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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Oct 30	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday	Oct 31	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm Mass: 5:30pm
Wednesday	Nov 1	ALL SAINTS DAY Polish Mass: 11:00am Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thursday	Nov 2	ALL SOULS DAY Polish Mass: 11:00am Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm (Reconciliation available) Mass: 5:30pm
Friday	Nov 3	First Friday St MARTIN DE PORRES Mass: 9:30am
Saturday	Nov 4	First Saturday St CHARLES BORROMEIO Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation 5:00-5:30pm Vigil Mass: 6:00pm
Sunday	Nov 5	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am 10:45am (Polish Mass)

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

29th October 2017

READINGS: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40.

According to the rabbis, "the Law" consisted of 613 commandments. Jesus was asked to name the greatest, but responded by naming two. For Him, the second followed directly and necessarily from the first.



Love of neighbour arises out of love of God. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that He made them of equal importance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Mc AULEY

Anniversaries: Clara DREDGE, Mavis STUBBS,
Josie FENECH, Bonnie GRECH

Deceased members of the ZANETTI and De MICHIEL families

Pray for the sick and those unable to get to Mass



Rosters of next weekend

Sat 4th	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Markocic	
	Lawns	R Murphy, B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Vigil 6pm	A Carlotto	N Milan	K Rossit
Sun 5 th 7am	L Burns	D Ferrer	Walsh Family
9am	N Dwyer	V Cleary	B Spain, G Petric
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett, D Gringeri		
Children's Liturgy	K Calvert, M Matos		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month, 10.30am
St Joseph's room. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara 42711584 or Margaret 42715804

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues, 7.30pm St. Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm
St Joseph's room

Nursing Home Masses

Hillside Nursing Home: 1st Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Figtree Nursing Home: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:45am

Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9:30am

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month.



The Marriage Law Postal Survey is coming to an end. If you have not done so already, please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by Monday October 30 to be sure it is delivered before November 7.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

24 -26 November, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville

Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Gospel Reflection

To separate the two great commandments is a tragedy and goes clean contrary to the Gospel.

Yet unfortunately this often happens.

Those who have faith often have no love, and those who love often have no faith.

Thus the Gospel has been torn in two.

Jesus spoke of two great commandments.

The first - that we should love God.

The second - that we should love our neighbour.

He didn't say that they were the same thing, but that they are like two sides of the one coin.

If we want the total Gospel we must have both.

He himself showed us how to do this.

Come and learn about the **Carmelite charism** at a Carmelite Prayer meeting which will be held on

Saturday, 18 November 2017 10am-12pm at
The Cottage, 12 Farmborough Rd, Unanderra

RSVP 4271 3140

All are welcome!

Year 5 Students are invited to

Try Year 7 for a Day

St Mary's for the girls | Edmund Rice College for the boys

WHEN? Thursday 9 November or Friday 10 November

HOW? Visit our websites and download a registration form or collect one from your Catholic primary school.

www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au or

www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

There is no cost for this activity. Places are limited.

Registrations close on Friday 27th October 2017.

PETITION: IMPROVED (WHEEL CHAIR/PRAM) ACCESS TO ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH MACKILLOP CENTRE

For some time now, **St Paul's Catholic Church Albion Park** has been looking for ways to fund the vital need of providing improved mobility access (ie wheel chair/Pram access) to the MacKillop Centre. The Parish has now lodged a community grant application for funding of this project. In order to show the level of Parish and local support for such a request our local member Gareth Ward has kindly agreed and created the below petition page:

http://haveyoursay.garethwardmp.com.au/st_paul_s_albion_park_funding

Please log on and complete the petition today. It will only take a few minutes of your time but the reward for the Parish and community will be great.



“Be not hasty in judging one another.”

St. Mary of the Cross 1878

WEST DAPTO CATHOLIC CEMETERY ALL SOULS MASS - 10AM SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the **Annual Souls Mass at West Dapto Catholic Cemetery.**

Bishop Ingham will celebrate the Mass along with other priests in the Diocese.

(In case of wet weather, the Mass will be moved to St John's 24 Jerematta Street, Dapto)

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have made strong calls for a more inclusive economic order. The United Nations is working with governments, businesses

and civil society to mobilise efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

<http://dow.sh/socialjustice2017>

FAITH CIRCLES WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR SMALL GROUPS

Small faith-sharing groups are a fun way to build relationships. They provide a place where each person can grow in their faith journey. They focus on the ways in which the Spirit is calling us to live a more active, loving and joyful relationship with God, our Church and our World. Weekly free small group resource called Faith Circles is available based on the Sunday Gospels with two reflections (including one by Pope Francis) as well as accompanying questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription. Click the website link to subscribe to the Faith Circles email list.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM—AIRS 29 Oct 2017

