

Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement *Everyone's Business: Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy.*

The Statement offers a “comprehensive analysis of Australia’s economic priorities, drawing from the teachings of Pope Francis and his predecessors to highlight how extreme free-market economics has failed to serve all.” Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen introduced the statement saying “it is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and by the ‘unswerving vision of Pope Francis: that the most vulnerable and excluded are the ones who need to take first place in our hearts and in our actions as individuals and as a society’”. It also draws on the 1992 research which culminated in the *Common Wealth for the Common Good* Bishops’ Statement for Social Justice Sunday. “In that statement the Bishops warned of growing household poverty and employment insecurity. Most importantly they stressed that the economy is something that exists not for its own sake but for the benefit of an entire society....[in which] justice and equity are foundational to the economy, not after thoughts.”

“The Church has been part of a global movement for ‘inclusive growth’. It is not just about improving sections of the economy that have failed the poor. It is not about continually picking up people who have fallen through the system and placing them back into a market place that cast them aside in the first place.”

Popes, with Francis well and truly in the stream of thought, have consistently called for economic systems “to ensure that people always remain the centre of concern, avoiding the social and economic exclusion of individuals or entire communities ‘when money becomes the end and motive of every activity and every venture.’”

As ‘recently’ as 1992, the statements warned of “economic rationalism: Its advocates believe strongly in the free market and the need to reduce government spending and intervention. They argue for the principles of privatisation and user-pays. They call for lower welfare payments and tax and less trade union influence. Taken to extremes, this ideology promotes individualism, the survival of the fittest philosophy and the-greed-is-good mentality.”

The statistics are daunting in a country of such potential: the top 20% of households received far greater increases in income than the poorest 20%. Nearly 3,000,000 Australians, including over 730,000 children, are living in poverty. Deregulation has reduced the security and benefits for many, while job permanence has often been replaced by short-term contracts and casual, part-time employment...Average wages have stagnated over recent years despite higher workforce productivity.” Amazingly, “more than one third of Australians experiencing poverty are employed, with many in part-time, casual or intermittent work.”

You will have read in the papers that Australia has experienced 25 years of uninterrupted economic growth. However, hundreds of thousands of our citizens are living in poverty even though they have a job. Life has become much harder for those dependent on welfare payments, and Indigenous people continue to be over-represented in key areas of disadvantage, life expectancy, illness and imprisonment.

A cursory glance around the city, especially Bondi, will tell the story of homelessness of so many, mainly men, although the new phenomenon of older women becoming homeless is now with us. [Why are men so disproportionately represented in the ranks of the gaoled and the homeless?]

Prospects of buying or even renting a good home or unit is moving out of reach, even for those with decent jobs. Source *Justice Matters* – available in the Foyer. (we shall return to this statement in later *Bulletins*.)



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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass, 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays. Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.



Accessible Seats - Rows
5,6,7 and cross aisles.
Front 6 seats either side
of centre aisle.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Terry Brand, Sr. Brigid Fleming, (Brigidine) Orlando Cassas, Joe Sullivan, Josefina Diaz, Gerald Kearney, Margaret McDonald, Barbara Back.

Anniversaries and Deceased:

James Byrne, Arun Infanciano, Raymond Leon, William Crothers, Gerard Jordan, Francis Tuohy, Joan De Roza, Marie Dempsey, Marie Morris, Ercillia, Dviz and Manuel Mestre, Rosemary Castiglia (Birthday Rem), Maria Fia, Lillian Jordan, Mons, Vince Marley, Len Jarman, Catherine Cochrane, Doris Wakefield.

Special Intentions: Peter Castaldi, Don Allen.

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Eleanor Sharpe, Jack Del Vecchio.

POSITION VACANT:

Temporary position for an Enrolled Nurse or a Registered Nurse at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent, Kensington. Three hours per day, Monday to Friday. Immediate start until November 6th. Please contact Sr Helen on 96621777.

OLSH YOUTH GROUP:

Contact youtholsh@gmail.com Next meeting third Saturday of the month – followed by Mass at 6.00pm where the youth sing. This is a beautiful occasion for young people – Year 4- upwards – Year 10 or so). They have an opportunity to participate more meaningfully in the life of the parish, together with simple fun time together. Peter Hearn MSC

CONGRATULATIONS to Bridget Tan, a Year 12 Student who graduated during the week from Brigidine College. Bridget received the prestigious Archbishop's Award for service to the faith community. Bridget is a Eucharistic Minister in our Parish.

