

**Let us remember in our prayers ...****Recently deceased:** Amanda Morgan, Murray Casey, Fr Russell Hardiman, Fr Daniel O'Leary**Anniversaries:** Balimek Pushparatnam, Stan Given, Shane Paltridge**Sick:** Judy & John Kerr, Sergio Amadio, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O'Hara, John Davidson, Mary-Rose Webb, Kathy Choate,

Mercedes Ramos, June-Marie James, Peter Dalton, Jared Haddon-Casey, Kim Crossing

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS MUST BE FREE TO TEACH THEIR DOCTRINE***By Father Frank Brennan SJ in Eureka Street*

When Parliament resumes next month, one outstanding item of business will be Senator Penny Wong's private member's bill dealing with the ability of religious schools to 'discriminate' against students on sexuality on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. I support Wong's bill subject to one proviso. I agree with her that religious schools should not be able to discriminate against students on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity. But I think religious schools should remain free to teach their doctrine respectfully and reasonably. And the law should make that perfectly clear. We all need to concede that some religious teachings can be confronting and upsetting. But it is not for the state to rewrite the Bible or Koran.

Let's consider an example that has nothing to do with sexuality. Jesus was fearless in his condemnation of wealth: "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Church schools have to remain free to teach this doctrine even to the wealthiest children privileged to attend private schools with high fees. This doctrine can be taught respectfully and reasonably even though it is in stark contrast to the lifestyle of many of these students and their families. So too, the teaching of Jesus about marriage and divorce. Yes, there is a large number of students from blended families who have experienced divorce, and there will be an increasing number of students from families with same sex married parents. Jesus' teaching on divorce has been countercultural for a long time; so now, his teaching on marriage. A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught, respectfully, reasonably and counterculturally – respectfully because the dignity of all persons must be affirmed, reasonably because a school has a fundamental educational purpose, and counterculturally because many of the things Jesus taught will never appear in the political manifestos of the Liberal Party or the Labor Party.

*To read the full article visit [eurekastreet.com.au](http://eurekastreet.com.au)***CALCUTTA STATIONS MISSION**

From 9 to 18 February the St Joseph's Parish overseas outreach program, Calcutta Stations Mission, will be conducting a pilgrimage to India where some of our benefactors will have the opportunity to observe the mission first hand.

During the pilgrimage, we will take the opportunity to observe our food program for the homeless, mingle with our social workers, meet our Teacher Training scholarship recipients and visit the remote rural school we have built and continue to support, two hours north of Kolkata. In between our charity pursuits we will spend some time for quiet prayer at the tomb of Saint Mother Teresa at the Missionary Sisters' Mother House. Early morning masses at the Mother House and at the Loreto Teacher Training College Church also offer a unique faith experience in preparation for the Lenten period and Easter.

We wish to thank our benefactors and St Joseph's parishioners for your past and on-going support.

**PLEASE TAKE CARE**

Last week, whilst on an early morning walk, the parents of one of our parishioners were confronted and robbed, as were two other elderly locals on Salvado Road. We are thankful no further harm came to them. Please be vigilant for yourself and your loved ones.

**PLENARY COUNCIL LISTENING & DIALOGUE DISCUSSION GROUP**

The final St Joseph's Listening and Dialogue Discussion Group sessions will be held on **Monday 18 and Monday 25 February**. If you are interested in joining us, please register at [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au) or 9381 0400..

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Parish Office** will be closed on **Monday 28 January** for the Australia Day Public Holiday.

MASS TIMES	
Monday	5.30pm
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	9am
Friday	7am
Saturday Reconciliation	5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	8am, 10am, 6pm

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PARISH ROSTERS				
<b>Sanctuary</b>	1 February	Ogilvie Family	8 February	Conor & Izumi Mallen

**24:7 ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SUBIACO YOUTH MINISTRY****Friday 1 February, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Upper Room**

Those aged 12 to 18 years are invited to come along and find out more about the weekly youth group and meet our parish youth ministers, Aidan Walsh and Angela Firth. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Parents are invited to accompany your child to the Upper Room to sign them in and attend the 20-minute parent briefing led by 24:7 Youth Ministry Director, Mario Borg. Parking for drop off and pick up will be available in the carparks beside the Church and Presbytery free of charge. (The underground carpark requires fee payment)

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 29 January to [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au) or 9381 4000. If you require further information, please contact Aidan Walsh on 0487 403 456 or Mario Borg 0411 641 245.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2019**

The children's Liturgy Program will recommence on **Sunday 17 February** at the **8am Mass**. Please note this change of time for 2019.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Parishioners David and Pat Fitzgerald are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a Renewal of Vows on Sunday 27 January at the 8am Mass. David and Pat are long standing Parish supporters; stalwarts of the St Vincent de Paul Subiaco Conference and Pat's culinary prowess is legendary. Congratulations on reaching this outstanding milestone.