This week on the Journey the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by our very own Fr Graham Schmitzer. We have chosen some of our favourite God spots to replay for you. We have Pete Gilmore in his Living the Gospel section reminding us of Patience, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent talks about Peaceful Mornings and Bruce Downs, The Catholic Guy empowers us with Decision Making. This is carefully woven together with amazing Christian music artists to help create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

GROWING GOOD MEN WEEKEND

Friday 3 – Sunday 5 November is a unique opportunity for dads and their teenage sons (12-15yrs) to embark on a quest of discovery with **Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE**. A son's relationship with his father is a powerful guiding force. Take time out together to get reconnected in an environment which fosters honesty, mutual respect and a hunger for more out of life. When: November 3-5. Where: Springwood. The Diocese of Wollongong is looking to sponsor up to 4 fathers and sons to attend and assist with running a similar experience in our Diocese in 2018. Please contact Mr Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 to register and take up this opportunity.

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from Cathedral Books and Gifts. A beautiful selection of bibles, books, missals, rosaries, plaques, crucifixes, medals, statues and greeting cards, candles, etc. perfect to commemorate Confirmation, Communion and Baptism.

Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Enquiries phone 4222 2484.

WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE. WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN

John 4:14

Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam



ISTAND NIGHTS youth group at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. Friday, 7pm. Ages 14-18. Interested in games, good food, live music, and faith? For more info go to YMT Wollongong Facebook page or contact Bridget on 0481842530.

My dear people,

For those who have not read it, I think Paul Keating's article in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD is well worth considering.

Euthanasia is a threshold moment we should not cross

There is probably no more important issue in contemporary bioethics or a more serious ethical decision for our parliaments than that raised by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017 being debated this week in the Victorian Parliament.

Under this bill, conditions and safeguards are outlined that will allow physicians to terminate the life of patients and to assist patients to take their own life. This is a threshold moment for the country. No matter what justifications are offered for the bill, it constitutes an unacceptable departure in our approach to human existence and the sanctity that should govern our understanding of what it means to be human.

The justifications offered by the bill's advocates miss the point entirely. What matters is the core intention of the law. What matters is the ethical threshold being crossed. What matters is that under law there will be people whose lives we honour and those we believe are better off dead.

In practical and moral terms, it is misleading to think allowing people to terminate their life is without consequence for the entire society.

One of the inevitable aspects of debates about euthanasia is the reluctance on the part of advocates to confront the essence of what they propose. In this case it means permitting physicians to intentionally kill patients or assisting patients in killing themselves. Understandably, the medical profession is gravely concerned by this venture.

An alarming aspect of the debate is the claim that safeguards can be provided at every step to protect the vulnerable. No law and no process can achieve that objective. This is the point. If there are doctors prepared to bend the rules

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now, there will be doctors prepared to bend the rules under the new system. Beyond that, once termination of life is authorised the threshold is crossed. From that point it is much easier to liberalise the conditions governing the law. And liberalised they will be.

Few people familiar with our politics would doubt that pressure would mount for further liberalisation based on the demand that people are being discriminated against if denied. The experience of overseas jurisdictions suggests the pressures for further liberalisation are irresistible.

Palliative Care has issued the most serious warnings. It says at least one in four who die each year (about 10,000 people) do not have access to needed palliative care, that access in aged residential care is "very low", that between 2 and 10 per cent of older Australians experience abuse in any given year and that its funding is inadequate to meet growing demand.

The submission highlights the problems with this bill - it is a disproportionate response to the real problems of patient pain and suffering, a situation that demands greater priority in public care and funding.

It is true that if this bill fails then some people will endure more pain and this is difficult for legislators to contemplate. It is also true, however, that more people in our community will be put at risk by this bill than will be granted relief as its beneficiaries. This is the salient point.

Palliative Care said the bill "sends the wrong message to

people contemplating suicide and undermines suicide prevention efforts." How could this not be the case? Suicide is the leading cause of death among people aged 15-44 and the second leading cause of death among people aged 45-54. International studies offer no support for the view that legalising euthanasia is associated with a decrease in non-assisted suicides.

The bill's failure is pre-set by its design. The issue is not how many people will choose to die under this proposed law. It is how many people may die when otherwise they wouldn't.

Once this bill is passed the expectations of patients and families will change. The culture of dying, despite certain and intense resistance, will gradually permeate into our medical, health, social and institutional arrangements. It stands for everything a truly civil society should stand against. A change of this kind will affect our entire community not just a small number of dying patients. It is fatuous to assert that patients will not feel under pressure once this bill becomes law to nominate themselves for termination.

Opposition to this bill is not about religion. It is about the civilisational ethic that should be at the heart of our secular society. The concerns I express are shared by people of any religion or no religion. In public life it is the principles that matter. They define the norms and values of a society and in this case the principles concern our view of human life itself. It is a mistake for legislators to act on the deeply held emotional concerns of many when that involves crossing a threshold that will affect the entire society in perpetuity.

Paul Keating is a former prime minister of Australia.