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier Founder MSC and OLSH:

"Our heart has not only the need to love; it also experiences the need to be loved. Jesus greatly desires to be our friend, to make us live with his life. Let us turn to him in all our needs." Jules Chevalier, *Meditations*

Coming Up

- **Sun 24 Sept - St. Joseph's Nursing Home Stall**
- **Tues 26 Sept: Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs**
- **Wed 27: St Vincent de Paul**
- **Thurs 28: St Lawrence Ruiz, Philipines**
- **Fri 29: Archangels**
- **Sat 30 Sept: St Jerome**
- **Sat 30 Sept/1 Oct: CANA COMMUNITIES APPEAL**
- **Tues 24 Oct: First Reconciliation Enrol OLSH - 7pm**

Australian Youth Festival December 7 – 9 at Olympic Park. Eastern Deanery

There are little over 130 days until Sydney welcomes the young people of Australia to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Today our Parish launches our call to invite young people of the area to join our **Eastern Deanery Group**. If you or your children or grandchildren are aged between Year 9 (High School) and 30 years of age, please consider calling Janice on 0414 188 682 or contact easterndeanery-sydney@gmail.com to find out all the details and how to become part of our group.

Registration: Full \$280. We do not know yet what a one day or sessional costs will be, given that many can't get time off work to go. PHSMC

Australian Catholic Youth Festival
VOLUNTEERS WANTED: www.acyf.org.au

FUNERAL FOR THE LATE

JOE SULLIVAN will take place at St. Brigid's Coogee on Monday next the 25th Sept at 11am.

BIBLE STUDIES AT OLSH, RANDWICK

St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians
Tuesdays: 8 sessions 5 September to 24 October 7:30pm to 8:45pm OR

Fridays: 8 sessions 8 September to 26 October 10:00am to 11:30 am

Venue: Ventnor heritage house OLSH Car Park

No registration **just turn up. Cost \$20 for the book.**

FIRST COMMUNIONS OLSH: THANKS to the many who helped make our First Communion Masses so beautiful last weekend: sacristans, servers, AV, choirs and musicians (who often backed up two or three Masses), teachers, catechists and home and group leaders. How I pray that as a Parish we will find the "key" to attract more families to value and retrieve the Sunday Mass, as well as family prayer, as an ongoing context for the wonder of First Communion – too often an isolated, even though beautiful and sacred, "event". "The family that prays together stays together" used to be a mantra in the dim past. Peter Hearn MSC

OLSH Rosary Makers Report: The 11 members of this group made 1775 wire and 285 cord Rosaries with many being distributed to PNG, Fiji, Houses of Correction, Brigidine Sisters, Police Chaplain and St Canices. This delightful and industrious group meets monthly under the co-ordination of Enid Maidel. Congratulations and thanks. Peter Hearn MSC

Catholic Weekly: \$2 Northern Territory Govt anti-discrimination proposal laws to do away with exemptions for religious organisations except free to ordain ministers of religion; Papal conspiracy theories debunked; modern day martyrs; articles on SMM...

New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte after Mass)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

YOUNG ADULTS: CHANGE OF NIGHT FOR MEETINGS TO TUESDAYS: The group meets first and third **TUESDAYS** of the month in THE CLOISTER ROOM. Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Catholic Care: Supporting the people of Sydney for 75 years. Our Family Support Services help families in the Sydney Archdiocese who may be struggling with managing daily life. To find out more call **13 18 19**

Women's Conference: The Catholic Guy, Heart Women's Conference 19-21 October. 14 Anzac Ave Fairfield; \$199 Heart@TheCatholicGuy.com 1300 734 880 wwwHeart.TheCatholicGuy.com

St Josephs Aged Care Facility, Kensington, is seeking a permanent part-time Trades Assistant.

Experienced applicants, please contact Amanda 02 9663 3599 for further details.

GRADUATIONS: Brigidine and Marcellin both celebrated (beautifully) Year 12 Graduations during the week: around 160 Brigidine and 175 Marcellin students graduated. Add to them those from OLSH College, Kensington and Champagnat and we have a huge cohort of young people formed in the Catholic ethos to be leaders and leaven in the lump of our society, including the Church. My prayer is that at least some of them, also, will enter politics at the party or government, local and State if not Federal, levels. Congratulations to teachers and school leadership for all their efforts in times where so much more is not just asked, but expected of you in parenting and forming young people. We are indeed blessed with our Schools at Primary and Secondary stages. Peter Hearn MSC