name/s and/or dates of attendance.

These pavers will then be laid on the school grounds and will coincide with the 140 year anniversary of St Joseph's School.

Pavers cost \$30 each and can have up to three lines engraved on them.

Alternately, you may order a hand drawn/written paver at a cost of \$35.

Orders close on Friday 18th September and order forms are available via the school website or from the school office.

Any enquiries can be directed to Natalie Raccanello (0427168927).

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Letters were sent recently to parents of the children who will soon begin their preparation for their **First Holy Communion** on **Sunday 30th August** at the 8.30AM Mass.

The program of preparation is as follows:

- # **19TH JULY (THIS SUNDAY) - 6PM PARENT MEETING** in St. Joseph's Library/Administration Centre.
- # **25/26 July - Children will be enrolled at the Masses.**
- # **29 July/1 August – Instructions Classes begin** on Wednesday or Saturday for four weeks.
- # **1/2; 8/9; 15/16; 22/23 August – Special Rituals at Mass each Sunday**
- # **18th August - Practice and Sacrament of Reconciliation** 3.30PM in In St. Joseph's Church.
- # **30th August – First Holy Communion** 8.30AM Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PARENT NIGHT – SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – 6PM

ENROLEMENT OF CHILDREN at MASSES – 12/13 September

(PLEASE NOTE: The Parent Night and Enrolment of the Children will be prior to the School Holidays which are from 19th September – 6th October. The Instruction Classes will commence after the children have returned to School from holidays.)

- # **INSTRUCTION CLASSES on Wednesday or Saturday for four weeks**
14/17 Oct; 21/24 Oct; 28/31 Oct; 4/7 Nov.
- # **FIRST RECONCILIATION – 6.30PM Monday 9th November.**

Each year the Parish makes every effort to contact the parents of children who may be at an age when they can be prepared for the Sacraments. Children who are in Year Three or older are at an age where they can be prepared for the Sacraments. If you know of a child or children who are older and who have not been prepared for the Sacraments while they were younger please contact the Parish Office soon. Grandparents can sometimes be very helpful in ensuring that their grandchildren are given the opportunity to prepare for the Sacraments. Please contact Fr. Brian if you need some advice or guidance in these matters.

Thank you for what you can do in reaching out to the families with children in this pastoral matter of bringing them to the Sacraments.