

NEWS & INFORMATION

1. from the Bishop: Statements and resources from the Australian Bishops along with information about what the **Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office [ACMRO]** advocates on asylum policy reform can be found at ACMRO's website: www.acmro.catholic.org.au

The site is updated regularly with press releases. The fact that the press chooses not to report on these statements does not mean that the Bishops are silent on the issue.

2. A **Third Collection** will be conducted in all the masses in the diocese this weekend: for the ongoing education of priests and seminarians.

3. **Catholic Women Connecting 2014 Day of Faith**: This year's special day will be held on 1 June at Nazareth House-Tamworth. Guest Speaker is **Fr. Emmanuel Nsengiyumva** from Rwanda. Cost of ticket: \$ 45 which covers substantial donations to Catholic Mission and Nazareth House; lunch; tea and coffee. Tickets will again be limited to 175. Closing date no later than 18 May 2014. For further information, contact: Marg Tarbert [67691441] or Di Bolitho [67621452].

From JOE...

This weekend, the church celebrates: **WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS**. Prayer Cards [which can be used as bookmarks] are given away to mark this day.

Please remember to pray for Vocations for the Diocese of ARMIDALE:

Father,
in your plan for our salvation
you provide shepherd for your people.
Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars
and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.
Amen.

-STATISTICS-

Priests in Active Ministry
-Incardinated : 22
-Religious [La Salettes] : 3
-Guest Priests : 2
Retired Priests : 6
Priest on Study : 1
Priest on Sick Leave : 1

There are three [3] seminarians being prepared for the Diocese of Armidale; one of whom is FRANCIS AFU who will be ordained Deacon shortly.

PRAYERS are asked that the LORD will strengthen the vocation of priests and seminarians serving our Diocese.

A special collection for the ongoing education of priests and seminarians is being conducted in the whole diocese this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Men's Breakfast: 14 June/Saturday/7:30 am at the Australian Café [otho Street]. Names to Bernie Cook [67224387] by Wednesday Night/11 June. ALL WELCOME!

Women's Breakfast: meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. We would love to have other ladies of the parish to join us. Please phone Ann Barry [67222858] or Marj Manuel [67224772]. Our next breakfast will be 13 June 2014.

-on FINANCIAL Matters-

-Plate Collections-

-Weekend Before Last:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	:	\$	774.70
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]	:	\$	792.90
-Planned-Giving Envelops	:	\$	73.55
-Loose Collection	:		240.00
-Direct Debit	:		
[Short of: \$ 711.75 per budget]			

-Last Weekend:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	:	\$	753.40
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]	:	\$	892.00
-Planned-Giving Envelops	:	\$	59.00
-Loose Collection	:		510.00
-Direct Debit	:		
[Short of: \$ 339.00 per budget]			

PROJECT COMPASSION: Final Report

-Last Year	:	\$	3,089.05
-Running Collection This Year	:	\$	2,856.55

EASTER DUES: Final Report

-Last Year	:	\$	1,512.50
-Running Collection This Year	:	\$	1,432.00

GOOD FRIDAY: Final Report

-Last Year	:	\$	933.20
-Running Collection This Year	:	\$	716.25

2014 CONFIRMATION MASSES

-24 May/Saturday/6:00 pm and 25 May/Sunday/9:00 am-

-CONFIRMATION MATTERS-

- Please take special notice: your usual seats will be taken; please be courteous to the visitors and the Confirmation Families. There will be extra seats on the veranda in case there is a spill-over.
- The idea here is to impress upon all that CONFIRMATION is a parish activity - not a "special" extra.

2014 EPISCOPAL VISITATION SCHEDULE

of

Most Rev. MICHAEL KENNEDY

[Bishop: Diocese of ARMIDALE]

23 May/Friday/Day One [1]

9:30 am: Session with Confirmation Candidates
11:00 am: Mass-McLEAN Hostel [with Visitation of the Bed-Bound]
3:00 pm: Visitation of the Home-Bound and the Hospital
: Inspection of Parish Registries
6:00 pm: 2014 Catholic Debutante Ball

24 May/Saturday/Day Two [2]

9:30 am: Mass in ASHFORD [Mary Help of Christians]
then: Morning Tea with Ashford Parishioners
6:00 pm: CONFIRMATION MASS and CUPPA
then: "Soup & Buns" with Parish Leaders

25 May/Sunday/Day Three [3]

9:00 am: CONFIRMATION MASS and CUPPA
then: Bishop departs after the CUPPA

PRAYER INTENTIONS

-for those who died in May [from 1970 to the present]:

