

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, YEAR B



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

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.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This week's message comes from Melissa Glavin. Melissa is the Foster Care Support, Assessment & Recruitment Officer for CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay.

My Christian calling to protect the vulnerable

By Melissa Glavin

Every baptised Christian is uniquely called by God, to holiness of life and to mission in the Church for the sake of God's Kingdom in the world. In this sense, every Christian has a vocation. When I started working in child protection and out of home care almost two decades ago, I realised from the beginning that my heart was captured by the opportunities in front of me.

(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)

First Reading
Num 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 18:8,10,12-14 R.v.9

Second Reading
James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation
Jn 17:17

Gospel
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

REFLECTION by Deacon Roger Delmonte

Truth leading us to Humility and Unity

On this Sunday's first reading we hear Eldad and Medad prophesying in the camp, but they were not against with Moses and his group. In the same way in the Gospel someone was driving out demons in the name of Jesus, but he was not against Jesus. Jesus tells his disciples not to worry if someone not visibly united to them is working miracles in his name. He tells them *"Anyone who is not against us is for us."* In both incidents it is very clear that the intention is not to make divisions, rather, to support the same goal towards unity in God. Indeed, God never divides. He always unites everything in His love.

As Catholics we do not condemn people of other denominations, or of even non-Christian religions, like we used to. We respect any sign of good will in each other. We are willing to learn from anyone who studies Jesus and whose life bears witness to love of God. Humility is truth, and to be open to truth, wherever it comes from, is humility. But Jesus adds, *"If anyone who leads people away from the truth, that person would be better off dead!"* Jesus does not take truth lightly. Truth guides our action, and our actions lead us either toward the fullness of life or toward the emptiness of a death that is more than the death of our body.

Jesus says it is better to lose anything than to lose this truth that guides us well. **How far are we willing to go in order to avoid sin and live in the truth?** Let us pray for the grace to strive our best to live in truth and be more supportive of those who have given up their lives for the sake of the truth in the Gospel and our unity in Christ. Amen!

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Today 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7th October 2021:

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

With gratitude to God, through His Son Jesus and with His Blessed Mother and Her Spouse St Joseph, for all the blessings we have received as a Community, gathered under Her patronage.

Our Thanksgiving Mass at 7.00am
Our Thanksgiving Evening Prayer and Rosary 7.00pm

All are welcome to join us through Live streaming.



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.

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.

THANK YOU A special Thank You to Lachlan Waddell and Jess Farlanga from Albert & Meyer Funeral Directors Thornleigh, who have been volunteering to clean our Cathedral the past few weeks.
A service very much appreciated.

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 – Bruno Schicht • Frank Fayers • Jude Recentes • Valerie Tolosa • Fr James Duck • Eduardo Gregory • Herminia 'Minnie' Rozan • Fr Paul Purcell • June D'Souza • Carmen Elain Gale

Anniversaries – Alice McDermott • Pat Miedler

We pray for the sick — Pauline Carr • Martin Palisi • Lisa Hogarth

SEPTEMBER SAFEGUARDING MONTH

Engaging sensitively with survivors - a guide for faith organisations has been released by the Office of the Children's Guardian. The booklet was written after extensive consultation with survivors of abuse.

To access see link below:

<https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/guide-for-engaging-sensitively-with-abuse-survivors-now-available>



A COVID PRAYER

by Leona Sweeney

Come, O Holy Spirit,
be with us through this time of Covid.
Guide our leaders and health advisers
in their decision making.
Give strength and hope to our doctors, nurses
and all who work in the care of others.
Restore to health those who have contracted
the virus.
Grant eternal rest to those who have died
and comfort to all who are left grieving.
Keep us, by the gift of your grace, in harmony
with your will so that we may act thoughtfully,
patiently and with kind hearts.
Help us all to work together
in building a healthier, more generous nation.
Spirit of God, fulfil the earth
and bring it to new birth. Amen

CATECHIST CORNER

Are you called to serve as a witness to your faith?

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry. CCD is offering Zoom training in Term 4 to upskill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

For more information see link below or contact Louise Spencer (Catechist Co-ordinator) –
spencerxyz2427@gmail.com.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDIDhBQGTbA>

Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil Saturday, 2 October

The First General Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil with Bishop Anthony on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7.30pm.

“Listen to what the spirit is saying” has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God’s relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering.

We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register please visit:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect

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 go to our website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby

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.

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