**POPE AT MASS: THE BEATITUDES ARE THE TRUE WAY OF LIFE FOR THE CHRISTIAN***By Robin Gomes, Vatican News*

The Gospel, the Word of the Lord, is the 'new wine' that has been gifted us, but to be good Christians we need a 'new behaviour', a 'new style' that is truly the 'Christian style', and this style is indicated by the Beatitudes. According to the Pope, we can learn about the Christian style by first knowing our attitudes that don't belong to the Christian style. In this regard, he points to: the 'accusatory style', the 'worldly style' and the 'selfish style'. The Pope says that the accusatory style belongs to those who always try and live by accusing others, disqualifying others, acting as absent promoters of justice. But they don't realise that it's the style of the devil: in the Bible, the devil is called the 'great accuser', who is always accusing others. This was the same in the time of Jesus who in a few cases reproached the accusers: "Instead of looking at the speck in the eyes of others, look at the beam in yours"; or again: "Those who have not sinned can throw the first stone". Living by accusing others and looking for defects, the Pope says, is not "Christian", not new wineskin. Speaking about worldliness, Pope Francis calls it an attitude of Catholics who can "recite the Creed", but live on "vanity, pride and attachment to money", believing themselves to be self-sufficient. The Pope says that the Lord has offered you the new wine, but you did not change the wineskin, you did not change yourself. This worldliness is what ruins so many who are good, but they enter into this spirit of vanity, of pride, of being seen. Humility that is part of the Christian style, like that of Our Lady and St. Joseph, is lacking, the Pope says. Commenting on the third un-Christian style, the Pope says it is the selfish spirit, the spirit of indifference that is common in our communities. One believes oneself to be a good Catholic but doesn't worry about the problems of others – wars, illnesses and the suffering of our neighbours. This, the Pope says, is the hypocrisy that Jesus reproached the doctors of the law for. What then is the Christian style? According to the Pope, the Christian style is that of the Beatitudes: meekness, humility, patience in suffering, love for justice, ability to endure persecution, not judging others. If a Catholic wants to learn the Christian style, so as not to fall into this accusatory style, the worldly style or the selfish style, one must read the Beatitudes. They are the wineskins, the path we must take. To be a good Christian one must have the ability not only to recite the Creed with the heart but also the Our Father with the heart.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: LJ GOODY BIOETHICS CENTRE**

A Project Officer vacancy exists. This position runs initially to 31 December 2019 (0.5 FTE – 1FTE) with an immediate commencement date, and the possibility of renewal into 2020. Applicants will work with/supervise a small team on a multi-faceted public policy project. The successful applicant will have experience building and maintaining working relationships with key stakeholder and special interest groups, and some familiarity with maintaining website and social media content. Applications close **Monday 28 January** 2019. To receive the Job Description and submit your application please email: [jcpark-ljgbc@iinet.net.au](mailto:jcpark-ljgbc@iinet.net.au)

**TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION****Friday 8 February, 7pm, Gazebo in Dodd St, Wembley**

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, this procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will gather at the Gazebo end of the Dodd St carpark and move around Lake Monger reciting the Rosary. Paths are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Those unable to walk (app 1 ½ hours) will gather near the starting point to participate in the rosary (Bring own chair). Please bring torches. All welcome.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT PERTH REGISTRATIONS**

The next Rachel's Vineyard healing program is in May and intake has commenced. For registration or more information about this post abortion grief & trauma program, email [rachelsvineyardperthwa@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardperthwa@gmail.com) or visit [rachelsvineyardministriesperth.wordpress.com/](http://rachelsvineyardministriesperth.wordpress.com/).

**PARISH DIARY**

Sunday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27 January</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor, Memorial</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>28 January</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>29 January</b>	<b>Tuesday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b> 8am Upper Room: <i>Holy Cross College Leadership Planning Day</i> 6pm Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> 7.15pm Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>30 January</b>	<b>Wednesday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b> 5.30pm Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>31 January</b>	<b>St John Bosco, Priest, Memorial</b> 8.30am Upper Room: <i>CEWA Workshop</i>
<b>Friday</b> <b>1 February</b>	<b>Friday, Week 3 in Ordinary Time</b> 8.30am Upper Room: <i>CEWA Workshop</i> 6.30pm Upper Room: <i>24:7 St Joseph's Subiaco Youth Ministry</i>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>2 February</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord, Feast</b>