Paul Kennedy; Alexander Gray; Mauveen Skaines; Joan Kennedy; Patricia Robinson; Alma Parker; Norman Hutton; Margaret Mary Hefford; Robert Austin; Giovanni Putzolu; Joyce Sturgeon; Ronald James Hutton; Maxine Joy Polock; Kathleen Eva Emerson; Don Thomas Noonan; Ann Moore; Malcolm John Lennon; Barbara Marsden; William John Bourke; Owen Harvey Krug; Ronald Keith Hagan; Mary Mabel Cross; Kerry Elizabeth McIlwain; Johannes Hubert Niessen; Dominic Hamilton Durkin; Marie Elizabeth Trim; Joyce Mary Brixey; John Mooney; Evelyn Mary Duffy; Herbert Douglas Moore; William Kenneth (Ken) Lowe; David Leslie Landsborough; Malcolm Osborn Culhane; Annie Robertson; Harold Herbert Hardy; Brent Michael Jamieson; Innis Jeffrey Ison; Gwendoline May Adams; Irene Lillian Neville; Bruce Gordon Neate; Will Edward Morton; Bernard Andrew Gaukroger; Barry William Single; Allen John Bollard; Norma Joy Marshall; Mary May Davis; Oswald Standley Hall; Lawrence Bede Kelleher; Arthur John Nixon; Angelino Migheli; Ethel Smith; Reginald Joseph Williams; Nita Patricia Kennedy; Nancy Lowe; Ellen Irene Salmon; William James Fleming; Violet Susan Paul; Phillip Thomas Patrick Hooker; Eric Albert Heffernan; Francis Valfred Forden; Valma Muriel Rooney; Olive May Jones; Doris Irene Mirell; Ronald John Griffey; Francis Michael Gavan; Kathleen May Lennon; Jack Lawrence Flood; Ernest George Gaudrey; Bridget Ruby Budden; Marion Lily McCosker; John Higgins; Mary (Molly) Murphy; Dulcie Gertrude Wilkins; Myra Hamel; Dennis Riley; Lurline Merle Wilson; Elsie Therese Pope; Lyla Amelia McGrath; Frances Flora O'Brien; Walter George Beach; Harold Arthur Miller; William Robert Kelly; Kathleen Choice; Thomas William Kennedy; Paul Francis Coote; Irene May Johnstone; Edna May McLean; Douglas John Durkin; Elaine May Edwards; Kathleen Therese O'Brien; Michael Denis John (Max) Lowe; Madeline Strahle; Dorothy May Foster; Julia May Adams; Edward Bernard Kenny; Colin James Harvey; Clifford William (Tom) Buxton; Muriel Mary Hansen; John Thomas Dwyer; James Henry Higgins; Raymond Dean Adams; Hillis Ambrose Gainey; Bruce Donald Thom; George Halley Tonkin; Michelle Mary Murray; Mary Agnes Kenny; Evelyn Ruby McCormack; Karina Lorna Tonkin; Peter Neil Voss; Leslie Francis Shortt; John Isaac Lumley; John Henry Courts; Irene Single; John Bernard Watkins; Elsie Irene Briggs; Leslie Andrew Grills; Annie Goldman; Charles Fenwick Adams; Dorothy Amelia Allwell; Harold Glen Wickham; Maria Mathews; John Joseph Dewberry; John Francis Corry; Margaret Anne McCosker; James Thomas Dwyer; Tanya Anne Patricia McCosker; Virginia Brady-Johnston.

-PRAYER REQUESTS [from the WEBSITE]:

Din Kai Man; Salvador Retaso; Chan Cheung Lok; Estelita Franco; Tan Eng Pun; Rosito Ang; Estelito Bernas; Lolita delos Reyes; Osrame Dentarpa; Lai Lurlyn Plapla; Evelyn Rosario; Dan de Souza; Carmel Tan; Luisa Gil; Russell Savio Dsouza; Ofelia Oh; Henry Ryan; Margaret Cecelia Botell.

-for the SICK:

Jacinta Parnell-Major; Monica Turner; Robert Sanders; Fr. Max Davies; Daphne Dasey; Ruth Tome [Newcastle]; Anne Gleeson; Conie & Helen Gleeson [family of Maureen Newbigin]; John Fleming; Fr. Bernie Melville; Eleanor Pliago [in the Philippines; mother of Andy]; Angus James McCosker [of Clinton & Holly/in Caberra]; Yvonne Boulous; Anne Dale; Peel Gainey; Robert McCormack; Jevet Cox; Jean Byrnes; Anne Maree Short; Stella Spalding; Lesley Scholz; Frank Tome; Edith Patrick; Mary Turner; Elizabeth Goldman; Ted O'Brien; Tony Stieger [brother of Anne Barry]; Ron & Ronnie Williams; Gwen Zemit [mother of Marie Chie]; Leanne Michael; Betty Brissett; Bill Burke; Sophia Schroder; Colleen Burke; Rebecca Morley; Paul Lavallee; Kath Hiscox; Garry Ballard [Margaret Allan's son-in-law]; Gordon Clay; Anne Jamieson; Win Newbigin [mother of Chris]; Jean Baldwin; Agnes Hannigan; Roz Hardy; Brett Romer; Duncan Henderson; Laura Arnott; Virginia Black; Mitch Fleming; Joseph Dickins; Brian McCormack; Cathy Douglass; Maude Harmon; Pat Croft; James Hogan [brother-in-law of Frank & Mary Jordan]; Barbara Lane; Margaret Pollock; Jim Croft; Margaret Spencer; Ruth Tome; Gloria Ting; Pat McCormack; Michael Castledine; John Lawn; Stan Jackson.

