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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Twenty Second Sunday (Yr B)

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

CHURCH WITHOUT FRONTIERS,
MOTHER TO ALL

101st WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS
AND REFUGEES
24th - 30th AUGUST 2015



Message from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2015, has chosen the theme **"Church without frontiers, Mother to all"**. It is part of our Christian mandate from Jesus Christ to care for others and in particular the most vulnerable (c.f. Mt 7:12 and 25:35-36). The Holy Father, wishing to draw attention to and remind us of this, has chosen this theme. He wishes us to go beyond ourselves, to live an authentic Christian life, and show compassion and solidarity to those at the furthest fringes of society. In particular, Pope Francis has identified migrants and refugees to be in need of our special attention and care, as they are our brothers and sisters *"who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind."* (Message, 2015).

The Holy Father mentions that, *"from the beginning, the*

Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders." (Message, 2015).

We need to continue this tradition and welcome our brothers and sisters who are in most need of our assistance, in particular, those who have come from distant lands seeking a better life. Whilst the plight of refugees is often present and visible on our television screens, let us not forget the difficulties faced by the many migrants who have come to call Australia home. Often their hardships are not evident, but nonetheless still present.

In this message, I would like to draw your attention to the on-going conflict in the Middle East and the issues closer to home faced by asylum seekers, as well as the often-unseen difficulties faced by migrants in our communities.

Over the past year, we have seen on our television screens, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East continue to suffer the ruthless barbarity of extremism under ISIS. Many men, women and children are being forced to flee from their homes for fear of their lives. We have constantly seen the atrocities at the hand of ISIS, which can often lead us to question human solidarity (care for our neighbour), and not to mention sometimes our faith. How can it be, that fellow human beings can inflict such acts of torture and barbarity on one another? It is

precisely now that the message of the Gospels needs to be proclaimed from all corners of the world and in every state of life. The Holy Father, quoting the Message for 100th World Day of Migrants 2014, says, *"this is precisely where the Church contributes to overcoming frontiers and encouraging the 'moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalisation... towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world'"*. (Pope Francis, Message 2014).

As a result of on-going conflicts in the Middle East, UNHCR estimates that there are now over 2 million refugees in the region, as well as over 7 million internally displaced persons. (*Population of Concern to UNHCR, UNHCR Global Appeal Update 2015*). An increase in conflict in this region will inevitably result in an increase of our brothers and sisters seeking safety and asylum. This is a time to heed the Holy Father's words and once again show Christian solidarity to those in need. Where Migrants and refugees are concerned, the Church and her various agencies ought to avoid offering charitable services alone; they are also called to promote real integration in a society where all are active members and responsible for one another's welfare, generously offering a creative contribution and rightfully sharing in the same rights and duties.

Church Without Frontiers Mother of All

(Pope Benedict, Message 2013).

Pope Francis says, *"the courage born of faith, hope and love, enables us to reduce the distances that separate us from human misery. Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches."* (Pope Francis, Message, 2015).

This is an important opportunity for solidarity and to welcome these persecuted peoples into our own home, Australia. As a refugee myself, along with several members of my family, seeking shelter and security, Australia has always been generous.

It is now again the time to show the same kind of generosity that was shown to the Vietnamese refugees 40 years ago, to our Middle Eastern brethren as well as those in our Asia-Pacific Region seeking asylum from separate, but no less important, conflicts.

Fear of the unknown, a true and real fear, can often unnecessarily guide our decision-making. It is time to turn to our Christian roots, with ever more trust in God, and move beyond fear towards charity and express solidarity with those who suffer.

The Holy Father, ever attentive to the failings of the human nature notes that, *"Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution. In such cases, suspicion and prejudice conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need."* (Message, 2015).

Closer to home, migrants too in our local and parish communities can sometimes be looked upon with suspicion. Migrants in our communities often go through challenges and difficulties that are unseen, but are no less real and difficult. Simple things, which many of us either growing up or living in Australia for a long time, often forget or simply don't notice, can be a challenge for new migrants. Things such as language, culture or customs can bring about hardship and anxiety. It is precisely here, in these everyday situations, that Christ is calling us to move beyond ourselves, and express solidarity to our fellow brothers and sisters. To lend a helping hand, just saying hello or even just a simple smile. This is the beginning of 'encounter'. From here we can move together in solidarity. Many of us may never change the world, but let us not forget that we can change the world around us.

I understand that often this is not such an easy thing to express. How often, due to the weakness in our nature, can we *"be tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length"* (Evangelii Gaudium, 270). The call to be a catholic, a radical and counter cultural call, at its deepest core, urges us not to stand on the sides but to become involved in bringing about a more just society.

So I would call upon parishes, and most importantly, individuals to look at the little opportunities in our own lives where Christ is calling us to express charity and solidarity to migrants and refugees.

2015 also marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), in its present form. To commemorate this

milestone and as a pastoral tool, we have included an article on 20 years of teaching on migrant and refugee issues. The timeline looks at migration policy in Australia in conjunction with the response of the Universal Catholic Church and the Catholic Church in Australia. I hope that this timeline graphic can be used as a tool to reinforce the work, advocacy and pastoral care that the Church has strived to provide on a national and international level. The timeline has been included as a central page in the middle of the Kit for it to be detached and placed in the church foyer; an electronic copy will also available on the ACMRO website.

