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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Fifteenth Sunday (Year B)

Success for Priest's Campaign to Ease Refugees' Financial Burden

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Fares and costs reduced

The coordinator of the Marist Asylum Seeker and Refugee Services says NSW Premier Mike Baird's decision to grant travel concessions to the city's 7000 asylum seekers is wonderful news, reports Sydney Catholic.

For the past six months, Fr Jim Carty SM has led a campaign by the Sydney Alliance to provide travel concessions to newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers living in the community.

"Not permitted to work and struggling to survive on just \$206 per week, asylum seekers living in community detention in Sydney cannot afford bus or train fares to access the services and support available to them," he says.

Fr Jim applauds the Premier's announcement that from January 1 next year, eligible asylum seekers will be able to claim the equivalent of a gold pension concession card which will enable them to travel across the city's transport network at a capped price of \$2.50 per day.

Eligible asylum seekers will be those who hold a bridging visa or are applying for one, and if they are receiving assistance from a designated agency. In making the announcement on Twitter, Premier Baird said although it was a "small announcement in terms of dollars" it was a "big announcement in terms of impact of those who need it most."

"They (asylum seekers) arrive here with nothing, looking to get on their feet, escaping conditions and circumstances none of us can imagine, and we are very proud to provide some support at a time they need it most," he tweeted late on Friday last week.



Attacks Show Respect for Holy Places is Diminishing

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"The blood of the innocent cries out to heaven, we are told. Sometimes that cry does not have to travel far, as when slaughter is visited upon the very houses of worship where one goes to encounter God. The massacre of innocents is always an abominable crime. When done in the name of God it is compounded by the sin of blasphemy. When done in the house of God it constitutes a sacrilege. Blasphemous and sacrilegious murder is on the increase."

I wrote those lines three years ago after a massacre at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin. I could have rewritten them last week after the massacre of black members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

They were nearly applicable again last week as the Church of the Multiplication on the Sea of Galilee was set ablaze by arsonists. The police suspect Jewish extremists, as the church was defaced with Hebrew graffiti quoting from the Aleinu prayer said thrice daily by religious Jews.

In the latter case there were no deaths, only some minor injuries. Yet there is a disturbing pattern of vandalism – now escalating it seems – against houses of worship in the Holy Land.

"Since December, 2009, about 43 churches and mosques were torched or desecrated, yet not a single person has been prosecuted by the authorities," said a statement from the highest religious authorities in Israel, Palestine and Jordan.

"The Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, representing the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, the Heads of the Local Churches of the Holy Land and the Courts of Sharia Law in the Palestinian Authority, calls on the police forces and respective authorities to do their utmost to bring the perpetrators to justice, to prevent such attacks and restore safety and respect for Holy Sites of all religions," it said.

Respect for holy places is diminishing. Earlier this year, a mosque not far from Bethlehem in the West Bank town of al-Jaba was set on fire, defaced with graffiti in Hebrew calling for the death of Muslims and Arabs.

Last Sunday's Scripture Reflection

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2015 (Last Weekend)

Readings: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Hearers of the Word

During the weeks leading up to the release of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment (*Laudato Si'*), I was intrigued by the debates that had already begun about the letter. The encyclical was awaited with great anticipation, and many pundits offered speculations about its content and style. Some folks did so with enthusiasm and eager anticipation. Others were quite negative about the encyclical, questioning the pope's competence to speak on the issue and criticizing positions that they assumed would be found in the text.

It is certainly true that Catholics have the right, and even the responsibility, to engage official Church teaching thoughtfully and to ask critical questions about it. The "sense of the faith" that is present among the people of God needs to be expressed in order for the Church to grow in its understanding of the faith. But critical engagement is different from rejection of a teaching that one has not yet read. In a society and a Church where viewpoints tend to be polarized, it is tempting to remain closed to perspectives that we do not wish to engage.

