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St. Dominic's/Our Lady of Good Counsel

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PARISH OUTREACH: 'DRAW NEAR'

A message from Fr Bernard....

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Coronavirus Pandemic is causing great uncertainty and hardship in our community and we are aware that there are challenging days to come.

As a Parish and Christian community we are also aware of our sacred mission from Christ, to bring hope and practical love to those in need. With this in mind, I am inviting all of us to become involved in a special outreach project in our Parish that we have called 'Draw Near'.

This is very much a team effort from all quarters of our Parish and includes the contribution of the wider Parish, St Vincent de Paul, Newman College, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Dominic's schools as well as WA Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office.

This project will focus on the needs of overseas students, refugees and the wider community as Government support and funding begins to change over the next couple of months. Our focus will be on everyday foodstuffs and hygiene packs that will enable vulnerable people in our community to have everyday basics to live.

We invite the children and families from our three schools to focus on donations of foodstuffs and the rest of the Parish community to focus on hygiene items.

As you can see this is a truly collaborative effort from all parts of the Parish and will employ the many gifts in our Parish.

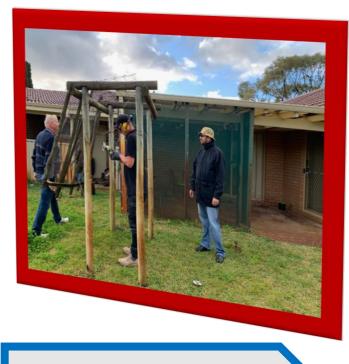
I am most grateful to everyone who is contributing to this project as we seek to 'draw near' to those in need. I am particularly grateful to the three principals of our schools and Deacon Greg, for working to bring this project to life.

I invite each one of us to pray fervently for God's blessing on this Parish project, as we seek to respond to Christ who lives in the vulnerable and suffering in a special way.

Thank you and God bless each one of you.



JULY 2020 BUSY BEE Gwen, Julie and Lily working hard (above) Workers planning how to untangle the frame(below)



Check out the attached Draw Near flyer

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Parish Renewal & Community During COVID Lockdown

With a confused sense of enthusiasm, the Parish Community of Innaloo-Karrinyup felt a sense of pride in being asked to pilot the Parish Renewal in the northern zone. Confusion, simply because unlike past directives from Church leaders, there was no pre-scripted program.

We had barely started the Parish Renewal, when COVID 19 and Church closures occurred. Our Parish Renewal was challenged, but not beaten by this new handicap. Yet how do we identify as Catholics without the ability to celebrate Mass? We, as the people of God, *are* the Parish of St Dominics/ Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish – and we remain faithfully a spirit alive and real. Our Parish leadership's key priority concerned parishioner isolation during the lock-down, especially maintaining contact with both the young and senior members of the Parish.

- The Parish of Innaloo/Karrinyup were encouraged to access the Archdiocesan Masses on-line and be strengthened and guided by our Church leadership, in this un-paralleled time of the pandemic.
- Our Parish experienced exponential IT learning through ZOOM Prayer Gatherings, whereby we gathered to celebrate the Sunday's Liturgy of the Word, well-timed before the 11.00am Archdiocesan on-line Mass. We remained in communion of the spirit, as we waited for Holy Communion.
- The Parish ZOOM Meetings gave opportunity for parishioners who were accustomed to weekly interactions to stay connected by praying together and comforted through laughter, social connection and seeing each other.
- Being a Parish of many mature parishioners challenged by IT, the Parish Priest visited each parishioner and guided them in how to connect through ZOOM. Those without internet were encouraged to phone in and catch up with the community in the ZOOM meeting, and actively engage in the prayer service.
- Our Parish's Permanent Deacon encouraged a phone network especially with those we regularly sit near at Mass. These phone calls remain an important check-in, to prevent loneliness and depression for those feeling cut-off in these unprecedented times, respecting our duty of care for one another.