To conclude, I would like to encourage all Dioceses and Parishes to celebrate and commemorate the unique contribution that migrants and refugees have and continue to provide to our communities.

"The Church sees this entire world of suffering and violence through the eyes of Jesus, who was moved with pity at the sight of the crowds wandering as sheep without a shepherd (cf. Mt 9:36). Hope, courage, love and "creativity" in charity" (Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, n. 50) must inspire the necessary human and Christian efforts made to help these brothers and sisters in their suffering" (Pope Benedict, Message 2005). The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for offering more opportunities to broaden our understanding and vision of the world as well as moving forward together in solidarity towards a better and more just world.

God Bless

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen
OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for
the Australian Catholic Migrant
and Refugee Office.



[Passionist Pilgrims to WYD2016 via Vietnam Immersion](#)

Great News We are live!!!! You can now register for our Pilgrimage to Vietnam and Poland.

1. Simply go to wyd2016.com.au
2. At the **Register Now** button click and complete **"Expression of Interest"**. Remember to fill out your movement as **"Passionist"**.
3. Your "Expression of Interest" will be sent to the official Pilgrim Coordinator (Jo McDade) for validation.
4. You will be sent a confirmation email once your validation has been confirmed, which will allow you to book on your pilgrimage to 2016 World Youth Day

Information Directory

CatholicCare Family Help Line

1300 1300 52

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Catholic Church Marriage Tribunal

9390 5120

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am

Presentation: 2nd Sunday Masses

Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon or at Masses

Marriages

Preferably 6 months notice

Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments Sr Elena
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Fr John
Cultural C'tee Maria Barlow-Sawaszenko
Ecumenical & Interfaith John McGrath
 Sr Pat Bowthorpe FMM
Family Groups Carole Price
Finance C'tee Michael Curran
Justice & Peace Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr John; Sr Elena
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis, John Skinner, Mick Ward
Pastoral Council Paige Bullen, Peter Jennings, Adrienne Harverson.
Youth & Young Adults: Darren De la Rosa

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Masses: 6.45 am, 9.00 am; Wednesday 7.00 pm
 Eucharistic Adoration: 7.15-8.45am. Benediction: 8.45am

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am

Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm;
 Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass: 5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual); 4.30pm (Viet); 6pm

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays, and at the 10am Italian mass on 4th Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Matilde Vallario, Mary Farrugia

Anniversaries: Maria Dang; Phero Pham Dai; Bill Barrett; Irene Whitby; Crispulo Latagan; Sr Mary Antoinette Donellan RSM; Maria Mandile; Gerard Farrugia; Vui Thi Bui; Giuseppe Simone; jammed Macartney; Nell Lane; Joseph Shakour; Joseph Obeid; Carlos Caringal; Joseph Thong Hoang; Eva Amaral.

Recently Ill: .Jose De Gois; Owen Wall

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (31/8) Jim; Lalo; Maree

Counters: Next Week (7/9) Jim; Lalo; Maree

22/23 August

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,025

2nd (Parish): \$ 5,116

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,860

Credit Cards: \$ 1,256

15/16 August

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,880

2nd (Parish): \$ 5,106

Mass Texts: Sunday 22 (Yr B)

First Reading: Deut 4:1-2.6-8

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18.21-22.27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8.14-15.21-23

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 23 (Yr B)

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Response: .My soul give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: James 2: 1-5

Gospel: .Mark 7: 31-37

Intercession Response:

Sunday Mass Ministries: 22nd & 23rd Sunday (Year B)

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	29/30 August	5/6 September	29/30 August	5/6 September	29/30 August	5/6 September
5 pm Sat	Mary Leask Adrienne Harverson Yvonne Kearsey	Liz Carnabuci Susie Houssarini Michael Price	William Metlej Liz Buchel Jim Yeo Leila Walsh Margaret Dos Santos	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran Adrienne Harverson	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young
7.30am Sun	John Lizzio John Freeman Janice Schubach	Janice Schubach Marg Barrett Margaret Kelly	Mary Entriiken John Freeman Michael Dillon	Mary Entriiken Denis Habermann Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John McGrath Kath Walton Frank Wassef	John Skinner Therese Skinner Bec Wong	Joanne McGrath John McGrath Jennie Oesman Sue King	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Jessica Harany Jose Hartany	Xavier Rego Naomi Rego Natasha Rego Olivia Moreira Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Theodore Bullen	Michael Moreira Claude Walton Louis Walton Jacqueline Flett Nicholas Sourlas
10.30 am Sun	Ted Bain Italian Reader Terry Reyes	Maria Barlow Italian Reader Bernadette Yammine	Geoffrey Lean Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco Terry Reyes Lope Reyes	Fiona Paul Jessica Paul Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera James Poonan	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
6 pm Sun	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	Wendy Mason John Kevin	Jackie Kassis Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Thomas Hill Tony Hayek	Darren Dela Rosa Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek

Parish Calendar 2015 & Coming Events

Passionist Ministries & Activities

Frs JohnP, George, & JohnA at St Brigid's.