As Catholic Christians, we profess belief in a God who has spoken to us and who, in many different ways, continues to speak to us. We believe in the Word of God and are summoned to be "hearers of the word." Each of us, in the particular circumstances of our lives and vocations, is meant to listen for the ways in which God communicates God's Self to us. And God is ingenious in finding ways to speak to us, whether in the liturgical setting of the Eucharist, the teaching of a pope, the words of a family member or trusted mentor, or in the quiet of our own hearts.

In the Scripture readings for this Sunday, we encounter instances when God's people were not open to hearing the word that was spoken to them. Ezekiel receives his prophetic call and commissioning, and he is warned that he is being sent to a people who are "hard of face and obstinate of heart." These people want to hear that everything is going to be just fine, that Jerusalem will be saved from the Babylonians and their lives will not be disturbed. Writing from exile, Ezekiel will disturb them by issuing a clarion call to conversion and warning them of further disruption in their lives.

When Jesus returns to his hometown to teach in the synagogue, he encounters people who are aware of the mighty deeds he has been performing. But they question the source of his deeds. Their questions reflect a feeling of resentment: "Who does he think he is? We know his relatives." So they take offense at him. These people know Jesus well, but they do not understand him at all. Because they are so closed to Jesus and his word, the power of God that has worked through him to give life to people is not as effective in his hometown.

It is easy for us to listen to this Gospel passage and point out the foolishness of the people. "There he was, right in your midst, and you refused to believe in him." Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit that sometimes our hearts and minds are also closed to God's word. Sometimes God's word comes to us through a voice that is challenging or even critical, and we can easily tune it out. Or it may be spoken by someone we least expect, perhaps someone with whom we are very familiar. At other times, the difficulty is that our lives are so busy and filled with noise that we are

unable to attune ourselves to the stirrings of God's word within us.

As we pray at Eucharist this Sunday, may we ask the Lord to open our hearts and minds to his presence and word. May we ask Christ to make us more aware of the complacency and prejudices within us that hinder us from hearing his word. And let us recommit ourselves to daily prayer, so that our lives may become an ongoing dialogue with God. At the Eucharist, we give praise and thanks to the God who is involved in our lives and who speaks to us in many different ways. We know in faith that God's final, ultimate word to us is that God loves us more than we could ever imagine and wants to share his own life with us.

Rev. Robin Ryan, CP Associate Professor of Systematic Theology

The Migrant Pope: Francis Shines Light on Forced Voyages

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In his first trip outside of Rome, for example, Francis did not land in some glorious European capital in order to make a grand entrance on the world stage. He instead visited a small, rocky Italian outcrop about 110 kms (70 miles) off the coast of Africa in the Mediterranean Sea.

During his trip to the Italian island of Lampedusa in July 2013, the pope celebrated Mass and laid a wreath in the sea to remember the many hundreds of migrants who have died attempting to reach Europe by sea.

Thousands of migrants, both those trying to escape from economic hardship and those fleeing persecution, each year attempt to reach Europe by boat; Lampedusa is the closest European soil. (The capsizing and sinking this northern Spring of several vessels overloaded with migrants on the Mediterranean claimed hundreds of lives and demonstrated how perilous that passage can be.)

He joined his powerful actions that day with words that sent ripples throughout European capitals and beyond. As a moral matter, he said, the world can no longer ignore the human rights and human lives of those seeking a better life and safety in a foreign land. He decried the "globalization of indifference" toward migrants and charged world leaders with responding to their plight.

"In this world of globalisation, we have fallen into globalised indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others; 'It does not affect me; it does not concern me; it is none of my business'," he said.

"Father...we beg your forgiveness for those who by their decisions on the global level have created situations that lead to these tragedies."

In addition to his visit to Lampedusa, the Pope has skillfully combined his words with small but profound acts of compassion toward forced migrants and solidarity with them, thus amplifying his message.

He has had Christmas gifts delivered to residents of a migrant shelter near the Vatican, visited a Jesuit-run refugee shelter in Rome and, more recently, sent Easter cakes to Christian refugees in Iraq. He also has highlighted their struggles in his trips outside Rome, meeting with Syrian refugees in Jordan and immigrants in Naples.