Happy workers (top) Dismantling damaged frames (bottom)

- Celebrating Easter in the midst of COVID isolation for the children was especially difficult. The Parish Priest organised an Easter Colouring Competition of the Risen Christ, sent out to the children via the schools and parish office. The artwork was emailed back to the Parish and each child who entered, had delivered to their front door by the Parish Priest, a prize symbolising new life of Easter eggs and baby chick, carefully packed by a generous parishioner.
- We also stayed connected with parishioners through a new Parish eNewsletter, emailed through the renewed Parish website, this newsletter being issue 2.

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Parish Renewal continued...

- Assistance to anyone within the parish boundary needing help was provided by the local Vinnies group and Parish volunteers preparing meals.
- The Parish used the COVID lockdown as an opportunity to catch-up on administrative and maintenance needs:

a call out to parishioners via ZOOM received generous help in preparing for local council green waste collection; OLGC repainted internally, with all fixtures removed and then reinstalled, and the foyer recarpeted, while always conscious of the social distancing rules.

- The Parish children were definitely not left out with Sunday children's prayer experiences offered via ZOOM over the Easter Season.
- Families were encouraged to create a prayer focus in their homes, adding items reflecting the unfolding message of the Risen Christ each week. While family based activities encouraged the joy of spending time together based on the Easter Gospels.
- In July Parish Choir Ministry Formation was held, facilitated by Rev Dr Joseph Parkinson STL PhD

More to come ...

- 9 August Feast of St Dominic with special celebrant, former Parish Priest of St Dominic's Fr Geoff Aldous + a morning tea and sausage sizzle after 9.00am Mass *if* Phase 4 restrictions lift. Come and enjoy sharing the past, present and future of the parish.
- 13 & 20 August OLGC and St Dominic's students, respectively, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation- may we all pray for them.
- 12 September Innaloo/Karrinyup Parish Retreat directed by Fr Tony Chiera VG of Bunbury Diocese. Invitations to this retreat will be opened to neighbouring parishes also as we share the joy of life and spirit of our faith.
- September 2020 the process for those enquiring about the Catholic faith will begin. Please contact Father Bernard if you know anyone curious or having questions about Catholicism.

The COVID19 crises created new challenges and opportunities for our Parish to live in communion.

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Archdiocese of Perth: <u>www.perthcatholic.org.au</u> All that is happening in the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

Australian Catholics:

www.australiancatholics.com.au

Scripture Reflections and Commentaries, plus lots more.

St Vincent de Paul: www.vinnies.org.au For Emergency Relief Assistance please call **1300 794 054** weekdays 9:00am to 1:00pm **Mental Health Support:**

www.emmanuelcentre.com.au

Identifies and addresses needs of Catholic people with mental health issues, their families and carers. Contact them for information about groups in the community.

Social Justice- Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO): <u>www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au</u>

The JEDO Mission is to serve God in justice and peace by defending individual human dignity, by working to cultivate personal and social responsibility, and to stand with the marginalised.

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Newman College St Vincent de Paul Society







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STEP 1

BRING ITEMS FROM THE LIST ON THE POSTER



HYGIENE CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

- Laundry liquid
- Dishwashing liquid
- Toilet paper and tissues
- Spray deodorant
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Hand wash
- Body wash and soap
- Shavers and shaving products
- Surface spray
- Dish sponges or cloths
- Toilet cleaner
- Toothbrush & toothpaste

STEP 2

BRING TO MASS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS DURING SCHEDULED MASS TIMES.

Please contact the office to arrange drop offs outside these times. Office: 19 Phillip's Grove, Innaloo | T: (08) 9446 1666 | E: innaloo.karrinyup@perthcatholic.org.au

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FOOD CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

- 2L full cream long life milk
- Plain flour and white sugar
- Cooking oil
- Table salt and ground pepper
- Tinned fish
- Cereal and muesli bars
- Basmati / long grain rice
- Pasta sauce
- Black tea bags and instant coffee
- Honey / peanut butter / jam
- Biscuits and snacks
- Nuts and dried fruits

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