Frs Lex, JohnP & Peter marriages.

Fr Michael, Retreat at Kincumber

Fr Jim on mission, Nth Dighton MA

Fr Phil on mission, Norwich

Frs JohnP & JohnA at Provincial Council meeting 1-3 Sept.

Passionist Appointments

Fr John Auram has been assigned to Boroko in Port Moresby. He leaves us on 13th Sept. Thank you John for assisting us the last few months.

Br Erick Niyiragira has been assigned to St Brigid's from early December following his ordination as a Deacon. During the year he will be ordained a Priest.

Thank You: Church Working Bee

Thank you to the generous donation of LED lights for our Church by one of our parishioners.

Thank you also to the 26 men, women, children and parish staff who joined together for the Church working bee last Saturday 22nd Augt). Between 7am and 3pm, with participants helping in a variety of hours, we were able to move the pews, change over the fluoro lights to LED's, wash the floors and shrines, wash and clean the sacristy and chalices, remove candle wax from the floors, polish the candle sticks.

2 Sept: Spirituality in the Pub Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Paddington RSL Club 7.30-9pm, 220-232 Oxford St. With Vashti Hughes, Tru Nguyen MSC, & Mohamed Taha. Moderator: Susan Eichorn. Donation entry. More info: Marea [0414 873 910](tel:0414873910)

3 Sept: Faithworks @ St Joseph's Newtown (7-9pm)

A Forum on Valuing LGBTIQ Voices in the Catholic Church.

The Panel is: Melody Gardiner (Community Organiser); Sue and Les Mico (PFLAG); Fr Roy O'Neill MSC (Parish Priest) and Ben Oh (Co-convenor of Rainbow Catholics).

3 Sept: RCIA: Adult Sacraments

Our next Season of RCIA has started, either Wednesday nights at 7pm, or Saturday mornings.

Adults wishing to be Baptised, Confirmed or received into the Church are invited to contact Sr Elena ASAP. This is in preparation for Adult Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

4 Sept: Men's Club

First Friday in the Upper Room of the Annexe from 7.30pm. All men welcome. Food and refreshments available.

5 Sept: Gardening Spring Blitz

Can you help us? We want to freshen the gardens for spring and summer and plant new stock 9-Noon

13 Sept: St Patrick's Institute of Education Information Session

Enrolments are now open for our 2016 Diplomas in Business, Management and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a viable alternative pathway to career and university success. Job Placement Program sees up to 95% of graduates placed in jobs prior to the completion of the course.

Next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Pat-

rick's Pathway to Success' will be held on Sunday, 13 September at the newly refurbished premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney at 11 am. More Info on www.spie.edu.au

16 Sept: Registration for Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion

The next cycle of Sacraments starts this night for children in Year 2 and above. Tonight is for parents only, to focus on how we go about preparation, how we can pray as families, and to register your child. Please bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

20 Sept: Catechists Mass

Annual Mass at the Cathedral at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow.

In the Coming Months

Oct 17-18: Feast of St Paul of the Cross

Nov 8: Harmony Walk (Blacktown)

Nov 15: Centenary of the Opening of the Passionist Monastery on this site in 1915.

Parish Celebration at 10.30am Mass and picnic to follow.

Nov 21: Diaconate Ordination of Erick Niyiragira CP (Melbourne)

Nov 21: Erection of the 2015 Crib

Nov 25: Memorial Mass (7pm)

Dec 3-5: Australian Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide

Dec 12: Carols on the Lawns.

Parish Web Site

We have grown in the last few weeks to **879 friends**. Soon we will have 1,000. Tell your friends about us.

Advance Notice Moving Forward Together: Harmony Walk 2015

Sydney will host the 4th annual Harmony Walk – a celebration of Australia's national, ethnic and religious diversity.

It brings together people from all walks of life who strive for an inclusive society around the principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

It will be a fun day suitable for all the family, with multicultural food stalls, entertainment, and of course the walk itself.

The walk is free and suitable for people of all ages and abilities. You can register on the day, but registering beforehand is encouraged. Harmony Walk 2015:

Sunday, 8 November 2015,
from 1-5 pm, at Blacktown

Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. Bring the family and join in this wonderful Sydney celebration!

St Brigid's & Marrickville Multifaith Roundtable

will once again lead local people on the walk. We encourage locals to travel by train, join us for the Walk In, and the Walk at the Showgrounds. Food and entertainment available.

Parish Calendar

September

1-3 CP Provincial Council
4 Italian Mass (10.30am)
Men's Cub (7.30pm)

5-6 23rd Sunday of the Year

10 Clergy Day on Professional

Standards

11 Deanery Meeting

12-13 24th Sunday of the Year

14 Feast of OL of Sorrows

15 Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Casimir Year 12 Graduation

16 Children's Sacraments

Information Night (7pm)

17 St Brigid's School, End of Term Mass

17-18 SB School Staff Spirituality Day

19-20 25th Sunday of the Year