A NOVENA OF PRAYER  From 12 June- (feast of the Sacred Heart) to 20 June (World Refugee Day). Seeking to rekindle a spirit of mercy and compassion for all who flee persecution and violence in our world. Copies of information sheet with suggested prayers are still available.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY  On Sunday, 21 June in the Melbourne CBD, there will be various Pop-Up Actions and Events (see poster for details) to highlight Australia’s punitive treatment of asylum seekers and refugees. Bring an old pair of shoes to add to an installation at the City Square – ‘What would you do in their shoes?’ All shoes will be donated to charity afterwards.

BRIDGIDNE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT  Would you be able to help us by providing friendship and support to asylum seeker families with opportunities for conversational English? BASP needs volunteers. A Volunteer Information Night is being held at St Dominic’s School, 408 Camp Rd, Broadmeadows at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd June. Contact Phil Steele: Phillipsteele1@gmail.com  ph: 0419 311 582  or Anne Leyland: anne503@hotmail.com  ph:0452 544 885

WESTERN HIGHWAY DEANERY  Deanery Leadership Team will meet on Thursday 18th June at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

MASS TIMES

ST THERESA’S  
Drummartin St, Albion
9.00am Friday
10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD  
Blanche St, Ardeer
10.00am Wednesday (Pol)
9.00am Thursday
6.00pm Friday (Polish)
6.00pm Saturday
10.30am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN  
Holt St, Ardeer
9.00am Wednesday
9.00am Sunday
4.30pm Sunday
(Syro-Malabar).

LITURGY PREPARATION
Meeting on Tuesday 16th June, 7.00pm at the Presbytery.

SPECIAL COOLECTION  
The Annual Appeal for Propagation of the Faith will be taken up next weekend

SOMETHING TO READ  
Copies of Justice trends and Vocation News are in the foyer this week.

EVENING PRAYER GROUP
Thursdays, 7.00pm at Queen of Heaven. All welcome.

CLEANERS  
Saturday 20th June
(MG)  M Abela
(QH)  L Galea
(StT)  A Nadalin

THANKSGIVING  
Weekly TG Pledge: $1645
Last Week’s Giving: $1220
Presbytery Collection: $399

COUNTERS  
21st June
Team 1:  M Abela, D Abela, M Poulter, J Poulter

RECONCILIATION  
Saturday 20th June, 10am
at St Theresa’s.

READINGS  
Today
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4L26-34

Next Week
Job 38:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 107
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

PLT Summary:
The PLT met on the 3rd of June to discuss and catch up on matters arising previously and any new correspondence and issues that required attention and action.

Maria reflected on her attendance of ‘Reasons for Hope’ a conversation between two Franciscan bishops on finding the Good News in the Faith and lives of ordinary people. Cardinal Wilfrid Napier spoke about his remembrance Apartheid in South Africa and the racial segregation of people; the processes of Papal conclaves and the differences in electing Pope Benedict XVI and Francis; His main message was the welcoming of refugees and that “Charity is more important than Justice”.

Received correspondence from Mark Clarke, he forwarded an email regarding a new initiative on refugees ‘A Movement of the Heart’ that will begin with a novena of prayer from the Feast of Sacred Heart to World Refugee day (12-20th June)

Focussing on the Liturgy Charter to encourage active participation in Eucharistic celebration, the prayer of the faithful initiative has been kicked off across three churches.

Focussing on Parish Identity and Outreach discussion about connecting with the community and its needs. Perhaps a survey to be conducted to understand the needs in our community.
Today’s Gospel (Mark 4:16-34) we hear how Jesus describes what the Kingdom of God is like, through the parables of the Growing seed and the Mustard seed. Jesus reminds us that everything starts out small. “The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.” Not only does it grow into something big but offers branches and shade so that birds can nests.

Reflecting on this I came across an article that I found to explain this well.

Small Beginnings

The love of God grows like that – it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage – love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others shelter in a couple’s love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many. Love consists not in looking into each other’s eyes, but outwards in the same direction.

Donal Neary SJ

How can we help grow this love? How do we care for the wider world?

Last week we received a leaflet entitled “A movement of the Heart”. This was an initiative by the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane to raise awareness to the refugee problem. That there is a global problem affecting 50 million lives around the world and that stopping the boats is not the solution. This is an ongoing initiative that is still in its early stages, it began in part through discussions within a small group and with our support will hopefully continue to grow and gain support in a concerted effort to spread compassion and care in the our world.

Looking at how we as a Parish have spread love in our immediate circle and in our care for the wider world. I am reminded of recent love shown in our immediate circle with flowers and well wishes to Mary Del Mastro, as well as being able to share in our prayer of the faithful and in our wider community through our generous support to charity; especially in the tragedies of Nepal.

Being a member of the PLT, one of the items we have recently discussed was around outreach and growing our community. What is our role as neighbours? How can our Parish help? What are the needs of our community? If you have any thoughts please let us know so that together we can support God’s plan through growing the Kingdom of God.

Peter Phan