

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Kerry Dillon, Tony Yui, Wally Yui, Walter Nardi, Leah O'Donahue

Anniversaries: Patrick Kenny, Patrick Garvey, Antonio Gangemi, Vincenzo Madaffari

Sick: Judy & John Kerr, Mary-Rose Webb, Mercedes Ramos, June-Marie James, Karen Ridley, Alison Hancock, Daniel Lackenby, Kasey, Mark O'Neill, Mary Kendal, Jodie McIntosh, Christine Parker, Michael Mitchell, Joe Aquilia, Kaan Geçili, Dr Tony Da Silva Rosa, Todd Bennett, Maureen & Laurie Fennessy, Maureen Davidson, Kay Illingworth, Angelo Rechichi, Beryl & Frank Jones

AMERICA IS ADDICTED TO GUNS AND IN DENIAL

By Daniel P. Horan, NCR

In the wake of the horrific mass shootings this week, when it comes to guns the United States collectively behaves in a way that mimics an addict in denial. Anybody familiar with recovery programs knows the entire effort to manage a behaviour or dependence is predicated on the ability to acknowledge there is a problem in the first place. Americans in general refuse to admit there is a gun problem. While there are important differences between the illness of addiction as it afflicts an individual and the gun crisis in America, some of the collective problematic behaviours of the latter have me thinking about how thousands suffering from the former struggle to respond to what often appears to be a seemingly helpless circumstance. Instead of addressing the problem, acknowledging that an 18th-century constitutional provision to ensure a rebelling colony's right to defend itself against a foreign empire should not provide cover for nearly anybody to have access to weapons of mass murder, 'gun rights activists' deflect focus on tangential issues. I learned about the recent shootings while in Australia this week delivering a series of lectures. As in the United States and every other country in the world, a significant percentage of Australia's population suffers from various forms of mental illness, and violent television, movies and video games are as common here as anywhere else. And yet, like much of the rest of the world, Australia does not experience mass shootings or gun violence in general anywhere near the mind-numbingly absurd levels of the United States. What accounts for the difference? Australia's strict gun laws that limit or, in some cases, outright prohibit personal gun ownership. It hadn't always been this way in Australia, but after the 1996 mass shooting in Port Arthur, where a shooter killed 35 people and wounded 18, the Australian government — with the widespread support of the Australian people — passed legislation banning semi-automatic and military-style weapons within weeks of the mass shooting. There was an assault-weapon buyback program, which according to at least one Harvard University study, was extremely successful. Australia's neighbour to the southeast, New Zealand, recently followed suit, passing strong legislation banning most assault weapons within a month of the mass shooting at two mosques in the city of Christchurch, which left 50 dead. As the scientific data make clear, the one factor that accounts for America's disproportionate gun violence is the number of, and wide access to, guns in America. According to a 2016 study Americans were 10 times more likely to die as the result of a firearm than residents of other economically developed countries. American exceptionalism is real, but it is not the laudable characteristic so many Americans think it is. Our exceptionalism is increasingly located in our ability to deny reality. And this is something about which we should be deeply ashamed. Politicians, awaiting their next campaign-contribution 'hit' from the gun lobby, dissemble, obfuscate, distract, scapegoat and simply deny there is a problem. Or, on the rare occasion there is any remote acknowledgment there *may* be a problem, the same leaders claim, sadly, there is just nothing that can be done about it. When someone whose behavior is as destructive to themselves or others on the personal level as what we see on our societal level, those who care about them stage an intervention to help them see their problem. There are some people, notably gun-control activists who care enough about the United States to intervene, to call out the denial and to seek real change. But more of us need to do this, particularly people of faith and especially church leaders. It is not enough to issue statements decrying the obvious tragedy of mass deaths or expressing prayerful sentiments. Instead, church leaders must name the social denial and political deflection for what it is: a systemic problem that can, and must be, addressed. We have a moral and civil obligation to acknowledge that we as a country have a problem, a social sickness. Absolutely nothing will change until we overcome our denial and accept we are out of control, and many more people will die because of our collective denial and inaction. At present, we the people are enabling the cycle of violence in our country. It is time we learn from Australia, New Zealand and other societies that have staged the intervention and sought the changes needed to promote a culture of life. [Visit ncronline.org to read more.](http://www.ncronline.org)

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	76	5	39	46	
8am Mass	18	224	170	188	St Joseph's Mass (385)
10am Mass	103	288	66	188	Mass Shalom (370)
6pm Family Mass	127	60	36	123	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 Today at the 8am Mass.
 Suitable for children aged 3 to 8 years.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)

Monday	5.30pm
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	
Friday	7am
Saturday Reconciliation	5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	8am, 10am, 6pm

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Masses on Thursday 15 August will be at 9am & 5.30pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

Street Appeal: The annual St Vincent de Paul Street Appeal will be held on **13 September**. Can you assist by donating two hours (or more) of your time to assist in the Street Appeal. Collectors will assist in the Subiaco/West Perth/West Leederville area. If you can assist, please leave your details on the form on the desk at the back of the Church. Alternatively, contact Aileen on 0424 520 585. Regular collectors will be contacted shortly.