Through his deeds and messages, the Pope has placed the issue of migration—and the human rights of persons forced to migrate—at the center of his Papacy. He also has moved it to the center of policy debates in world capitals. As a result, he has forced elected leaders worldwide to rethink their approach to this timeless and vexing human rights issue.

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
CanCare Fr John, Jenny, Maree
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 Fr Peter, Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr John, Sr Elena
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis, John Skinner,
 Mick Ward
Pastoral Council John Skinner, Paige Bullen
PPC Committees:
 - Communication/Engagement:
 - Nurturing Liturgy: Paige Bullen
 - Social Justice: Peter Jennings
 - Spiritual Growth:
 - Strong Community: Michael Ward

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: Robert Rankin; Joan Paull; Sr Annita Tosin.

Anniversaries: Duong Thi Viet; Jacob Yammine; Antonio Merlino; Austin Lowe; Giuseppe Biviano; Charles Raby; Gioan Viet Khoi Tran; Anthony Kim Siang Ng.

Recently Ill: Connie Cloran; Teresa Mazzeo;

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (13/7) Jim/
 Lalo/Maree

Counters: Next Week (20/7)
 Jim's Team

4/5 July

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,475

2nd (Parish): \$ 5,208

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,933

Credit Cards: \$ 1,275

27/28 June

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,060

2nd (Parish): \$ 6,568

Mass Texts: Sunday 15 (Yr B)

First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15

Response: Let us see O Lord, your mercy
 and give us your saving help

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Intercession Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 16 (Yr B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Sunday Mass Ministries: 15th and 16 th Sunday (Year B)

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	11/12 July	18/19 July	11/12 July	18/19 July	11/12 July	18/19 July
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Yvonne Kearsey	Kelelia Apikotoa Yvette Apikotoa Paul Cloran	Jo Young William Metlej Elizabeth Delaney SGS Leila Walsh Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Jack Houssarini Susie Houssarini Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Samuela Kula	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young
7.30am Sun	Carolann Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Maree Doyle John Lizzio	Janice Schubach Kerry Anne Pestana Theresa James	John Freeman Maria Mansour Marg Barrett	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Adrienne Harverson	Christina Day Trish Ferguson Peter Jennings	Frank Wassef Maria Wassef Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Sue King George Harb Jim Yeo Antoinette Grigg Francis Seufale	Michael Moreira Claude Walton Louis Walton Jacqueline Flett Nicholas Sourlas	Xavier Rego Naomi Rego Natasha Rego Olivia Moreira Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Theodore Bullen
10.30 am Sun	Jeff Thurlow Italian reader Angie Chiapoco	Kate Johnston Italian reader Bernadette Yammine	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine Beatrice Lau Antoinette Grigg Kalala Sakopo	Geoffrey Lean Mely Siasat Jeff Thurlow Sebastian Caruso Maria Necesito	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia John Dorrington	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera James Poonan
6 pm Sun	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks Dominic Manansala	Maria Fuller Catrina Fuller Melissa Saxton	Jackie Kassis Arthur Kassis Alex Kassis Anthony Kassis Thomas Hill	Pei-Pei Coa Lea Paladino Dominic Manansala Alisa Nasic Noeleen Fernandez Ever Landero	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek

Parish Calendar 2015 & Coming Events

Passionist Ministries & Activities

Frs John P & John A at St Brigid's.

Fr Lex, marriages.

Fr George at Punchbowl.

Fr Jim on mission in San Diego CA.

Fr Peter on mission in Chicago IL.



5-11 July: Passionist Chapter

The 28th Passionist Provincial Chapter met this past week in Melbourne.

This is the first Chapter for our expanded Province, with men from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam. It included two students from Vietnam who recently professed their Final (life) Vows, **Br Thanh Nguyen (Thomas) CP** and **Br Truc Hoang (Peter)** plus **Br Dien Trinh (Joseph)** from the next class.. They visited St Brigid's four years ago during their Novitiate. Also present as observers were representatives from our Asia Pacific Region: India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines.