-for the recently deceased:

James Croft; Dawn Garland; Michael Pennington [Warialda]; Rene McCoy [sister of Ann Ryan]; Mary Murray [Armida]; Baby Adrielly Belchior; Bishop Michael Putney; Bert Lowrey; Julieta Villapando; Ron Smith; Joyce Green; Maria dela Pena [in the Philippines; mother of Josie McCormick].

Parish Schedule of Masses & Liturgical Celebrations; and Activities

10 May/Saturday

- 8:30 am : **RECONNECT:** Meeting of Prospective Team Members
 11:00 am : Baptism
 -Andrew Gabriel Ferreira Belchior of Adir & Jacielly
 6:00 pm : **MASS-Inverell**
 [1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Enrollment; for the repose of the soul of **Joyce Mary O'Shannessy** for her bequest to the parish]

11 May/Sunday

- 7:00 am : **MASS-Tingha**
 [for the special intention of Joan Sharpe; for the repose of the soul of **Reg Williams**]
 9:00 am : **MASS-Inverell**
 [1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Enrollment; Misa Pro Populo] after mass: Confirmation Session: **The Mass** [by: **June Saint**]
 : **LW & HC-Ashford**
 [by: **Francis Afu**]

12 May/Monday: **NO MASS**

- 12:00 Noon : HTS Kindergarten Church Visit
 1:15 pm : Catechetics: Gum Flat Public School
 3:00 pm : Hospital Visit
 6:00 pm : 2014 Deb Ball Rehearsal

13 May/Tuesday

- 10:30 am : Catechetics: Ashford Public School
 11:30 am : Rosary & Angelus
 12:00 Noon : **LW & HC-Main Church**
 [by: **Francis Afu**]
 12:10 pm : Catechetics: Inverell Public School
 1:45 pm : Catechetics: Ross Hill Public School
 3:00 pm : McLean Hostel Visit

14 May/Wednesday: **NO MASS**

- 9:00 am : Catechetics: Tingha Public School
 10:00 am : Hospital Visit
 3:00 pm : Home Rosary
 -Pat Coleman/1-40A King Street
 4:00 pm : Confirmation Session/6
 [by: **Sharon Hollis**]
 4:30 pm : Tingha: Home Rosary
 [Graham Residence]

15 May/Thursday

- 11:30 am : Rosary & Angelus
 12:00 Noon : **LW & HC-Main Church**
 [by: **Francis Afu**]
 7:30 pm : HTS Board Meeting

16 May/Friday

- 11:00 Noon : **LW & HC-McLean Retirement Village**
 [by: **Francis Afu**]
 3:00 pm : Hospital Visit

17 May/Saturday

- 6:00 pm : **MASS-Inverell**
 [1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Enrollment; for the repose of the soul of **Bill Kidd** in gratitude for his bequest to the parish]

18 May/Sunday

- 7:00 am : **MASS-Tingha**
 [for the repose of the souls of **John; Patrick; Elizabeth & Kelvin Hogan; and Carmel Perrett**]
 9:00 am : **MASS-Inverell**
 [1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Enrollment; Misa Pro Populo]
 11:30 am : **MASS-Ashford**
 [with 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist Enrollment; for the repose of the soul of **George Johnstone**]
 then: Sun Haven Hostel Visit

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-needs your participation and involvement-

YOU WILL BE ASKED: who, among your friends and family members do you think, would appreciate an invitation from the **RECONNECT Communication Team?**

-Parish Schedules in advance-

- May 19/Monday/6:00 pm: 2014 Deb Ball Rehearsal
 May 20/Tuesday/5:30 pm: INVERELL: General Meeting & Training of Catechists [by: Rickie Withers]
 May 21/Wednesday/10:00 am: TINGHA: General Meeting & Training of Catechists [by: Rickie Withers]
 May 21/Wednesday/4:00 pm: CONFIRMATION Session/7 by: June Saint then: Sacrament of Reconciliation
 May 22/Thursday/6:00 pm: 2014 Deb Ball Final Rehearsal & Decoration by Parent
 May 23-25/Fri-Sun: Episcopal Visitation of Bishop MICHAEL KENNEDY