

Spring - time greetings, with such welcome reports of rain in the drought areas.

This week past is the annual Social Justice week with a statement put out by the Catholic Bishops: *A Place to Call Home. Making a Home for Everyone in our Land.*

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

"How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation? And how is it that housing has become so unaffordable that it excludes increasing numbers of Australians?"

Homelessness is even more potent for **Aboriginal people**. The famous anthropologist WEH Stanner wrote: "No English words are good enough to give a sense of the links between an Aboriginal Group and its homeland. Our word 'home', warm and suggestive though it be, does not match the Aboriginal word that may mean 'camp', 'hearth', 'country', 'everlasting home', 'totem place', 'life source', spirit centre 'and much else all in one'...[With dispossession] Aborigines faced a kind of vertigo in living. They had no stable base of life; every personal affiliation was lamed; every group structure was out of kilter; no social network had a point of fixture left." [Boyer Lecture 1968]

Home ownership: In 1947 52% owned their own home; by the mid-1960, 72%; now 65% and we lag behind many nations in terms of housing affordability. Since the 1990s the greatest decline in home ownership has been for people in the prime of their working lives. **"Sydney is the second most unaffordable [city in the world] and Melbourne is ranked sixth. All of Australia's capitals rank in the 50 least affordable markets [in the world!]"**

2016 Census: 116, 427 people are homeless in Australia, up from 102,439 in 2011. This includes people on the street and those 'couch-surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in severely overcrowded dwellings.

Housing stress = having to pay more than 30% of your income on accommodation.

A dramatic shortage of community and social housing: the need: > 270,000 extra affordable homes for low-income households. 39,000 people are on community housing waiting lists and 150,000 for state-owned social housing. "The Productivity Commission has declared: 'Australia's social housing system is broken': 10 years or more wait for access.

Domestic violence: 115,000 people experience this representing > 40% of those seeking assistance for housing. 1 in 5 are aged 9 years or under, nearly half are single parents. Mental illnesses underlie 25% seeking specialist homelessness services. Less than 5% of housing in Capital Cities is available for an **Older Couple** on a pension. **"Older women are the fastest growing group exposed to homelessness, often for the first time in their lives."**

Unemployed on Youth or Newstart Allowances struggle re affordable housing virtually anywhere in Australia! Further >20,000 employed people sought homelessness support in 2017 – an increase of 30% per three years. Ex-prisoners struggle, while Aboriginal and Torres Strait People make up 3.3% of the population but 20% of the homeless. Refugees and Asylum Seekers are particularly vulnerable to homelessness with Governments threatening to cut assistance. PHMSC [To be continued



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
7th October, 2018

*Accessible Seats -
Rows 5,6,7 and cross
aisles. Front 6 seats*

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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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.

Sunday: 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays.

Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Margaret Mikialauskad, Bruce Dux, Tony Davis, Fr. Frank Perry,msc

Anniversaries and Deceased: Doris Wakefield James Goboy, Robert Myers, Len Jarman, William Crothers, Maria Dewi Susana, Patricia Cowie, Paul Agostinho, Ana Tulia Agudelo, Maria Baterowicz, Teresa Sodo, Holy souls in Purgatory, Anna Atkins, George Junior, Maria Galkova.

Special Intentions: Vincent Scotto.

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Catholic Community: Harrison Perrott, Liam Kirby, Jack Farrugia.



Young Adults

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00 Cloister Room: Fr Tru: trducnguyen@gmail.com. Bring a friend and enjoy the laughs, meals, companionship, prayer and reflections.

OLSH YOUTH GROUP:

Contact youtholsh@gmail.com The youth group meet on the Third Saturday at 4.00pm for fun and games followed by choir practice and singing at the 6.00pm Mass.

Australian Catholic Bishops' Response to the Report from the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse of Children, Go to Archdiocesan web site for the full response: www.sydneycatholic.org

Artes Christi: Murder in the Cathedral, T S Eliot's Play of St Thomas Becket. 1880 Hall, St Peter's Surry Hills 27 Sept-14 Oct. Booking essential. www.theword.org.au

Coming Up:

- ◆ **Thurs 11 Oct: St Pope John XXIII**
- ◆ **Sat 13 Oct: Mass of Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- ◆ **Sat-Sun 13/14: Brief Parish Finance Report presented.**
- ◆ **Sat-Sun 20/21: Sat Vigil, Sunday Masses PARISH FEAST Of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.**

STMM Parish will celebrate Jaye's special birthday after the Saturday Vigil on 13th October. Everyone is welcome to join Jaye and her family for drinks and finger food after the Mass.

SENIORS: Do you know seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call [Careline on 13 18 19](tel:0293901819) to find out more.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

(See Foyer for Cards to contact Safeguarding Office.)

Senior Ladies Group. Because of the Public Holiday the Group will meet at 10 am this Monday, 8th October in the Cloister Room. A very interesting topic will be presented so you are encouraged to attend. Thank you .

First Reconciliation Dates for OLSH:

Information Night: 30 October—7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 29th November

First Reconciliation Dates for St. MM:

Information Night: 16th October –6pm in Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 15th November at 6pm

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "How many favours Jules Chevalier granted to these disgruntled officials. In repayment they turned him out of his presbytery and had him thrown out on to the street. But his charity towards them never wavered." MSC eyewitness to the expulsion of Fr Chevalier for the third time, soon after which he died in a parishioner's home, 1907.

PARISH FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART:

20/21 October Saturday Vigil and all Masses on Sunday. Choirs/ Musicians please note – special readings for the Day. We will be looking for people to provide the suppers, breakfast and barbecues for the different Masses as in the past 10 years. The 10.00am Mass is a Family Mass and the morning tea is provided by the parents of the Year Group. The MSC Community buy the cakes as our gift to parishioners.

Retreat: Fr Peter Hearn will be on retreat at Douglas Park MSC Retreat House until next Friday.

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Mass usually attended: _____

Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children:

Mission: "to achieve freedom for all refugee children held by or on behalf of the Australian Government...on the mainland or on Off-shore Processing Centres on Nauru. We will also continue to advocate for a better future for the children released from the Nauruan Processing Centre into the Nauruan community." Contact: Facebook www.facebook.com/GADRC/ Twitter: @gadrcnsw Instagram: grandmothersrefsyd <http://gadrc.org/> To Join the group: grandmothersrefsyd@gmail.com PHMSC

MSC Lay Associates. Fr. Jim Littleton, MSC, National Director of the Lay Associates will be visiting us this Sunday, 7th October at 1.15 pm. We will have Lunch together followed by Mass.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS SUNDAY APPEAL.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far. We will be able to send the Catholic Mission Office (not to be confused with the MSC Mission Office at Kensington Monastery) around \$10,000. Some parishioners send money directly to the office and so later on we will have a better idea of the total. Peter Hearn MSC

Ventnor Wednesday 11am Gentle Exercise and Meditation.

Term 3 ends Wednesday 26th September and Term 4 begins Wednesday 17th October, 2018

Knitting Group: We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10am in Ventnor. New members most welcome.