

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

13TH SEPTEMBER 2015

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH STANTHORPE

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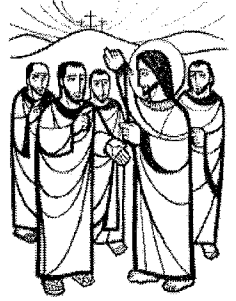
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CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY
is being observed throughout Australia today
as the conclusion of Child Protection Week.

*WORKING TOGETHER
TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
IN OUR CHURCH AND SOCIETY.*

Child Protection Sunday highlights the preventative efforts of the Church in the area of Child Abuse. Every Catholic is invited to be part of making the future safer for children than has been in the past. Not paralysed by shame, anger or hurt we seek to build a different future.

Our aim is to ensure that all communities and organizations within the Church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

WHITE BALLOONS

White balloons and white flowers were first used in Belgium in 1996 as a symbol to promote child safety.

White balloons are now used in Australia to raise awareness for child safety.

Our Church, and Catholic Schools are in solidarity with the wider Australian community and child protection agencies in fighting against child abuse and creating a safe environment for our children.

*Protecting
Children
Is
Every-
body's
Business.*

Lord,

*You ask that the little children be allowed to come to You;
for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.

*Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic
Communities provide a safe environment for each child.*

*We pray especially for all those
who have been harmed in their childhood.
Give them courage in facing the past
and lead them to Your healing protection.*



ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday night, a Parent Meeting was held to begin the Sacramental Program for 2015-2016. There are nineteen children being presented by their parents for the Sacraments. This weekend at the Masses there will be a Ceremony of Enrolment.

The children are

*Rebekah Carnell, Jordan Cosmo, Claire Danzey, Luke Gasparin,
Michael Gasparin, Callan Grace, Charlie Haynes, Ethan Kay,
Darren Matsoncgoni, Dylan Matsoncgoni, Annaliese McCosker,
Clancey Moncada, Jack O'Brien, Brigid O'Dea, Joe Petroccitto,
David Romeo, Rylee Vedelago, Luke Webb, Siena Zanatta*

The children will begin their instruction lessons after the School holidays. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated on **Monday 9th November** at **6.30PM** in St. Joseph's Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nora Sullivan (Funeral Mass – Monday 10AM St. Mary's Church Warwick),
Isabel Aldis (Wife of Arnold [Dec], Mother of Lorraine, Michael [Dec] & Warren Roberts),
Brian Hickling, Alvena Pace, Giuseppi (Joe) Costanzo, Brian McDonagh, Marie Hindmarsh, Harrold Beddow

TO REMEMBER: Dorrie O'Reilly, Ted Cooney, Sam & Samuel Leonardi, Francesco Scalora & Dec. Family Members, Angelo & Maddalena Palazzolo & DFM, Leonarda Caruso, Anselmo Maggiolo, Fr. Francis Burke, 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 Pretlato & DFM, Ruggero & Ginetta Vimercati & DFM, Maria Maggiolo, Andrea Miotto, Giovannina & Carla Allesandrini, Anna & Stefano Pozzebon, Estralolace Carla

FOR THE SICK: Barry Clarke, Sophia Pereira, Elaine Burton, Julia Johnstone, Karen Anderson, Thomas Lamb, Ned Sparksman, Gloria Keats, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Danny Mahoney, Linda Vinciguerra, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Briday Kelly, Enid McCarthy

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL:

Thank you for your support for the Sick, Elderly and Retired Priests of our Diocese – for your prayers and contributions to the Foundation that assists the Bishop in caring for our elderly Priests who have cared for us during their life time of service. A total of \$904 has been contributed last Sunday, with one very generous contribution of \$500. **Envelopes for the appeal are still in the foyer and can be returned to the Parish by way of the collection or Parish Office.** The elderly and retired Priests thank you for your generous support and remember you in their Masses and prayers, as they have done all during their years of ministry.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES: **MON:** 7AM; **TUES:** 7AM; 10.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT CARRAMAR, College Road; **WED:** 11.45AM; **THURS:** 9.15AM SCHOOL MASS in Bathersby Centre; ; **FRI:** 5.30PM; **SAT:** 7AM;
SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.30PM; **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

FEAST DAYS: **MON:** *THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS*; **TUES:** *OUR LADY OF SORROWS*; **WED:** *ST. CORNELIUS*