Winter Appeal: The Subiaco Conference of SVDP sincerely thank parishioners for their very generous response to our Winter Appeal. Your donations will assist in the food parcels we deliver to those in need in our community. The Winter Appeal will cease on 25 August after the 6pm Mass. If you wish to donate non-perishable groceries, Vinnies baskets are at the back of the Church. Unfortunately, many in our local community are still doing it tough

Save the Date: Monsignor Kevin is hosting a morning tea on **15 September** following the 10am Mass. The Subiaco Conference of SVDP will be coordinating. More information coming soon

PERTH CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE CHILD PROTECTION WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Closes Wednesday 21 August

The Perth Archdiocese has launched a poster competition to coincide with Child Protection Week. There are three age groups – Kindy to Year 3; Years 4 to 6 and Secondary School. Copies of the entry form are available in the Church foyer or on the Parish website. From next week completed entries can be deposited in the collection box in the Church foyer.

SANCTUARY CLEANING: ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

In both the Old and New Testaments there are stories of the many women and men who spent time tending to the Sanctuary of the Lord. It is written about as holy work. Many of those who participated developed a sense of gratitude for the closeness to God that it brought them. If you are interested in joining them, please email enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au or call 9381 0400.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

ORDINATIONS

On **Friday 16 August** at **7.30pm**
 in **St Mary's Cathedral**,

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will ordain:
 Mark Rucci, Liam Patrick Ryan and Matteo Verdi.
 After the celebration, supper will be served in the
 Cathedral Parish Centre. No RSVP required.

ANTISEMITISM: WHAT CAN WE DO?

The Council of Christians & Jews WA will hold a Seminar and Panel Discussion at **7.30pm** on **12 August** at Wesley Church, Perth. Distinguished Protestant Theologian Anette Adelman is the keynote speaker with Steve Lieblich, Fr Michael Moore SM, Rector, Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Sol Majteles & Simon Millman MLA as Panel Members. Light refreshments will be served. Free entry but donations appreciated. All welcome.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE: JEWELS OF ITALY WITH SICILY AND MALTA

13-27 October

Join Monsignor Michael Keating on this pilgrimage visiting attractions in Turin, Milan, San Gimignano, Siena, Orvieto, Castel Gandolfo, Sorrento, Capri, Taormina, Syracuse and Palermo. Ferry across to see the Marian shrines in cities and villages in Malta. Full board fare (including taxes): \$6747 per person. Flyers are available at the back of the Church or speak to Monsignor after Mass this weekend. For more information or to book, contact Alternative Events on 6461 6183 or email info@alternative-events.net.

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY

9.30am-3.30pm, Saturday 24 August, Sacred Heart Parish, 50 Mary St, Highgate

'Come by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile' (Mark 6:13). Presented by the Apostles of Perpetual Adoration the day will include talks, testimonies, Mass and Adoration. No cost. BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon tea provided. For further information and bookings please text Viv 0418 921 797 or Michelle 0404 028 298.

PARISH DIARY		
Sunday		Sunday, Week 19 in Ordinary Time
11 August	4.45pm	Upper Room: <i>Reconciliation Preparation</i>
	4.45pm	Tribune Chapel: <i>First Holy Communion Preparation</i>
	7pm	Upper Room: <i>Young Adult Fellowship & Social</i>
Monday		Monday, Week 19 in Ordinary Time
12 August		<i>Optional: St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>
Tuesday		Tuesday, Week 19 in Ordinary Time
13 August	6pm	<i>St Pontian, Pope, Martyr & St Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr</i>
	7.15pm	Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>
		Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>
Wednesday		St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, Memorial
14 August	10am	Upper Room: <i>Women's Prayer Group</i>
	5.30pm	Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>
Thursday		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
15 August	9am	Church: <i>Mass</i>
	5.30pm	Church: <i>Mass</i>
Friday		Friday, Week 19 in Ordinary Time
16 August	6.30pm	<i>Optional: St Stephen of Hungary</i>
		Upper Room: <i>24:7 St Joseph's Subiaco Youth Group</i>
Saturday		Saturday, Week 19 in Ordinary Time
17 August		<i>Optional: Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary</i>

Monsignor Kevin: Anglican Professional Standards Meeting