

Support Agencies, I believe that it needs the support of ALL, as it brings support to the most needy, to their front doors. Home visitations have always been the core work of SVDP. Not only do we deliver food and material supports to their homes, but we make ourselves available directly to them, as respectful and non-judgmental listener, compassionate carers and bearers of hope for their future. Especially during the worst of the Covid 19 Pandemic, many people became housebound, resulting in the SVDP home visits being even more important, to many households.

I find it very confronting, that there are people and families living in our neighbourhood, in this day and age, who are still struggling to purchase food for themselves and their families. Generally, these people use the little money they have, to pay household Bills first, which then leaves little or nothing, for food. So, where do we go, to find guidance on what we should be doing? Fortunately, we have many very wise people to provide us with an answer to this question:

- In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said "Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door shall be opened to you". I believe ALL willing and able people have a responsibility to ensure that this compassionate promise is enacted, and kept alive, for eternity.

- In a recent article by Benedictine Sister, Joan Chittister she writes "We are not here as isolates, we are here to become Community. We have been foreordained to make humanity more humane".

- And from one of my favourite Mystics, Thomas Merton ... "Every other human is a piece of myself, for I am a part and member of humankind... What I do is also done for them and with them and by them. What they do is done in me and by me and for me. But each one of us remains responsible for our own share in the life of the whole body, humankind". And in closing, I would just like to give you an idea of how profound and grounding the SVDP Home Visitations can be. Ben and I have been confronted with three separate, individual suicidal Clients. We stayed and listened to their stories for a very long time, encouraging them to continue to reach out for help, because help is ALWAYS available, and offered them HOPE. To my knowledge, they are all still with us. As individuals, we are NOT asked by our Catholic Church or even our Good Lord, to do 'great and large things', but we are asked to be Good Samaritans to our fellow humans. The SVDP Society is a great example of how many people, doing 'small things', like donating a can or packet of food, can multiple into the SVDP Society visiting and assisting nearly 1000 household every week, throughout WA. As they say, "from small things, great things can happen". I pray that my words this morning have been informative, and maybe,

even inspirational in some small way, thank you for this opportunity and for being such good listeners.
(UGO LANDRO for SVDP)

MASS COORDINATORS

Some time ago, the PPC announced that the earlier Commentator Role was being expanded slightly, to become the Mass Coordinator.

This is all part of our Parish FEEM initiative, to foster a more welcoming, smoothly run and memorable Mass Day experience.

All confirmed Volunteers, and new Volunteers are invited to our first meeting, to be held in the Church, at 7.30pm Thursday, the **4th August**, 2022. Everyone is welcome.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Our Lady of Fatima Primary School are currently running their two biggest fundraisers for the year.



The **Mulch Day** will be held on **Saturday 3rd September**. Funds will be used to upgrade the school playground. Orders and payment, which can be made via the website, are due by **12th August**. Free delivery is available for 10 bags or more (Melville, Willagee, Palmyra, Bicton and East Fremantle areas only). Flyers will be distributed over the coming weeks.

OLOF P&F Website: <https://our-lady-of-fatima-parents-and-friends-association.square.site>

OLOF Wine Raffle tickets are also on sale until mid-August. Funds will be invested into contemporary classroom upgrades.

Keep an eye out for representatives from the P&F who will be available over the coming weekends to sell Wine Raffle tickets and answer any questions you may have about the Mulch Day.

(OLOF Parents & Friends Association)

THE FEEM WEEKLY

(FEEM = Faith Enrichment & Evangelising Ministry)

AN INCLUSIVE WELCOMING PARISH FAMILY

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MISSION STATEMENT

Meeting Christ as All in all through: Our relationship with others in creation,
Seeking God in the stillness, Embracing the Good News of the Gospel,
Accepting the challenges of the Cross, The power of the Holy Spirit,
and the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima



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SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME - THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

"THIS VERY NIGHT THE DEMAND WILL BE MADE FOR YOUR SOUL"

This seemingly frightening statement is another way of saying that we should transform our way of thinking and our way of doing business. In short, it is an invitation to revisit our relationships, and achieve the change we need in our lives in this world.

We doff our hearts to such language of scripture as of the language of men and women who desire the best for us, and have spoken to us from centuries past. Their language is not meant to frighten us. Even if they intended it so, we ourselves should not be frightened. We understand such language as coming from the zeal of the religious persons who believe that it is the best way to impress us with the urgency of what they intend, which is the urgency to build a better self, a better community, and therefore, a better world. This urgency to give account of our soul emerges from the need that in order to change our households and communities, we will have to change ourselves. I am, you are, each one of us is, the obstacle in our households and in our communities until something deeper in us puts us in touch with our deeper self and more real self. That is the journey the scriptures enjoin on us.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: @ 9.00am & 6.30pm (Vigil).

Sunday: @ 7.30am, 9.45am & 6.30pm.

Monday & Thursday: @ 9.00am

Reconciliation: Available on request or 5.45pm Saturdays

AUSTRALIA PLENARY COUNCIL CONCLUDES OPTIMISTICALLY WITH UNITED VOTE



THE CHURCH in Australia has agreed a series of landmark reforms on the role of women, a new translation of the Roman Missal and on the wider use of the third rite” of confession.

These were voted through on a final day of voting on Friday last week at the week-long plenary assembly in Sydney and come at the end of a four-year discernment process that included 222,000 participating Catholics from across the country.

Bishops and members of the Plenary Council agreed that the Church in Australia would “implement” female deacons, should the universal law of the Church allow it, and that women will be part of “decision making structures” of governance. Each diocese would commit to finding “new opportunities for women to participate in ministries.”

