

Dear friends
'CATHOLIC MISSION' – an extension

This weekend we will highlight the inspiring efforts of the organisation and work known as 'Catholic Mission'. Official branches of *Catholic Mission* exist across the world. The Australian branch has its base in North Sydney with a greatly dedicated team. The idea of this official organisation of our Church is that it is us, extended.

WHY THE NAME?

The organisation and work is called *Catholic Mission* for at least two important reasons:
 1. because the word *Catholic* means *universal* - or - *for all* – and so it reaches to every corner and culture. And 2. it is named *Catholic Mission* because it is OURS... For any of us to say yes to following Christ means by definition to be missionary. It means to be someone who says yes to being sent in various ways to live and share the Gospel. Our faith might send us across the street, across the community, across the workplace or across the world. *Catholic Mission* is an expression and extension of our missionary work in ways that would be hard for any one, or group or parish to organise alone. For example, our participation in *Catholic Mission* this year, along with all our neighbouring parishes, will support a remarkable project for children in Ghana. So in a nutshell, this organisation and work is called *Catholic Mission* because it is for all - and because it is us.

THE GHANA PROJECT

In parts of Ghana, a child born with a defect is seen as a 'spirit child' – not in a good sense of spirit but because it is thought to have a bad omen. That child might be rejected by the community, even by the family and his/her life taken! Sister Stan Therese Mumumi started the Nazareth Home for God's Children there in Ghana – a powerful work of belonging and nurturing that allows such children to literally be saved. It gives them belonging, safety, education and development towards living a full life. Bishop Vincent Sowah Boi-Nah of Yendi, Ghana, on behalf of his community, is committed to Sr Stan's life-saving work and to influencing the change of thinking and belief needed to overcome this dark danger.

We give special thanks to God this weekend for Sr Stan. May we also give thanks for the way we can be so powerfully present, even though not personally physically, through *Catholic Mission*, the extension of our missionary hands and hearts.

With friendship in God's mission, fr Paul



OUR LADY OF THE WAY
 PARISH EMU PLAINS

What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God MICAH 6:8

PLENARY 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT: The next stage of Plenary 2020 is about Communal Discernment rather than individual discernment and as such we are called together as a group to discuss our future. For your information please see the flyer inserted in your Bulletin Theme 1: *Missionary and Evangelising* gives an overview of the parish feedback from our Plenary groups and suggestions on how to be missionary and evangelistic.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS: to Pauline and Kevin Balkin on their **50th Wedding Anniversary on the 27th October.**
God's abundant blessings as you look forward to many more fruitful years together.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: to Megan Potts (daughter of Jim and Marilyn) and Aaron Patchett who were married this Saturday 26th October at Drummoyne.
May the Lord bless each step of your journey together.

CHILDREN SING AT MASS The children from the parish are invited to sing a song of praise next **Sun 3rd Nov** at the **9.30am** Mass. If your child/ren would like to participate please be at the church at 9.10 for a practice.

READERS AND COMMENTATORS' ROSTER
 The next roster commences in mid-November and is being prepared. If you would like to join the roster or your situation has changed please contact the Parish office or Marianne Castor on 0431 966 365.
 Also, if you are available to read or commentate at one of the Christmas Masses, the vigil or Christmas Day, can you please let Marianne know so the roster can also be prepared for that.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: We give thanks for the wonderful service of so many in our community who have served on various Rosters some for 30 years and more. In particular we are in need of volunteers to assist with the Altar Society, Grounds Teams and Money Counters. Please contact the parish office if you would like to assist in any way to the running and upkeep of our parish community and property.

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George Bryan
 Deacon
Chris Rannaste
 Parish Secretary
John Cowen
 Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
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MASS TIMES
Weekend Masses
 Saturday 6:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am
3rd Sunday of the Month
 Filipino Mass 1.00 pm
Weekday Masses
Wednesday 9.15 am
Thursday 8.15am &
Friday 7.15am.

Children's Liturgy
 During 9.30 am
 Mass on the
 1st & 3rd
 Sundays each
 month

SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation:
 Saturday 4.45pm-5:30 pm
Baptisms: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment
First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation
 Please contact Parish Office
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emuplains@parracatholic.org
R.C.I.A : The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

Please pray for Recently Deceased Phyllis Mannion and Andrew Brookes and for the Anniversaries of Emanuel Dimech
Please pray for those who are sick in our community:
Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Bernie Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, (baby—Jordan Edwards), Joyce Dukes, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, William Simmonds, Judy Chesters, Maria Apap, Paul Cudmore, Angela Lonergan, Ken Skillicorn, Frank Cummins, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Denis Woodward & Chris Thompson.