MEETINGS: **MON:** 5.30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE

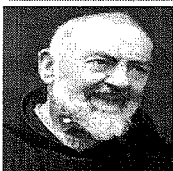
NEXT WEEKEND:

LIGHT THE NIGHT LEUKAEMIA FUNDRAISER

From **5PM, Saturday 19th September 2015** at the **CF White Oval**, you are invited to join the **Light The Night walk around the Oval** (600 metres or ½ km) with lanterns – gold to remember a loved one, white for your own journey or blue to show you care. Food, bar, drinks, entertainment, multi draw raffle. All funds assist the Leukaemia Foundation to support families affected by blood cancer. Register at <http://lightthenight.org.au/> and enter Stanthorpe's postcode. Contact Angie Sims 0427 670 671 for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated during the 8.30AM Mass next Sunday for one infant and three children. There will be no Baptisms during October, Baptisms will be celebrated on 22nd November.

COMING UP:



TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA for FEAST OF

ST. PADRE PIO: Sunday 27th Sept. Cost \$30. The Bus departs from the Civic Centre at 6.15AM. Payment required when booking. Please contact Nalda Sciuto on 4681 3014. No refund after Sunday 20th September.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL will be held in the Civic Centre on **Friday 16th October**. Tickets and Bookings are available at **Maddies Gift Gallery**. Adults \$45, 6-12 years of age \$10. Under 6 years no charge. Gallery tickets \$3.

ST. JOSEPH'S FETE AND 140 YEAR CELEBRATIONS – Saturday 31st October. Contact Angie Sims on 4681 5904 if you have any books you no longer require or can assist with potted plants and seedlings

NOTICES:

MOWING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: *More volunteers would be appreciated for the Roster to mow and maintain the Presbytery and Church grounds.* Please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday 17th September if you can assist. Thanks to the generous volunteers for all they do in keeping the grounds neat and tidy. It is much appreciated.

The St. Joseph's Parents & Friends Association is currently running a fundraiser called "Design-a-Brick" where past and present students and staff have the 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 or Church foyer.

Any enquiries can be directed to Natalie Raccanello (0427 168 927)

NOTICES Cont.:

BUSINESS OWNERS

St. Joseph's School is celebrating 140 years and you are invited to be part of this special milestone by securing your advertisement in a special commemorative Border Post issue on Thursday 29th October. Please refer to the flyer in the Church Foyer to secure your place in this special feature.

FETE MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

The St Joseph's Fete to be held on Saturday 31st October is the school's major fundraiser but also a celebration of 140 years of providing quality Catholic education. The School is proud of its humble beginnings and has been meeting the spiritual, educational and pastoral needs of young people of this district for 140 years.

To mark this very special occasion, St Joseph's School has limited edition memorabilia for sale. An order form can be located at the back of the Church. To avoid disappointment, complete the form and return to the Office at your earliest convenience.

POPE OPENS THE VATICAN TO REFUGEES, CALLS PARISHES TO DO THE SAME

ROME — In light of the massive refugee crisis in Europe, Pope Francis announced Sunday that he will give temporary housing in the Vatican to at least two refugee families and asked that every European parish, monastery, and shrine do the same.

The pontiff said the two parish churches contained within the walls of the Vatican city-state, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Anne's, will welcome at least one refugee family each.

"Faced with the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees fleeing war, death, and hunger, who are on their way toward life's hope, the Gospel calls us to be near to the smallest and abandoned," the pontiff said.

Francis' announcement came in remarks to pilgrims and tourists gathered in St. Peter's Square for his weekly Angelus prayer.

Thousands of migrants and refugees streamed into Germany and Austria over the weekend after being stuck in Hungary for days.

The International Organization for Migration estimates that more than 350,000 migrants arrived at the European Union's borders between January and August this year. Some believe those estimates are low: According to Eurostat, 662,000 people applied for asylum in the EU in 2014.

That was almost 200,000 more than the year before, and double the number in 2011.

The numbers are growing exponentially from month to month. More than 100,000 people, mostly from Syria, Eritrea, and Afghanistan, arrived in precarious boats and rubber dinghies to European shores in July alone.

Francis' appeal comes only days after a poignant photo of the lifeless body of Aylan Kurdi, a three-year-old Syrian boy fleeing the war with his family washed up on a beach in Turkey, caused an outcry around the world.

Source: Jesuit Communications Melbourne 10th September 2015