

Parish News

Caritas – Asian Emergency Appeal

With the official death toll in excess of three hundred, the recent flooding in Kerala state has rendered an estimated 800,000 people homeless and seeking refuge in approximately 4000 camps.

Our sister organisations in-country, Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), are already working with partners to distribute basic household supplies, shelter and hygiene kits to the most affected families. Emergency water and sanitation (WASH) activities are currently being developed to address immediate needs and reduce the potential for disease outbreaks.

Anyone wishing to assist in this response is encouraged to donate to our Asia Emergency Appeal

- <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/asia-emergency-appeal>

Clergy Foundation Appeal

Thank you to those people from across the Diocese for their generous support for last week's annual Clergy Foundation Appeal. The Clergy Foundation currently support six retired Priests in the Townsville Diocese and they thank you for your support. Your donations will allow the Diocese to provide for a basic lifestyle for these Priests who have ministered across the Diocese over many years and some still do. You can still donate by collecting an envelope from the Parish Office or contact the Diocesan Office. Please also consider the Clergy Foundation when discussing your Will. Contact the Diocesan Office for more details. We thank you for your continued generosity.

Annual Blessing of the Animals

The 4th of October is designated as World Animal Day and it is also the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals. You are invited to come along and celebrate at the annual Blessing of the Animals by Fr Dave Lancini. Saturday 6th of October in Anderson Park under the cathedral of trees. Please advise the House of Prayer on 4728 9861 if you would like to come. All are welcome to attend

Download Flyer here - https://drive.google.com/open?id=10frFZPkTKcuj-I-Ykl_6WZeuTnWjFT9W

Prepare for International Day of Peace

Explore: being Peace - living Peace - making Peace.

Depth the theme for the International Day of Peace in 2018, "The Right to Peace", and celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Make symbols, mobiles, prayer flags, artwork ... using cardboard, paint, collage, glitter, glue, fabric, clay ... let your creative side soar! Take quality time to contemplate peace and peacemaking ... through individual and communal creativity and friendship.

Bring along a peace quote, image, symbol or prayer to share in the group.

House of Prayer [17 Thomas Street Pimlico](https://www.google.com/maps/place/17+Thomas+Street+Pimlico), Sunday 16 September 11.00am—3.00pm Suggested donation \$25 which includes all materials, as well as lunch and tea breaks. (please let us know or BYO if special diet) RSVP 22 June for materials/catering arrangements houseofprayer@tsv.catholic.org.au
Ph 4728 9861

Download flyer - https://drive.google.com/open?id=10gOkmFPXCiNoj_-JFumt_icwfCGsf3pO

Trivia Night

Mary MacKillop Parish are holding a Trivia Night in Friday 12th of October from 6pm at St Margaret Mary's College. Tickets are \$20 per head with 6 people per table, which includes a food platter. BYO drinks. Tickets are available from the Parish Office on Ross River Road.

Flyer available - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dW5T-QsqLnu-01mEGwxMI8fNsMysvpYj>

Refugee Blanket Appeal

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society on behalf of the Blessed Rosalie Rendu (Refugee) Conference would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous support of the refugee blanket appeal conducted in June. The response has been overwhelming, and the Society has been able to fill the urgent need for blankets both within the local refugee community and Western Queensland communities. Thank you for your generosity.

Faith Inspiring Faith

You are invited to “come and see” faith in action. Join the inspiring 24-year-old Madeleine Banister as she shares her faith journey that called her into action within her own local community which has led all the way to the halls of the United Nations. Madeleine has agreed to share her “story” on Thursday the 13th September at the Mater Conference Centre commencing at 7:00 pm. Free entry (or gold coin donation if you like) so please come along and give you faith a bit of a boost and be stirred into action by this motivating young leader of the future. Stay for a cuppa and chat with Madeleine after - tea, coffee and biscuits provided. For more information contact David Vella on 4726 3234 or RSVP: dvella@tsv.catholic.org.au

Flyer available here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=10Nqqqz63BGSEpWXvM0Djz-hyrZN3HN_F

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

Ever wanted to walk the ‘Camino’? GPBS are organising a pilgrimage including Rome, Assisi, Barcelona, Montserrat, the Camino Pilgrimage, Santiago, Madrid and Toledo between Saturday May 4 and Saturday May 25 2019. You can download an information flyer from <https://tinyurl.com/y8zzbb45> or visit www.caminowalk.com.au

SANDS Townsville

The Sands Annual Walk To Remember for (Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Newborn Death) is to be held on the 14 October in Townsville. This event allows parents, families, friends and members of our community to unite and participate in a memorial service, butterfly release and walk. For further information www.sandstownsville.org or 0477 457 851

Safeguarding Website

The Diocesan Safeguarding webpage is now live www.tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding This page has the latest policy and risk management strategy as well as helpful forms and links to website with information on how to keep our parishes safe for children and vulnerable adults. For more information regarding the Safeguarding policy and risk management strategy, please contact Mr Craig Brereton on 4726 3264 or cbrereton@tsv.catholic.org.au

St Patrick’s College Past Student Association

The Townsville Past Students’ Association of St Patrick’s College, The Strand, cordially invite you to join us for our 2018 Annual Mass & Luncheon, Sunday, 9 September 2018. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am at St Joseph’s Church, Fryer Street, North Ward. Immediately following our special Past Students’ Mass, we will proceed to St Patrick’s College Dining Room for Lunch, guest speaker, current St Patrick’s College Principal, Paulina Skerman. TOTAL COST \$40.00 (Pre Registration and Payment essential) Internet Banking Details available on request. Enquiries 4775 5245 or 0417 009 518 OR your regular Committee Contact Person

Flyer available here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-K_RL7J2VQTyQ1k1_z0JA0-CkZfAULLX

Ongoing Notices

MacKillop Gate Ministry

Help newly released prisoners with essentials for the first 72 hours. Donate towels, shampoo, conditioner and soap. All donations, including Cash, can be given to Mary MacKillop Parish. For more details, contact Pauline McGuire, pmcguire@tsv.catholic.org.au or Erin Jones, ejones@tsv.catholic.org.au

Download flyer at this

link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0ByOiwXtHKAXQaWVWNTZOTW5iVWNxQm1wdkJKWjVwcTkxM3RZ>

Natural Family Planning

To achieve or avoid a pregnancy naturally call **Michele Lando**, teacher of The Billings Ovulation Method of natural fertility regulation on 0419 792 063. <http://www.billings.life/en/>