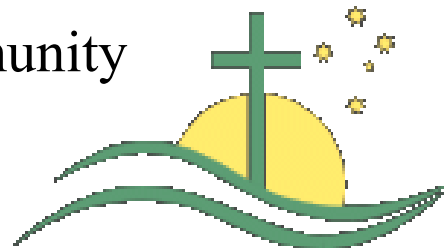




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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 29/30 October, 2022

The Central West Opens its Heart to Ukrainian Refugees *Part Two: The Molong Convent (by Philippa Waters)*

Once we arrived with the family in Orange, news spread quickly. First came the donation of a Toyota Camry, then came free temporary rent in Orange, then came clothes, handbags, trips to the local salon, food parcels, a fully stocked fridge, enrolment in TAFE, enrolment in childcare, invitations to local homes for dinner, bikes, a trampoline, massive support from the local Catholic Parish. Within a week, news got back to the Ukrainian community and those still sitting in their hotel apartments fearing the great unknown. Orange is good. Orange has nice people. There are no scorpions in our bed... Even ABC news sent out the 7.30 Report crew to verify this good news story of a brave family and those who followed them.



Before we knew it, seven displaced Ukrainian families were wanting to move to the Central West. Quick as a flash local principals Peter and Melanie Meers volunteered to welcome group number two into their home. Likewise, and without hesitation, Nick and Ruth Hansen adopted family three. Jobs are easy to find and furniture is easy to find, but how would we safely house families, four, five, six, seven? How could we keep up this high level of support?

One serendipitous conversation with Father Greg Bellamy (Parish Priest of Orange) and a large part of our quandary was solved. "I have it, I have a solution... The Molong Convent. It's perfect, it's big, it's safe. But it needs work..."

So began a process to renew the old Convent. "Team Ukraine." A community project, a project to transform the Old Molong Convent into a wonderful home for two large families. While the Old Molong Convent is a solution to our housing crisis, it's become more than this. It's a living breathing expression of our communal spirit.

So far, we've had over 100 locals and businesses offering their hearts and hands to this project. People from all walks of life, and all corners of our community. Each coming together to help this family. We have all come together to build a home that stands for one thing: love. In a world where we have seemingly everything, we have nothing if we don't love thy neighbour as thyself.

We've encountered challenges: removing carpets in the rain, finding tilers to refresh a tired kitchen, managing new lighting in old ceilings and overlooking the overzealous painting skills of four-year olds. Through every difficulty, there has been the Aussie reality check, "Don't stress, our problems are tiny."

The Old Molong Convent and Team Ukraine is nothing compared to the needs of today's world news. However, if every Australian country town had enough strength to restore a convent; enough time to hold a child; enough time to pray; enough time to write a letter to the immigration minister, then we can know that we're doing everything we can to respond to the atrocities happening in Ukraine.

Dangerous times call for mountains of love.

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtu.be/REWxAWzbwQ4>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
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SENIORS EVENT

Our senior's event is on **WEDNESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER** (day after Melbourne Cup Day) from 10am.

This time, we will entertain our senior members with movie and lunch. Sign-up sheets are available both in the Gathering Space and the Foyer. Please put your name & contact number if you wish to attend.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET

We have some Advent Reflection booklets available for those who wish to purchase. Content runs from the first week of Advent all the way to the Epiphany. They are available at both the Parish Office or the Piety Stall for \$5 each



ADORATION

We are pleased to announce that soon we will be having adoration, which is the exposition of the blessed sacrament. Times and dates will be decided over the next few weeks. We are looking for parishioners who would like to know more and spend some quiet and reflective time with the Lord for an hour each week. Please contact John Hendriks for more information on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy returns on the **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT, 27th November at 11am Mass**. We will hold this activity every Sunday during ADVENT (at the same time) Children's Liturgy is designed to help younger children understand the liturgy of the word on their level. All children from 5 years old to grade 6 are welcome to join in. *If you are interested in helping out this Liturgy, please contact the Parish office.*

PARISH BINGO

Our last Bingo for this year is on **FRIDAY, 18 November** at 7.30pm in the Annexe. You can come on your own or with friends. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION: A college of the University of Divinity is having an information session which gives a good opportunity to meet YTU faculty and to find out about the College's theology courses and pathways. On **Wednesday 9th November 2022, 5.30-6.30pm** via Zoom.

You can join the Information Session via the link below (Wed 9th November) <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/85121739377?pwd=jVqZk9TL3NuZ2FoNk9Fd1JwU0daQT09>
No need to register. Looking forward to meeting new students For further information or enquiries, please email the Registrar (registrar@ytu.edu.au) or admin at (admin@ytu.edu.au)

DIARY:

- 1/ All Saint's Day Mass (November 1) is at 9am
- 2/ All Soul's Day Masses (November 2) are 9am and 7pm
- 3/ Parish Bingo Night is on Friday, 18 November 2022
- 4/ Our Christmas Hamper list will be out in November
- 5/ Children's Liturgy - start on First Sunday of ADVENT at 11am Mass
- 6/ Parish Carols will be on Sunday 11 December 7pm - 9pm

OUR VCE STUDENTS

This week our children in years 11 and 12 are starting their VCE exams. As a parish community, we send our blessing to each and every one of them,

Loving God,
in your kindness, guide these students preparing for their examinations.
As they stand before you today, we ask that their work at school
and their study at home, be rewarded with good scores results.

Be close to them, especially in the coming weeks
as they sit their examinations and in their lives ahead.

May their knowledge be used to ennoble
our world and enrich our society.

We pray that they will be true to themselves
as they strive to live by their Christian values.

May they always acknowledge you as the source of life and love
and know that you walk always by their side and will never desert them.

May they continue their connection with our parish community
and in their own unique ways be able to contribute to its life.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

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Wis 11: 22 -12: 2;
2 Thess 1: 11 - 2:2;
Lk 19: 1-10

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Macc 7: 1-2, 9-14;
2 Thess 2: 16 - 3: 5;
Lk 20: 27-38
www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Henry Logotuli Peteru, Jerry Sementy, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Joanne Sweeney, Jamie Cabrera, Rosaria Nania, Vernon Law, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Monica Evans, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Marcia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, *and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues*

Those who have died

Bernard Wilson, Sanda Wilson, Lemalu Piei Sautia, Moli Sautia, Murvin Casse, Pankaja, Fr. Jim Elmore CP, Brett Joseph Daly, Gwendoline Smith, Helene De Silva, Lowstein Cano, Patrick Njenga, Francesca Lucette, Michael SL Leong, *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