Our deliberations covered the following areas:

- Intercultural Sensitivity
- Formation for Today
- Youth Ministry
- Community Staffing & Maintaining our Ministries
- Professionalism

On Friday the following were elected as the new

leadership team for the coming four years:

Province Superior: Fr Tom McDonough CP.

His Council consists of Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Fr John Curtis CP, Fr John Pearce CP and Fr John Auram CP. Congratulations!!!

Thank you to **Fr Michael Hickey & Mons Vince Redden** for assisting with Masses during the week.

25 Jul: Archbishop Fisher to be Invested with the Pallium

At 10am in the Cathedral, the Archbishop will be invested with the Pallium by the Nuncio, Archbishop Tito, having been handed to him after Mass in the Vatican on the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul on 29th June by Pope Francis. All in the Diocese are invited to this Mass.

Family Groups

Thank you to the inquirers about joining a Family Group. Next Sunday there is a morning tea and information session for anyone interested in learning a little more about these at 10am in Parish Centre.

New Envelopes

The new set of envelopes and receipts are now available. Please pick them up from the table.



Children, Youth & Young Adults

New Appointment Pastoral Associate (Youth)

Thank you to the Inquirers and Applicants for our new position. Last Saturday the Panel completed interviews. I am pleased to announce we have appointed **Darren Della Rosa** as Pastoral Associate (youth). Darren is a student at Notre Dame University in the School of Nursing. He comes with wide experience in youth Ministry through Casimir Catholic College, LaSallian Youth and Youth for Christ.

Thank you to the Selection Panel of Adrien Harverson (chair), Pedro Moreira, Vanessa Penitani, who assisted me in this.

Darren will have the backing of a new Parish Support Group made up of several parents and friends.

(John Pearce CP)

Teens Youth Group

This group will meet in the Hall and/or Annexe after the 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm) on 2nd and 4th Sunday nights. The format is still evolving. Some members will assist with the Sunday night Masses as well.

Thank you to the members of the Adult Support Group in the background. During the school holidays they procured some sporting & recreation equipment for us.

Young Adult Group

This group meets in the Annexe on 4th Sundays after the 6pm Youth Mass. Young people age 18-35 are welcome.

Youth Mass

This is on 4th Sunday at 6pm. We invite more young people and

teenagers to be involved, wither through music, reading, prayers, collectors, communion ministers. Speak to one of the group and we will try to find you a spot.

4th Sunday SB School Mass

26 July @ 9am, morning tea to follow

4th Sunday Youth Mass

Sunday 26 July at 6pm.

26 Jul: St Brigid's School Mass

Our next School Mass is at 9am, with morning tea to follow generously prepared by the families.

2 Aug: Cana Farm Day

The next Family Day, open to all, is another opportunity to travel to Orchard Hills, do a little work together on the farm, celebrate Mass and share a sausage together.

Parish Calendar

July

11-12 14th Sunday of the Year

**Catholic Mission Appeal—
"Propagation of the Faith"**
Term 3.

15 Harmony Walk Committee.

18-19 15th Sunday of the Year

Teens Youth Group (7pm)

25-26 16th Sunday of the Year

SB School Mass (9am)

Seniors Club (2pm)

Youth Mass (6pm)

28 Pastoral Council (7.30pm)

30 Finance Council (7.30pm)

August

7 Italian Mass (10.30am)

Men's Club (7.30pm)

8 Feast of Mary MacKillop

8-9 17th Sunday of the Year

Guest Speaker from Mary

MacKillop International

Teens Youth Group (7pm)

14 Deanery Meeting

15 Feast of Assumption

Holy Day Masses 7.30 & 9am

16 18th Sunday of the Year

18 Inner West Principals, PP's,

REC's Day (10-4)

20 FG Leaders (7.30pm)

22-23 19th Sunday of the Year

SB School Mass (9am)

Seniors Club (2pm)

Youth Mass (6pm)

Teens Youth Group (7pm)

Young Adult Group (7pm)

24 Ecumenical & Interfaith C'tee

25 Pastoral Council (7.30pm)

27 Finance Council (7.30pm)