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HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE

Regardless of how old you are, where you live, or what your career goals are, it's likely your ultimate goals in life are to be happy and successful. To be successful means more than just having position, money and making your mark. It means following your passions, living purposefully, and enjoying the present moment.

Each individual is unique and born with a special call and mission. We have to bloom where we are planted and we must know our strength and our weakness.

So start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. These powerful words should guide and lead our life. Then there will be success and happiness.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs
Parish Priest

START WHERE YOU ARE.
USE WHAT YOU HAVE.
DO WHAT YOU CAN.
- ARTHUR ASHE



St Patrick's Mass Times:

Mondays and Tuesdays 7am
Wednesdays 7pm
Thursdays and Fridays 7am
Saturdays 8am and 6pm
Sundays 7am, 9am and 6pm
1st Friday of month, Healing Mass
Fridays Exposition of Sacrament 7am-7pm
Saturdays Mass/Novena 8am
Rosary in the Chapel 9am

St Patrick's Weekly Activities:

Mondays 9am Adult Meditation
Mondays 3:15pm Children's Meditation
6:30pm Choir Practice
Tuesdays 8am Rosary in the Chapel
10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group
12:30pm Legion of Mary
7pm 1st & 3rd Tues every month
Together-in-Faith Prayer Group
Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

Confirmation

A group of 46 children were confirmed by Bishop Brian Finnegan on Friday the 18th of August. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey and when they prepare for Holy Communion next year.

The proud and happy Manchanayake family with Bishop Brian Finnegan and Fr Joseph at the confirmation of Udula Emman Manchanayake



Our Lady of Fatima

This year marks the centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to three children at Fatima in Portugal. The messages of Our Lady to the children, particularly the call to pray the Rosary, interceding for world peace, has been embraced by Catholics.

To commemorate, Pope Francis has commissioned a number of statues of our Lady and one of these pilgrim statues was visiting St Patrick's on Friday 25th August. It was a beautiful occasion and an opportunity to reflect on the message of Our Lady during the day long visit. Our thanks go to the team travelling with the statue, the Alliance of the Holy Family International (AHFI).



Adoration in the church



On her way to Trinity College

Multicultural Sunday

What a wonderful parish family we have.

Firstly our thanks must go to Fr Joseph and Vicar General Monsignor Peter Meneely for such a beautiful Mass.

To hear the word of God read in different languages whilst reading the English on the overhead was wonderful. Thank you to all who made our Mass so special,

altar servers, readers, special ministers, our choir, and all who helped, a very big thank you.

The celebration after Mass was well worth the effort.

To the people who came early on Saturday morning to set up. Thank you.

To all the cooks who lovingly cooked their favourite recipe, yum, yum. Thank you all so very much.

A big thankyou to our lovely entertainers who brightened our day.

Lastly to the army of helpers who cleaned up after the event. What would we do without you?

Thank you.

We have such an amazing parish and we are so proud of our diversity which adds such richness to all our lives.

Thank you to all.

God bless Colleen Sheehan



BREATH OF THE SPIRIT

St Patrick's Breath of the Spirit Prayer Group is under the umbrella of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The group meets every Tuesday at 10:30am in the Church and welcomes anyone who would like to visit or join. The group has organised two important events.

Renown international preacher and retreat leader Aneel Aranha will be speaking on St Peter in our church on Thursday the 14th September, at 7pm. Aneel Aranha is the founder of Holy Spirit Interactive.

A 'Catholics Come Alive' seminar will be held on the weekend of the 22nd—24th of September, in the church. It is a chance to experience the Holy Spirit in your personal life. The seminar consists of a series of six sessions, each a unique topic in itself, but to get the most out of the seminar attendance at all six is recommended.

For more information about the prayer group or any of these exciting events, contact Mary & Barry McGrath on 0402 859 396 or bmc42510@bigpond.net.au.

Feasts & Holy Days

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), 1 October

This saint, also known as the Little Flower, was a Carmelite nun who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent in Lisieux. She entered the convent at 15 & died in 1897 at the age of 24. She was canonized in 1925. In 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a doctor of the church, the 3rd woman to be so recognized.

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), 15 October

St Teresa was born at Avila, Spain in 1515. At twenty years of age she entered the Carmelite Order. She was instrumental in reforming the rule of the Order. She wrote many books on mystical theology considered by Popes Gregory XV and Urban VIII to be equal to those of a Doctor of the Church. She died at the age of 67. In 1970, the Church gave her the title of Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honoured.

Doctor of the Church (Latin *doctor* "teacher")

title given by the Catholic Church to saints whom they recognize as having been of particular importance, particularly regarding their contribution to theology or doctrine.

In the Western church four eminent "Fathers of the Church" attained this honour in the early Middle Ages: Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine, and Saint Jerome.

In the Eastern Church three Doctors were pre-eminent: Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Basil the Great, and Saint Gregory Nazianzus.

Female Doctors of the Church

St Catherine of Siena (1347-1380). She is credited with Persuading the Pope to return to Rome from Avignon.

