

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

11TH OCTOBER 2015

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH STANTHORPE

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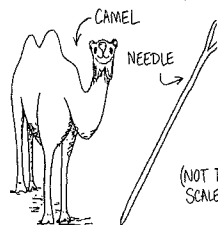
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ST. JOSEPH'S DEBUTANTE BALL 2015

will be held **this Friday night 17th October** in the **Civic Centre**.

Twenty-seven debutantes will be presented to
Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp from Inglewood at 8.30PM.

Our Parish congratulates the Debutantes for 2015

Sarah Green (Partner: Matthew Williamson), *Natalie Wust* (Alex Williams),
Alison Hernandez (Joshua Crestani), *Shania Scuderi* (Thomas Jensen),
Mikaela Grayling (Riley Taylor), *Zoe Kay* (Zachary Hendry),
Tayla Brentnall (Douglas Barrs), *Tori Foster* (Colin Paton),
Helena Humble (Liam McNichol), *Chloe Alldridge* (Rosario Ricca),
Natalia Kloppers (Bradley Britton), *Lydia Marino* (Christopher Schnitzerling),
Lauren Wilie (Jesse Wallace), *Britany Aitken* (Sean Colbran),
Emily Ladgrove (Jacob Furness), *Tayla Berryman* (Lochie Watson),
Tayla Bush (Brendan Suell), *Danika Newman* (David Musumeci),
Linsy Armbruster (Lachlan Knight), *Samantha Gunnlaugsson* (Aiden Halford),
Brielle Thompson (Joshua Mouws), *Rebecca Wren* (Isaac Hartley-Simpson),
Alkeer Kamara (Travis Calvisi), *Kelsey Fardell* (Aiden Fox),
Alyssa Murphy (Daniel Harvey), *Elizabeth Hawksworth* (Daniel Harvey),
Lauren Davis (Cody Foster)

MATRON OF HONOUR: *Cheryl Carletti*

FLOWER GIRLS: *India St. John, Bella Auliff*

MAIDS OF HONOUR: *Madeline Torrisi, Gemma Osbhaldeston*

We hope it will be a very enjoyable and memorable night for them, their partners,
their families and their friends.

Tickets for the Ball can be purchased from Maddies Gift Gallery
Adults \$45. 6-12 Years of age \$10. Under 6 years No Charge.

Music will be provided by "Reloaded".

Thank you to the Committee for their generosity and efforts in preparing for this
important social function in the life of the Parish and community,
and for those who have trained and prepared the Debutantes and their partners.

Thank you to all who are generously assisting in so many ways,
prior to, during and after the Ball.

Thank you to all patrons of the 2014 St. Joseph's Debutante Ball.

**HELPERS ARE REQUIRED TO SET UP THE CIVIC CENTRE FOR THE
BALL at 8.30AM on Thursday morning and to help clean up Saturday 8.30AM.**

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

We need to pray for the respect for all human life. Only through prayer can we foster that "contemplative outlook" of which Pope John Paul II spoke, in order to "rediscover the ability to revere and honour every person."
(EV n.83) We are called to enter into that contemplative attitude and "pray" for the gift of respect for human life,
no matter what its condition or age.



Heavenly Father,
the beauty and dignity of human life
was the crowning of Your creation.
You further ennobled that life
when Your Son became one with us in His incarnation.
Help us to realize the sacredness of human life
and to respect it from the moment of conception
until the last moment at death.

Give us courage to speak with truth
and love and with conviction in defence of life.
Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness
to those who do not reverence Your gift of life.
To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed
to be grateful for Your precious gift of life
or to respect it in others.
We ask this in Jesus' Name.
Amen.



Prayer for Reverence of Life

All mighty God, giver of all that is good.
We thank You for the precious gift of human life.
For life in womb, coming from Your creative power
For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world
For the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility
For the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom.
Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift.
May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end
and bring us at last O Father to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK IN AUSTRALIA IS HELD FROM SUNDAY 4TH TO SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2015

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy. It is an initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health. WMHD is an annual program held on 10 October to raise public awareness of mental health issues worldwide.

This year, the theme is *Mental Health Begins With Me!*

The theme aims to encourage people to personal ownership of their mental health and well-being.

One in five Australians will experience mental illness this year. We all have a role to play in looking after our own mental health and well-being.

When our parishes gather, nearly everyone will know someone who has a mental illness of varying severity and length. Because of the stigma attached to it, few will come forward, but it is there. How can we support people living with the stigma of mental illness?

