

National Child Protection Week

The National Child Protection Week campaign runs from 3 to 9 September. The campaign aims to engage, educate and empower Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect and work together to prevent it.

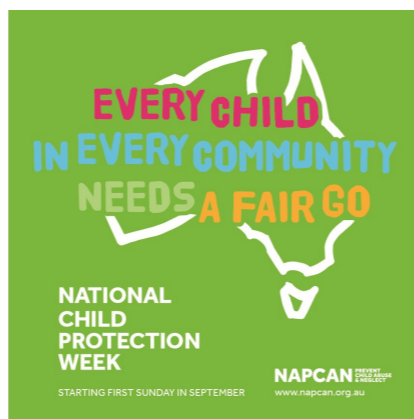
This year, the message that "Every child in every community needs a fair go" will be complemented with the theme "Where we start matters" Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. Of course, where we start isn't where we finish.

The Catholic Church in Australia will also mark **Safeguarding Sunday on September 10**. We pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious



and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023



Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, invites you to celebrate the Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass will be followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral) from 7pm to 8pm.

Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023

Time: 6:00pm Mass

Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth, Brisbane

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SOCMass23>



The Women of The Way Retreat.

Theme: "Open the eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Retreat Facilitators: Sr Therese Mills, Leader of The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters and Sr Judy Bowe, are inspirational speakers, with a passion for sharing God's love.

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

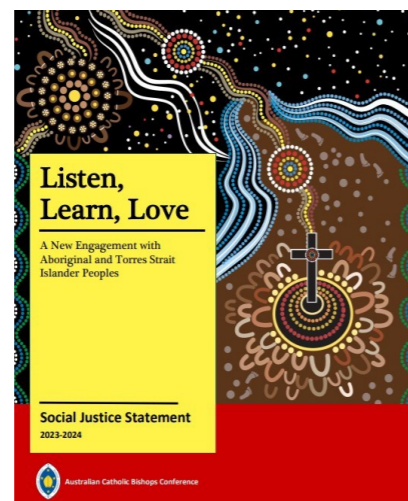
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Social Justice Sunday 2023-August 27

Social Justice Sunday calls all Catholics, in light of the Social Justice Statement and the current focus on a referendum, to use this opportunity to listen and learn from First Nations People. May love guide us as we listen deeply to our own hearts and those of others. Let the love of God fill our hearts as we walk together towards justice and peace. The challenge of the day is to read and discern the wisdom for you in the Social Justice Statement "Listen Learn, Love". Access the Social Justice Sunday Statement 2023-24 at <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>



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MASS TIMES

Wed | Thurs | Friday 9 am

Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9am & 5pm

CONFESSIONS (by appointment)

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

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21st & 22nd Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A

27th August & 3rd September 2023

Greetings,

In the gospels, Jesus says many wonderful things. However, the questions that he asks are far more challenging. In the gospel today, as Jesus is walking with his followers, he turns and asks them a direct and somewhat strange question; 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They offer him a list of names that they have probably heard in the marketplace and on street corners. None of these seems to satisfy him.

Jesus responds with a more personal and demanding question; 'But you, who do you say that I am?' There is a sense that with this second question, Jesus is not interested in gossip, rumours or hearsay. He is asking and looking for a very personal and heartfelt response from his closest friends.

The question invites us to give our own personal confession of faith in Jesus. 'Who is Jesus for me?' I would imagine that we all might struggle a bit to answer that question. We don't always find it easy to articulate our own personal faith in the Lord. In the gospel reading, Peter comes forward to give his own personal answer to Jesus' question, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'.

It is a great answer really and Jesus declares Peter blessed because of this God-given insight he has into the identity of Jesus. Because of his answer, Jesus sees in Peter the rock on which he can build his church. Peter can be the firm foundation on which the community of believers relies. He can be entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven which allows him to bind and loose. The image of 'keys' suggests authority. The language of binding and loosing specifies that authority as a teaching authority.

This question of faith is still one that is asked of each of us today. Hopefully, we meet and encounter Jesus through each other, in the Word of God and through the life of the sacraments. We are also being called and invited by Jesus to have a deep personal relationship with him on a daily basis. This does not mean that this is private; just between myself and Jesus; our friendship with Jesus is personal but never private. As a follower of Jesus, we are always connected to something bigger and richer than just ourselves; the Church – the Body of Christ. Today let us take a little time to hear and listen to Jesus asking you personally, 'Who do you say that I am?'