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) (1515-1582). Her writings are credited with inspiring church reforms.

St Terese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux). The Basilica of Lisieux is a large pilgrim site in France

St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179). She was a Benedictine abbess and mystic.

Eileen O'Connor



Eileen Rosaline O'Connor co-founded a community of nurses – Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor (OLNP) – also known as the Brown Nurses – to provide free nursing services to the poor in Sydney in 1913.

In recognition of her mighty spirit, the enquiry into her cause for canonisation is underway...only the second in Australia to have this process commenced.

She was born on 19 February 1892 in Melbourne, eldest of four children of Irish parents. When she was 3, Eileen fell from her pram and severely damaged her spine. Despite several operations nothing could be done to alleviate the terrible pain she endured.

A member of a devout Catholic family, Eileen irregularly attended the Richmond parish school. With few friends of her own age and little opportunity for the normal preoccupations of childhood, she turned to her family and to her religion for consolation.

In 1902 the family moved to Sydney. When in 1911 her father died, her mother faced great financial difficulty and sought help from a friend, a priest who introduced her to the parish priest of Coogee, Fr Edward McGrath, a fellow member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He found accommodation for the family and witnessed the courage with which Eileen met her disability.

Eileen received a visitation from Mary, mother of Christ, who encouraged her to accept her suffering for the good of others. She told McGrath of this and he shared his hope of establishing a congregation of nurses to serve the poor. Eileen accepted the challenge and on 15 April 1913 she moved into a house at Coogee, known as Our Lady's Home, which would serve as a convent for the new congregation.

After some initial difficulties a small community of seven called Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor, elected Eileen as their first superior. The work of the Brown Sisters consisted of visiting the sick poor in their homes and in nursing them and the frail aged. Eileen supervised this work and directed the spiritual development of the congregation.

She provided strong leadership and direction despite being almost entirely bed-ridden. She died on 10 January 1921 of chronic tuberculosis of the spine and exhaustion. She was buried in Randwick cemetery but in 1937 the body was exhumed and reinterred beneath the chapel at Our Lady's Home. The congregation continues at Our Lady's Home at Coogee with three additional houses.

Prayer for the Beatification of Eileen O'Connor

O God Who raised up your servant Eileen to enrich Your Church with a new congregation, devoted to the spiritual and corporal assistance of the sick and dying poor, Grant that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she may be honoured with the privilege of Beatification of Our Holy Mother the Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Submitted by Wilhelmina Warnholtz

Sources: Eileen O'Connor, Our Lady's Nurses, 35 Dudley Street, Coogee NSW, Revised 2001.

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/oconnor-eily-rosaline-eileen-7875>

Queensland Community Alliance



The Queensland Community Alliance had the Founding Assembly in the Brisbane City Hall on August 30, 2017. The Alliance is a community organising network working for the common good in south-east Queensland. Alliance members include some of Queensland's largest faith groups, charities, unions, community organisations and ethnic associations.

The founding assembly commitments are to get better care for people with mental illness, disability or who need aged care, as well as working to fix a broken training system, and to end exploitation at work.

A group of seven parishioners from St Patrick's travelled in to St Stephen's Cathedral, we attended Mass at the small chapel and then walked across to City Square where we met Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the other Catholic groups assembled in the square.

The Archbishop led the Catholic contingent into City Hall and he blessed the assembled groups and people as part of the program. The assembly was very well run and we heard some moving stories about the hardship people can encounter when the system is broken.

State Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, agreed to recognise the Alliance as organised civil society, to support its commitments and if re-elected, to attend the next Assembly.

The meeting concluded with commitments from organisation leaders, including our Archbishop, to support the Community Alliance.



Mary Se with the Catholic poster/banner



Rosita Quigg and Archbishop Mark Coleridge waiting to enter Town Hall

OUR SCHOOLS

Fr Joseph Kanatt is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Tony Barron as Principal of St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School Beenleigh from the commencement of 2018.

Tony is currently Acting Principal of St Joseph's, a position he has held since April this year. Prior to this, Tony held the position of Assistant Principal at Marymount School Burleigh Waters. Tony has also had teaching and leadership experience in the Toowoomba Diocese.

Tony has a Master of Educational Leadership and Post Graduate Diploma of Arts from the Australian Catholic University and a Diploma of Teaching from the University of Southern Queensland.



Mr Tony Barron principal at St Joseph Tobruk Memorial School

We take this opportunity of acknowledging and thanking Stephen Johnson for his leadership as Principal of St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Mr Chris Raju has been appointed principal of Trinity College. Chris has been acting principal at Trinity since the beginning of the year. He has good combinations of life experiences; academic qualifications in Curriculum, Administration and Religion, together with extensive experience as teacher, and Principal in BCE schools.

He has been principal for 11 years in Seton college and his contribution to the growth of college is wonderful. His experience in different Schools in BCE equipped him with necessary attitudes, values, administrative and pastoral skills to successfully meet the challenges in the new position.

Congratulations to Tony and Chris on their appointments!



