




22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, YEAR B

	<p>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August</p>	<p>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29 AUGUST</p>
<p>Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.</p>	<p>The Church</p>	<p>As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: <i>Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor</i>, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour".</p> <p>It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.</p> <p>More information: https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/</p>

First Reading Deut 4:1-2,6-8	Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R.v.1	Second Reading James 1:17-18,21-22,27	Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18	Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
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Reflection by Seminarian Adi Sugiarto	Why I became a Catechist—by Ann Bradshaw
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<p>On 16 July, when Pope Francis published <i>Traditionis Custodes</i>, it caused an uproar within the so called "traditionalists" group within the Catholic Church. Long story cut short, <i>Traditionis Custodes</i> puts in place restrictions on the celebration of the Mass in the "extraordinary form".</p> <p>Pope Francis in consultation with his Bishops around the world intend to foster unity with this move. The Pope laments he is saddened by 'instrumental use of the <i>Missale Romanum</i> of 1962,' which has led to a 'growing rejection not only of the liturgical reform, but of the Second Vatican Council, with the unfounded and unsustainable assertion that it has betrayed Tradition and "true Church".(1)</p> <p>Personally, I have encountered people who believe that the spiritual efficacy of the Mass in its "ordinary form" is less than when it is done in its "extraordinary form". Moreover, I have also met people who strongly believe that the Second Vatican Council is not a real council. This is a problem. The Gospel (Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23) today encourages us to look deeper into the heart of our spirituality. This should prompt us to question our attitude towards God. Are we like the scribes and Pharisees in our approach to worship i.e., more interested in religiosity and unreasonable acts of pietism, rather than having a real transformative encounter with Christ? Are we more interested in building walls instead of bridges in our spirituality? If this is the case, we can be sure that such spirituality is not of God. And finally, are we humble and open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? Do we have genuine obedience and care towards God and His word as well as the leaders that He has put in charge of His Church?</p> <p>(1) https://melbournecatholic.org/news/in-search-of-ecclesial-communion-pope-francis-issues-new-apostolic-letter</p>	<p>Meet your children's Catechists</p> <p>Ann Bradshaw</p>  <p>"70% of being a catechist is turning up and smiling!" That's what my Parish Priest assured me when I tried to wriggle out of his invitation to become a Catechist. I just wasn't sure that I could teach a class, but I agreed to become a Helper.</p> <p>As a Helper, I really did just have to turn up and smile and do whatever I was asked by the Catechist. I learned a great deal just from watching her at work. I was able to help out in practical ways (giving out books, joining in a song or discussion) and we developed a good friendship which was a great blessing.</p> <p>During that year, I did one of the free courses offered by the Diocese and began to feel a little better equipped for the task. The next year I took on my own classes in Kindergarten.</p> <p>At first, I felt like a terrible fraud, but gradually, I gained some confidence. Every year I begin with a certain amount of nervous dread and every year I finish with regret because I have become so interested in "my" children. Sometimes the children say beautiful things like "I love Jesus", sometimes, even five year old's say "Jesus isn't real!". I can only offer them the lessons provided to me and pray that God will do something with my efforts. Maybe if I am faithful ("turning up and smiling"), the little believer will be encouraged, the little atheist will feel loved. I feel loved to think that God has called me into this work.</p>
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BAY CONNECT Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time. The program commences on Monday, 30 August. To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>



SAFEGUARDING MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to the bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.

Yakhumndeni (African Orphans) - Father's Day Stall

Any interested in purchasing Jams, chutneys, marmalades, pickles etc. Or wish to order a cake please call Helen Schyvens on 9487 1563. Contactless pickup only. (Please place order of cakes with at least 3 days notice)

COVID Update Our Church buildings are closed but our livestreaming service is still available from our Cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9.30AM as well as weekdays at 7AM.

QR Codes for those who do not have a mobile phone to scan the QR Codes electronically, please note that QR code cards are available from the RMS.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works

Broken Bay Bishop Anthony Randazzo is delighted to announce the new name and brand Pastoral Works Broken Bay, replacing the Charitable Works Fund (CWF).



The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

For more information, go to

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks>

Those who wish to contribute you are welcome to do so.

Congratulations to Louise and Michael Campbell who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 28th August. Best wishes and prayers to you and your family.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

We remember those who died recently –

Carmen Elaine Gale • June D'Souza • Patricia Paxton • Brian Niven

Anniversaries – Guido Linssen • June Rodricks • Tim Dalton • Joseph Mifsud

We pray for the sick — John Bolster • Lisa Hogarth

Hornsby Cathedral Parish Young Adults presents to us Father's Day Zoom Liturgy

Thursday 2nd September 7-8pm

For families who would like to participate see zoom link:

[https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62768859140?](https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62768859140?pwd=UGRzZHg5VGIBbHIBZlFjaGw3SmFDQT09)

[pwd=UGRzZHg5VGIBbHIBZlFjaGw3SmFDQT09](https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62768859140?pwd=UGRzZHg5VGIBbHIBZlFjaGw3SmFDQT09)

Password: 552890

Bishop Anthony will lead us in the opening prayer and conclude us with his blessing.

One of the lucky participants will receive a gift voucher.

CATECHIST CORNER

Interested in attending a Zoom training session on Teaching Strategies (teaching skills) on Mondays, 10-12pm

- Listening & Questioning – Monday 6 September
- Miracles and Parables – Monday 13 September
- Prayer in the Classroom – Monday 20 September

Register at least 6 days before by contacting sueanne.sherwood@bbcatholic.org.au

Find out is being a Catechist is for you.

Trust in your call from God and answer that call by contacting Louise Spencer – spencerxyz2427@gmail.com

Zoom meeting

All Parishioners are welcome. COME AND JOIN US for a prayer and catch up on Wed, 1 Sept at 11am on [https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?](https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09)
[pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09](https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09)

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

In the Wake of the Horror currently being faced by those in Afghanistan and by those Afghans marooned here on temporary visas

SJAB (Social Justice Around the Bay), St Vincent de Paul, Northern Sydney/Central Coast Regional Social Justice Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS) is holding a Webinar titled:

Hope Out of Horror—Seeking Refuge in Australia
Thursday, September 23, 7pm-8pm

This is the chance to hear the Stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

1. Offer Permanent Protection to all Refugees
2. Enable access to Family Reunion to Refugees
3. Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need of refuge

Registration to this Event is essential

Please register your attendance clock on the link below and pass the link on. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-of-hope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australia-tickets-166888717647>

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.