A plenary council is the highest form of gathering for a local Church. Final decisions need to be signed off by the Pope.

The agreement on the role of women marked a dramatic turnaround in the council process. Some members had threatened to abandon the assembly gathering earlier in the week, when motions on women failed to reach a two-thirds majority.

Following this vote, on 6 July, some members held a silent protest inside the hall.

After crisis talks were held by the bishops, the council drew up new motions on the topic of “witnessing to the equal dignity of women and men”, which obtained a two-thirds majority

on 8 July. For any motion to be successful at the plenary council, it must receive both a two-thirds majority both among the members and the bishops.

During the last day of voting, the council also passed a motion calling for a new English translation of the Roman Missal in Australia, to ensure it is “sensitive to the call for language that communicates clearly and includes all in the assembly”.

The current translation of the English Mass texts, which came into force in 2011, has been criticised for a lack of inclusive language. Pope Francis, however, has reformed the process for liturgical translations, giving greater freedom to local bishops, which opens the path for the Australian Church to progress a revision.

Another significant vote came in the request for a wider use of the “Third Form of the Rite of Penance”, known as “general absolution”. This is a way to offer reconciliation to groups rather than individuals.

In the years after the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) the “third rite” grew popular in Australia, particularly in rural dioceses with severe shortages of priests. However, the Holy See cracked down on the practice during the Pontificate of John Paul II in the late 1990’s stressing the need for individual confession.

The Plenary Council has agreed to petition the Pope to “consider whether the Third Form of The Rite of Penance might have wider use on occasions when it is particularly appropriate, granted an understanding among the faithful of its distinctive nature and requirements”.

The council has agreed motions on a range of topics, including a “national framework for formation in Catholic Social Teaching” and a commitment for every parish and church body to take action on the environment through Laudato’ si’s action plans. The council has also pledged to tackle a “culture of clericalism” by including lay People

in major decisions and to ensure governance is carried out in a “synodal manner” through structures such as pastoral councils.

The plenary process is a response to the devastating revelations of clerical sexual abuse in the Church which have led to calls for deep reform. A liturgy of lament for abuse and the passing of safeguarding motions were held on the assembly’s first day.

Chritopher Lamb—The Vatican

THE SVDP SOCIETY - PRESENTATION TO SANTA MARIA COLLEGE STAFF – SERVICE DAY , 19th July, 2022

Good morning Mrs Oaten and Staff, I am honoured to be here with you this morning, to speak to you about the SVDP Society and my associated personal experiences. Firstly, some information and facts about the SVDP Society

- The SVDP Society, is an International Voluntary Organisation, in the Catholic



Church, which operates in 153 countries, and has over 800,000 members, worldwide. It is important to note, that it is a totally Catholic Lay Organisation, independent from Parishes and the Clergy, and free from their inherent restrictions.

- The Society was Founded on the 23 April, 1833,

in Paris, by a 20 year old student, Frederic Ozanam and his like-minded colleagues, “to put their Catholic Faith into action”, by working hard to assist people in need and combat Social Injustice. What a great reason to start the Society!

- The first SVDP Conference in Australia, was founded in Melbourne, in 1854 and there are now more than 45,000 members throughout Australia.

- The Society’s Mission Statement, is to aspire to

live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor, with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society does this by respecting the dignity of the poor, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny. It is not a ‘handout’, it is a ‘hand up’.

The Services provided by SVDP in Western Australia, include:

1. Clothing & Furniture Distribution Centre
2. Emergency Food Relief & Home Visitation

3. Financial Counselling
4. Mental Health Services
5. Overseas Partnerships & Development
6. Passages Youth Engagement Hub
7. Social Justice Advocacy
8. Vinnies Shops
9. Vinnies Youth

• To explain how SVDP Home Visitation are initiated, people in need of support, register with the SVDP Head Office in Perth, all calls are thoroughly investigated and assessed, and then requests for assistance are emailed out to each Conference throughout Western Australia.

- The Palmyra SVDP Conference does Home

Visitations, on three days each week, visiting an average of between 15 to 20 households, each week. These home visits usually include the delivery of an Emergency Food Pack, valued at approx. \$50.00 for singles and couples and up to \$100.00 for larger families. We also issue them with a \$30.00 Coles or Woolworths Card, for purchase of personal toiletries and cleaning products. Households can request assistance with furniture and bedding packs, which are delivered weekly by the Vinnies Trucks. If they require assistance with clothing, we issue \$25.00 vouchers for them to use at the Vinnies Shops. The Palmyra SVDP Conference purchases between \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 of food per month, from local supermarkets, to supplement donations received, to prepare the Emergency Food Packs.

Throughout WA, there are presently 78 SVDP Conferences, so just to give you a glimpse of the ‘reach and service’ provided by the SVDP, based on say a conservative, 10 household visitations per week, per Conference, 780 households are visited and supported every week, throughout WA!! Hopefully, that gives you some insight as to how SVDP Palmyra operates, and supports the most needy and marginalised in our Local Community. In her invitation, Liz suggested a few specific topics for me to address, so I will endeavour to cover them now, to make sure I fully meet her expectations:

1. How did I become involved with the SVDP work? Although I have always been inclined to ‘help out’ in Catholic Church Parish Life whenever I can, I first became involved with SVDP some four or five years ago, when my next door neighbour, Ben Ziegelaar, who is the Chairperson of the Palmyra SVDP Conference, asked me, over the side fence, if I had some time to help him out, on a Saturday morning, with Emergency Food deliveries for SVDP. And..... the rest, as they say, ‘is history’! My Saturday mornings, have never been the same!

2. Why do we need to support the SVDP?

Although SVDP society is just one of many