God Bless,
Fr Dang.

We pray for, Dr. Emerson Arocena who passed away on 23rd August 2023. May his soul and all the souls of faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Our prayers are with those who are suffering illness at this time.
May God's presence nourish and strengthen you.





Confirmation celebration

Congratulations!



We had a great celebration last Wednesday night as 33 of our young parishioners were confirmed by Bishop Tim. The Confirmation ceremonies were beautiful and full of joy. We offer thanks to the many who worked so hard to make it a wonderful celebration. In particular, we thank Bishop Tim for his presence and ministry in our parish; Aunty Margaret for her kind words of welcome and The Friends Filipino Choir and musicians, with their beautiful voices add such beauty to the celebration.

We especially wish to thank sisters of Missionaries of Charity, Sr Hannah and Sr Joy Marie who helped to plan and prepare the candidates for this important day. Their wonderful energy and wisdom in leading the sessions this year, accompanied by their hard work and commitment to assisting parents as they share their faith journey with their children.

Also, a very special thank you to Rise Youth Ministry led by Ellen Tran who has helped in preparing gifts and cake for our confirmation candidates and Lizet Sanchez who is always wonderful in coordinating behind the scenes. We are grateful for all of you.

We particularly express our sincere gratitude to all our dear parishioners who generously volunteered their time and financial assistance in preparing an amazing feast so that the whole community can come together and celebrate with our newly confirmed and their families. It was so awesome. Thank you.

Finally, we congrats the 33 newly confirmed for committing to Christ. Confirmation is a major milestone and meaningful moment not only for themselves but for their whole family and to our parish. It is a wonderful step in growing into godly children. Also, we would like to thank you to all the parents, for your ongoing and valuable support of our parish. Especially in the last four weeks, as you journey with your children in their sacramental program. We appreciate so much for your time and effort to bring your kids to join our community. Thank you.

Fr Dang.

October month of the Rosary

OLOF Rosary Crusade

Please join us to participate in this wonderful event to thank our Blessed Mother Mary and to ask her guidance and protection always. You are invited 30 minutes everyday from 6.00 pm during week days to pray the Holy Rosary at Our Lady of Fatima Church starting October 1st.

"The Rosary is a school of prayer.

The Rosary is a school of faith" - Pope Francis

Register now for the **National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music** to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September. It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place for three days of focussed input. In addition to 6keynote presentations and over 50 workshops, there will be opportunities to engage in facilitated discussions, and to participate in the Conference Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer. To register visit <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>



**Thursday
14 & 28 SEP
9.30AM**

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TO SHARE AND A FRIEND.....**



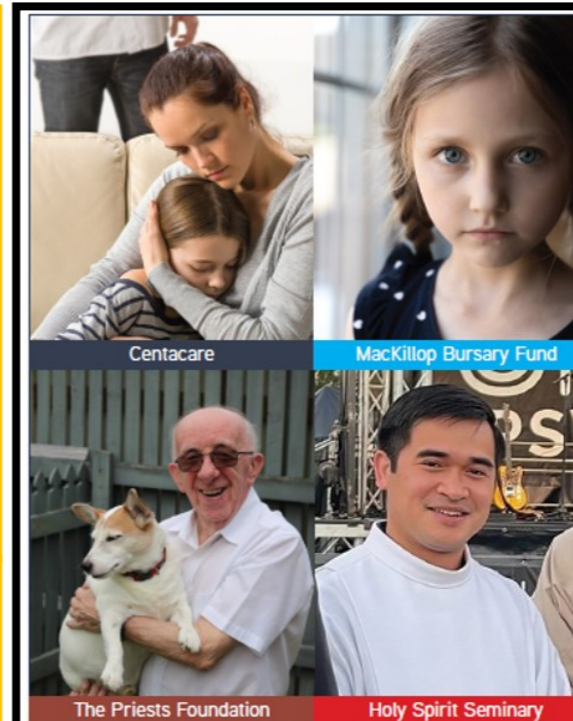
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Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign will support those in dire circumstances and give children living in hardship access to a caring Catholic school community. Through this gift, you live the Gospel by caring for our elderly priests and educating seminarians who will lead the future Church.

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