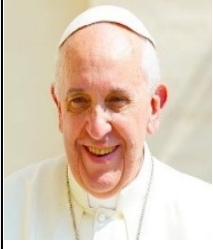



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, YEAR B

 <p>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September</p> <p>An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle</p> <p>We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.</p>	<p>Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop</p> <p>My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Like many of you, I watched the news last week with great interest about the disappearance, search and rescue of "AJ", the three-year-old boy who was lost for several days in rugged NSW bushland. This amazing little boy survived three nights in the bush in freezing temperatures without food or water, sustaining minor injuries before being reunited with his family. It was a heart-wrenching story of initial despair and anguish, progressing to the mobilisation of the community and finally, to hope and elation once AJ was found safe and sound.</p> <p><i>(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)</i></p>	
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First Reading Wis 2:12,17-20	Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6, 8 R.v.6	Second Reading James 3:16-4:3	Gospel Acclamation 2 Thess 2:14	Gospel Mark 9:30-37
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REFLECTION by Fr Peter deSouza	SEPTEMBER—SAFEGUARDING MONTH
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My dear Parishioners,
During the week we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the Memorial of Mother of Sorrows/ Compassion.
In the light of these celebrations and the weekend scripture texts we are reminded of our personal faith journey, which we began at our baptism and every time we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross we go back to that day of our baptism, but looking forward to joining Jesus Christ in living His exalted life. In the Memorial of Mother of Sorrows or Compassion, we see Mary on that journey with her Son to the Cross and beyond, a deep intimate union of a Mother and Son, on that journey together, united in purpose and in obedience to the will of the Father.
In Bishop Anthony's "Vision on a Page" distributed to you through the bulletin, for us as a Diocese of Broken Bay, is a deeper invitation to our Baptismal commitment, and from there a life of commitment as missionary disciples in the world of today. What does it mean to be baptised in the current context and in the light of the ongoing digital Church and a digital Community.
We are asked to look a bit deeper into ourselves and our personal journey so that we bring it to the Eucharistic table, what we have journeyed in and through our baptism, to promote a healthy spiritual well being community. As we begin to open up our places of worship once again, our focus should be a New Welcome, a New Community of Worship, in a renewed baptism, make those words real which are enshrined in the Baptism liturgy; "The Christian Community welcomes you with great joy....and in it's name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross." I wish to conclude with Pope St John Paul II who said: "Mother Teresa of Calcutta marked the history of our century with courage. She served all human beings by promoting their dignity and respect, making them feel the tenderness of God."
God's Blessings to each of you....
Fr Peter deSouza

This week we remember in our **prayers** the safety and wellbeing of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to COVID-19.

Thank you to Bishop Anthony for celebrating Safeguarding Sunday Mass on 12 September. The Mass was live streamed from the Cathedral. I found Bishop's homily thought provoking as it encouraged me to reflect on my own faith journey and the manner in which I personally and we as a community respond to those who are vulnerable. To view click here <https://youtu.be/Ts6Kg4ASEx4>



SAFEGUARDING—LEARNING HUB

- Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young people – available from <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021>
- Wednesday 22 September 2021 @ 11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom – "Ministering to a Church in Trauma" presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register for this free online event and receive a zoom link click here: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkVhIVTlq22Px>

Safeguarding—NSW Reportable Conduct Scheme

Are you a member of clergy or a spiritual leader in a religious body? Does the religious body require you to hold a Working with Children Check - whether as an employee or volunteer? If the answer is yes – you fall under the Reportable Conduct Scheme in NSW. Join the Director and senior staff of the NSW Reportable Conduct Scheme for a 3 hour session to get expert and tailored information that will help your organisation understand its legal obligations.

The session will cover how the reportable conduct scheme relates to your daily work and will include sector-specific data insights and case study examples, information about how to strengthen investigations and a question and answer session.

Date: 15 October 2021—9.30am-12.30pm

To register go to link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-reportable-conduct-scheme-for-religious-bodies-registration-167020766609>



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.

NSW 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.

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Sunday 26 September is World Day for Migrants and Refugees, where Pope Francis invites us to “journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’.”

As we reflect on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis encourages us to build on a shared understanding of our common humanity, “on the truth of ‘we’ that the pandemic has placed before us” which “stands in sharp contrast with the emphasis on the individual that has until now pervaded our times”.

This year, for World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us remember the vast numbers of people who are at any one time traversing our world as migrants and refugees and open our hearts towards an ever wider ‘we’ in our disposition to all people. Go to <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/> for more information and resources, including a Migrant and Refugee Kit.

Fr James Duck requiem Mass will take place at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Monday 27 September 2021. **Due to Covid restriction the funeral will be live-streamed.** Please keep Fr James and his family in your prayers.

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 – Valerie Tolosa • Fr James Duck • Eduardo Gregory • Herminia ‘Minnie’ Rozan • Fr Paul Purcell • June D’Souza • Carmen Elaine Gale • Patricia Paxton

Anniversaries – Pat Miedler • Eileen Elizabeth Hanley

We pray for the sick — Martin Palisi • John Bolster • Lisa Hogarth

CATECHIST CORNER

I’m a Catechist: <https://vimeo.com/91892546>

‘When I was in high school I saw a big need for it as it was always plugged in the parish. I thought that sounds like fun – hanging out with young children, talking about God for half an hour every week, so why not.’

‘Well personally I felt like I wanted to give something back and the gospel that day prompted me to stand up and be counted.’

‘Basically, we thought it was the right thing to do.’

‘It’s a great privilege to have an impact in a child’s life. To teach them to make Christ like choices in the way they live.’ ‘I strive to put into each lesson the fact that God is love.’ ‘

Every week over 5000 Catechists in NSW & ACT share the message of God’s love with more than 100000 Catholic children in state schools.

Recruiting for new Catechists/ Assistants/ assist the Co-ordinator

Please contact Louise Spencer (CCD Co-ordinator) – spencerxyz2427@gmail.com. Your time is now.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The horror in Afghanistan has thrown a spotlight on the ongoing refugee crisis. You are invited to the **Hope out of Horror-seeking Refuge in Australia webinar** hosted by SJAB, St Vincent de Paul and the Jesuit Refugee Service starting **7pm, 23 September 2021**.

Registration to this Event is essential

Please register your attendance click 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>

Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course – Sponsorships Available

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership offers a *Foundations for Missionary Leadership* course designed to empower and equip participants through a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual formation, and practical skills to be effective missionary leaders in our Australian parishes and communities today. Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering **subsidies** for parishioners from the Diocese who would like to undertake this Course.

For further information about the application process, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications for sponsorships close 8 October.

A Virtual Open Night, with Areté Director Fr Chris Ryan MGL, along with Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Daniel Ang, will be held on 23 September at 7:30pm. Further information about the Course and Open Night can be found at www.aretecentre.org

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.

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

[Donate to our Parish](#)

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.