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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## Message of Pope Francis for the world Day of Migrants and Refugees

As the Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section announced in March, the theme is "It is not just about migrants". In his message, Pope Francis spells out what that means, reflecting on how we can all build the "city of God" if we welcome, protect, promote, and integrate those seeking a better life.

"It is not just about them," he says, "but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays." The Pope adds several examples of what he means:

### -Our fears

"It is also about our fears." He says sometimes fears are legitimate but that they become an obstacle "when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realizing it – racist." Fear keeps us from encountering the Lord in another person.

### Charity and humanity

Pope Francis says the issue of migrants and refugees also has to do with charity and humanity. "Through works of charity, we demonstrate our faith. And the highest form of charity is that shown to those unable to reciprocate and perhaps even to thank us in return."

Compassion for our shared humanity, he says, leads us to recognize suffering in another person and to take action to heal and save them. "To be compassionate means to make room for that tenderness which today's society so often asks us to repress."

### Excluding no one

The Holy Father says it is also about seeing that no one is marginalized, observing that today's world "is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel towards the excluded."

"Wars only affect some regions of the world, yet weapons of war are produced and sold in other regions which are then unwilling to take in the refugees produced by these conflicts."

### Last put first, the whole person

Pope Francis says it is about putting the last in first place, calling this a Christian's true motto. "In the logic of the Gospel, the last come first, and we must put ourselves at their service." It is about the whole person and about all people, he adds.

"In every political activity, in every programme, in every pastoral action we must always put the person at the centre, in his or her many aspects, including the spiritual dimension."

### Building the city of God and man

Finally, the Pope says it is also about building the city of God and man, which he notes is not the same as a technological and consumerist paradise. The phenomenon of migration, he says, debunks "the myth of a progress that benefits a few while built on the exploitation of many."

Migrants and refugees are our brothers and sisters, he points out, and are "an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community.

(from the Message of Pope Francis)

## Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## WE REMEMBER

We remember Eileen de Groot. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am

### YOUNG FAMILIES' GATHERING

You are invited to join other young families from the parish on the school oval for games and fellowship today after the 9:00am mass.

### COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

### UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH.

Unlocking Your Parish. Eight parishioners + Fr Joson met last week to watch the second 20 minute Alpha film. The Alpha film series can be used as a tool by Parishes wanting to offer something to the lapsed and the non-believers. Again the film provoked great discussion; not all in favour of it. Our goal is to determine if there are a group of parishioners willing to organise and offer this film series to interested people; eg. the parents of children in the Sacramental programs. You are welcome to join us again on Tuesday at 7pm at Parish Centre at St Agnes. No obligation implied by your attendance.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The practice night for Confirmation candidates will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> or Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> commencing 7:00pm in St Joachim's Church. All candidates need to attend one of these sessions.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.



Have you ever thought about taking a trip to the Holy Land?

Would you consider joining a group from our parish?

I would like to organize a combined trip to the Holy Land + India in September 2020. If anyone is interested please feel free to talk to me.

Fr Joson

## Parish Diary

### Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

### Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

### Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### TIME

### Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

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### THE LAUNCH OF "THE LIVING LAUDATO SI"

**Mass of Creation** will be held on Sunday 1 September commencing 12 Noon at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Welcome to Country at 11:30 am. Concelebrated by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, Archbishop of Suva and President of the Oceania Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences, Archbishop Mark Coleridge & Bishop Ken Howell. All welcome. Following Mass join us in the Cathedral grounds for a Living *Laudato Si'* Picnic from 1:15 - 3:00pm. Bring a BYO lunch, blanket and keep cup; coffee van on site. All welcome.

**Evensong to Celebrate the Season of Creation** will be held on Sunday, September 1st from 6:00pm at St John's Anglican Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, Brisbane. Archbishop Chong will join church leaders and Christians in this ecumenical time of prayer and sacred song. All welcome. Direct enquiries to [cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3324 3441

**An Evening of Taize Prayer**, to celebrate the start of the Season of Creation, will be hosted by Upper Mt Gravatt Parish on Monday, September 2nd from 7:00 - 8:30pm in St Bernard's Church, Klump Road, Upper Mt Gravatt. Followed by supper.

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

**COST: \$2.00**

- Journalist Mark Bowling recalls East Timor's troubled beginnings
- PNG priest turns to Australia seeking compassion for refugees and asylum seekers
- Church leaders speak out on the Government's decision to not support all the stipulation of declaration from smaller island nations at the Pacific Island Forum.



**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The feedback from the First Phase of the Plenary Council which asked the question, *What is God asking of us in Australia today*, revealed that over 222,000 people participated. There were 17,457 submissions sent in from 4,699 groups and 12,758 individuals.

Six main topics emerged. The desire for a Church that is:

- Missionary and evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, healing and merciful
- Open to conversion, renewal and reform
- A Joyful, hope-filled and servant community

These six topics form the basis of the **Second Phase of the Plenary Council**, where we continue to listen to the Spirit but move from Listening and Dialogue to Listening and Discernment. We will try to discern how God is calling us to be a Christ centred Church that is: Missionary and evangelising; Inclusive, participatory and synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, healing and merciful; A joyful, hope-filled and servant community; Open to conversion, renewal and reform.

We have until March 2020 to engage in this phase and there are a number of ways we can be involved:

- Carole Danby from Evangelization Brisbane will facilitate a parish group on **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am mass beginning 10:30am in the Parish Centre**. The duration of the meeting is about 2 hours.
- The Archdiocese has sessions at the Cathedral Precinct with each being offered at two different times on the given day:

**Option 1:** 2:00pm–4:00pm

**Option 2:** 6:30pm–9:00pm

Aug 27th	Missionary and Evangelising
Sept 19th	Humble, Healing and Merciful
Oct 31st	Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
Nov 14th	Prayerful and Eucharistic
TBA 2020	Open to Conversation, Renewal and Reform
TBA 2020	Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community

**Numbers are limited and registration is essential for these sessions. There are clipboards in each of the churches for you nominate which session you would like to attend. The Parish Office will then register your attendance.**

Finally, to see details of reports, videos and suggestions for the way ahead, the website is:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

### **Plenary Council Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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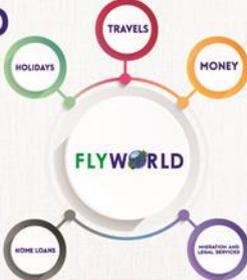
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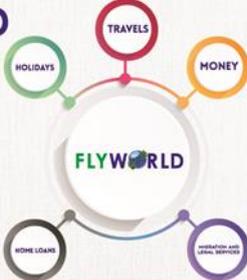
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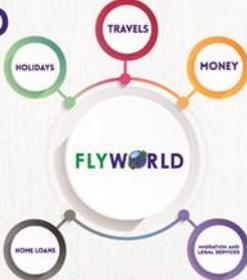
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