Mr Chris Raju principal at Trinity College

Mother Teresa School
Principal Mr Peter Kerrins
5549 5000

St Joseph's Tobruk School
Principal Mr Tony Barron
3287 2798

Trinity College
Principal Mr Chris Raju
4332 5222

7/9 Celebrating St Teresa of Calcutta
2/10 Queen's Birthday
Currently taking prep enrolments for 2018

25/10 Grandparent's Day
01/11 All Saint's Day
Liturgy every Thursday 9am
Sr Jenny cuppa Fri 8:30-9:30

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Years 7-12 for 2018 and
2019.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Year in Review

St Patrick's Conference is a call centre where our members respond to requests for assistance from the local "community". This "community" covers a huge area- Beenleigh, Eagleby, Stapylton, Jacobs Well, Ormeau, Pimpama, Mt Warren Park, Windaroo, Edens Landing, Bethania, Waterford East etc.

Our aim is always to keep families together, a roof over their heads and some food in their pantries. Many who come to us for assistance have fallen through the cracks of life. It only takes a sickness, job loss as in hours being cut or total loss, to put a family, whether they be couples (with or without children) or singles in a very vulnerable state indeed. We assist people who are suffering mental anxiety mainly due to the circumstances they are facing.

If you could imagine for a moment in your own life something devastating happening, who would you turn to? We would all like to think that our families or friends would come to our aid and in most times of trouble they do. However, if you have relocated here because of family breakups or domestic violence you would have no one to assist you. That is where the Society of St Vincent de Paul comes in. The society has been operating in Queensland since 1894 and is recognised as a Catholic based organisation which gives assistance to the marginalised.

Our aim is to give a hand up not a hand out. However the hand out is usually the first step. We are proud of the fact that we never turn anyone away as far as food is concerned. We are open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Our Helpline number is 3287 3788.

To give you some idea how much our services are needed, I provide you with the following statistics, covering the immediate past year – 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 :

Total number of contacts : 1536

Total number of people assisted : 3682

Total number of children: 2023

Total value of assistance provided : \$74 431.06

Where did this amount of money come from?

Profit from Vinnies shops.

Winter and Christmas Appeals.

Yearly St Vincent de Paul Dinner.

Raffles.

Generous donations from individuals.

Appeals conducted by our Parish Schools.

We hope that this will give you some idea how your contribution assists the work we undertake. It is vital work within our area and very rewarding.

If you would like to join our Society, for more information please call

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May God Bless you for your ongoing generosity.

John Maksimas, president





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Nobody likes to think about it, but the fact remains that we are only on this earth for a short time. Pre-arranging a funeral is no different from saving for a holiday or putting money away for an investment. Pre-planning a funeral is a logical and sensitive way to ensure your passing can be celebrated with as little stress possible on the ones who love you. Our professional and helpful funeral director can guide you in completing the appropriate paperwork – nothing morbid or sad, just like filling out a will – practical, sensible and easy.

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A Colourful and Remarkable Woman

Most of you would know Theresa by her beautiful singing voice. She has been an anchor in our Parish choir since she arrived in our Parish, some five years ago and she regularly sings in other musical groups during Mass. Her voice is so very beautiful that it lifts us up and it gives us other choir members and parishioners heart to sing.

Theresa Tarani Greig spent her first years on Manihiki Island in the Cook Island group. She was one of nine children brought up by her Grandmother. The family were practising Catholics and when Grandmother moved the family to Rarotonga, Theresa went first to a Catholic primary school and then high school.

Theresa married at 21 and soon had two small boys to care for. The family decided to move to Auckland, New Zealand, to give the boys better opportunities. Another three boys were born in NZ. The decision to move paid off, the boys flourished and two of them were offered jobs in Queensland. This presented Theresa with a dilemma as the remaining family were happy in New Zealand, but missing the two young men.

Theresa then made the brave decision to move the rest of the family to Queensland and landed in Beenleigh with Ben and Moetai, Theresa and the boys attend the 6pm Sunday Masses where she helps with the music, Ben is an altar server and Moetai trains to become one. They always help out at special Masses, Christmas, Easter and most recently the Multicultural Mass.

Cook Islanders are citizens of New Zealand. Manihiki is part of the Northern Cook Island group and Rarotonga the southern. The distance between them is around 1300km and the distance to Auckland is over 3000km. The islands are at the mercy of the sea. In 1997 a large tsunami destroyed much of the northern islands, including the grave headstones on Manihiki and nearby Rakahanga islands.

The family has now asked Theresa to help restore the headstones of three of her missionary ancestors. Aporo Orometua was the first indigenous missionary to preach the Gospel to the local people and to convert them and the King to Christianity.

In the middle of next year Theresa will travel with a group of family and friends to Manihiki and Rakahanga Islands to unveil the new headstones. We pray for a successful journey where the family will get an opportunity to reconnect with their roots.



Theresa in front with her siblings, Auntie and Grandmother



Theresa, right, with Indonesian singers at Multicultural Mass



Ben and Moetai at Good Friday Adoration of the Cross