People living with mental health challenges, are no less members of the Body of Christ than anyone else. People with mental illness and their families often feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. Isolation is often caused by social stigma: the idea that mental illness is a question of character or a punishment from God.

As a faith community, we can offer spiritual comfort through our prayerful presence in people's lives by acknowledging their pain and supporting them through the healing and recovery process.

Parishes may like to highlight the gifts and talents of people with mental health challenges, their families and support people. It is also an appropriate time to recognise the importance of spirituality and well-being.

Everyone can take part in looking after their own wellbeing and good health, which is important to everyone.

It is a reminder to look after our own well-being, especially our spiritual well-being.

(SOURCE: National Catholic Partnership on Disability – Mental Illness 415 Michigan Avenue NE Suite 95 Washington, DC USA 20017-4501)

“The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.”

Pope Francis

WE WELCOME BACK TO THE PARISH *Fr. Don Murray.*

Fr. Don will be resident in the Parish to celebrate Masses and the Sacraments and be available for the pastoral needs of the parishioners while Fr. Brian is on his annual vacation.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sophie Gasparin (05.10.15- 13 years: Daughter of John & Julie, Sister of Genevieve & Tiffany, Granddaughter of Terry & Mirella Gasparin & Carol Rix: Funeral Mass Monday 19.10.15 – Time to be advised),

Karen Anderson (06.10.15 – 36 years: Wife of Damian, Mother of Brianna & Cohen, Daughter & Daughter-In-Law of John & Clelia Patti & Wayne & Kerrylee Anderson – Funeral: Thursday 22.10.15 – Time to be advised),

Salute Pozzebon (04.10.15: Italy: Sister of Beatrice Robazza),

Renata Angelino, Carmela Finocchiaro, Mary Hayes, Nora Sullivan, Isabel Aldis

TO REMEMBER: Rosario Puglisi, Baby Aubree Puglisi, Antonio & Nunzia Puglisi, Salvatore & Francesca Boccari, Sante Semenzin, Mario & Nita Costanzo, Fr. Michael Mahon

FOR THE SICK: Elsie Leake, Nancy Kimlin (Mother of Johanna Campbell), Cathy Sullivan, Dr. Frank Carmody (Brisbane), Doris Gray, Sophia Pereira, Elaine Burton, Julia Johnstone, Thomas Lamb, Ned Sparksman, Gloria Keats, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Danny Mahoney, Linda Vinciguerra, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

LITURGY ROSTER available in Foyer.

THIS WEEK:

MASSSES: MON: 7AM; **TUES:** 7AM; **WED:** 11.45AM; **THURS:** 9.15AM; **FRI:** 5.30PM; **SAT:** 7AM; **SATURDAY VIGIL (Lay Led Liturgy):** 6.30PM; **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

FEAST DAYS: WED: *ST. CALLISTUS I, Pope & Martyr*; **THURS:** *ST. TERESA OF Jesus, Virgin & Doctor*; **FRI:** *ST. HEDWIG, Religious*; *ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, Virgin*; **SAT:** *ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop & Martyr*

NEXT WEEKEND:

A LAY LED LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

is being held **next Saturday** at **6.30PM** as Fr. Don Murray has a prior commitment.

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual **World Mission Appeal**. The theme this year is **"Love Your Neighbour As Yourself"**.

THANK YOU: To all who went on the bus trip to Marian Valley Canungra, last Sunday week, I hope everyone had a very rewarding and enjoyable day. *God bless. Nalda Sciuto.*

COMING UP: PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION: The instruction lessons for the nineteen children enrolled to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 9th November, commence on **Wednesday 14th October** at **3.30PM** and **Saturday 17th October** at **5.15PM** for four weeks. There will be a short ritual at the Masses each weekend during the program of instruction.

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.

NOTICES:

CARRAMAR & VILLA CARRAMAR: There will be no Mass this month.

PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE: There will be no meetings this month.

FOUNDATIONS FOR LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY: "Foundations" is a course providing theological and practical lay ministry formation for people serving or seeking to serve in ministry positions such as *Parish Pastoral Council, Chaplaincy, State School Religious Education, RCIA, Sacramental Preparation teams, Scripture Study, Social Justice, Care & Concern and Grief Support Groups*. Its purpose is to support the faith formation of participants.

The **first module of the course** will be **commencing soon**. For more information contact Sr. Elaine Morzone, P O Box 756, Toowoomba 4350, 4632 4277 (Ext.202); 0458 020 906.

Modules in Formation are offered each year and can be commenced at any time. It is a very "user friendly" course, aimed at assisting with formation for pastoral ministry in Parishes. More information is also available from the Parish Office.