



MISSION

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO?

ALL SAINTS MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

AUGUST 2009

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone Parish Office

3264 8283 for contact details

Meets—3rd Monday of each month in the Parish Centre



They have very little and yet look at the smile—Atauro Island

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FORMATION

The Holy Spirit has been working in our parish for some time now in many ways to bring together what we now call the Mission Ministry Team.

Through 2008, the Pastoral Council were looking into the possibility of mission opportunities for our parish.

Investigations included a visit by Sister Kay, who has worked for many years with Indigenous Australians.

Father Ron also put forward a vision he had held for many years in relation to our parish forming a partnership with a parish from a much poorer country than our own. The Pastoral Council undertook some preliminary investigations into the possibility of working with the Timorese people.

During this same period, one of our parishioners was called to undertake a personal journey of mission to Africa for three months. Many of you would recall Cathy Jarvie's journals appearing in the parish newsletter.

While overseas, she corresponded with another parishioner who had been called to investigate mission. Cathy's story became an inspiration to this parishioner and we are sure to many of you.

It is amazing how the Holy Spirit has worked through many people to bring them together to this one common area **'MISSION'**.

A small group of parishioners put together a proposal to the Pastoral Council for approval which outlined how a Mission

Ministry Team could work within our parish to cover the areas of:

- Local Mission
- Indigenous Mission
- Overseas Mission; and
- A Partnership Programme (Sister Parish)

Mission is many things to many people.

Maybe there is something you are being called to. This flyer hopes to present to you opportunities that you may wish to become involved in.

If you find something that calls you, please don't hesitate to contact one of our team members, or you can contact the organization directly.

'I Thirst,' Jesus said when He was deprived of every consolation, when He was dying in absolute poverty, when He was left alone despised...He spoke of His thirst—not for water but for love, for sacrifice. Jesus is God, therefore, His love—His thirst—is infinite....
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

VALLEY OUTREACH—a volunteer's story

I started as a volunteer last year serving meals to the homeless in the Valley.

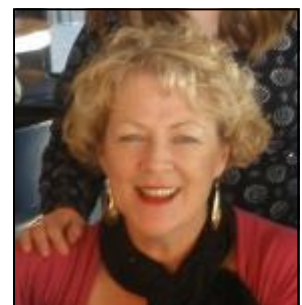
It has been a wonderful experience as we not only serve meals, but we get to know the people. Maybe they need someone to listen, maybe someone to share what has gone on in their lives whether good or bad, maybe someone to talk to them. Some of the people are homeless, some have shelter but no money for food and others lonely and come

for a chat. All of them needing help in some way.

For me, I have loved every minute each time I go. Some weeks, we can serve 50 people and then other weeks can be 100, the amazing thing, we always have enough food, never really any leftovers, but always enough to feed the people on that day. (the loaves and fishes, it really happens). As I work in the Valley and City during the week, sometimes I get to see the people I serve when I

am at work, it is nice to be able to say Hello and see if they are OK.

Colleen





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Is Mission for you?

It is no secret that Mission is central to Parish life. Catholic Mission states:

“Life is about change, transformation and growth. It is about birth, new beginnings and hope. Life is what happens when God’s love stirs and disturbs.....”

A wonderful form of outreach to our local community is through being a

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AT THE PRINCE CHARLES HOSPITAL

Contact Sr Deborah if you are interested in this ministry

MISSION STATEMENT

To be effective in mission we have reflected on what the Bible tells us about God’s call to helping others:

1. Grounded in prayer – “I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did. I thank him as I remember you always in my prayers night and day.” 2 Timothy 1:3

2. Fulfilling God’s calling – “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!” Matthew 5:6

3. Courage – “Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another.” Philippians 2:1

4. Eyes for Others– “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble towards one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look for one another’s interests, not just for your own.” Philippians 2:3-4

5. Defend and be fair – “Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans; be fair to the needy and the helpless. Rescue them from the power of evil people.” Ps. 82:3-4

6. Justice – “...See that justice is done—help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend the widows.” Isaiah 1:17

7. Serve and Teach – “I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.’.....’The King will reply, I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!” Matthew 25:35; 40

8. Bring the good news – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.” Luke 4:18-19

9. Love, Walk, Act – “No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.” Micah, 6:8.

OUTREACH CRITERIA

There are many possibilities available for Outreach, however it is felt that the Mission Ministry Team would best serve the parish by focusing on a limited number of preselected missions that meet the criteria as approved by the Pastoral Council.

The organisation should:

- be Christ centred and show the love of Christ to those that they minister to
- where possible, support Catholic teachings
- have support and training in place for the volunteers
- provide a safe working environment
- access to medical treatment and hospitals in the case of illness
- provide safe transport for volunteers
- if necessary, have secure accommodation for volunteers
- provide a range of broad reaching projects (eg children, women, poverty, medical)
- promote a cultural exchange for the volunteers
- have no program fees (money to go directly to those in need)
- where applicable, satisfactory insurances in place

SELECTED LOCAL OUTREACH

Club 61



OUR AIM:

- To create V.I.P.s
- To Eliminate R.I.P.s (premature)



Volunteers provide support to people affected by mental health issues who are living in the community in the northern suburbs of Brisbane. Support generally takes the form of a cuppa and a chat with people each week at various locations. Ring John or Yvonne for more info.

CONTACT:

The parish office 3264 8283 for details

OZANAM HOUSE—OZCARE Peel Street, West End

Providing accommodation and meals for the underprivileged

Time required: 1½hours (either Saturday 11.45am-1.15pm or 4.30-6.00pm) - week days available too.

Skills: A Smile and willingness to chat

CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY
TEL: 3033 4313

VALLEY OUTREACH

SORRY BUT OUR ROSTER FOR THE VALLEY OUTREACH WORK IS FULL AT THE MOMENT

INDIGENOUS MISSION—CENTACARE



Murri Ministry is a team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal

people who seek to respond to Pope John Paul's 1986 Alice Springs call "to express the living word of Jesus in ways that speaks to (their) Aboriginal minds and hearts".

We can assist in the office on a

weekday by:

- Helping in the library (*do you have library skills or happy to reshelf?*)
- Answering the phone (*a cheery disposition*)
- Typing funeral booklets (*lots of guidance given*)
- Photocopying (*able to press a button*)
- Sorting out clothes or other donated household goods to go to the homeless, the aged or disadvantaged Murri people
- Restock the pantry
- Or do other odd jobs that would assist the staff of this Ministry Team (*just like to help out*)
- Know how to write a submission for a grant

To get involved call the parish office 3264 8283 OR email murriministry@bne.catholic.net.au



A trip to a local hospital in East Timor

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES—CATHOLIC MISSION

GET INVOLVED GLOBALLY

GIG is an initiative of Catholic Mission using a network of experienced mission personnel. It is a program that challenges people to see, feel and act in a new way. GIG is a cross-cultural immersion and mission exposure that provides a unique opportunity of experiential learning for participants. They immerse themselves in the culture and life issues of people in another country through visits with ordinary people, as well as with key community and church leaders.

Participants commit themselves to a three-phase program –

preparation; living simply with local hosts; and upon return, being actively involved in the work of mission and justice.

In the new millennium, people are challenged to see, act and feel in new ways through education, personal experience, reflection and interpretation of other people's perspectives on mission, justice and global relationships.



Visit their website:

http://www.catholicmission.org.au/profdev_gig.asp

To get involved call Patrick Fox on FREECALL 1800 257 296 (Australia-wide) OR gig@catholicmission.org.au

Catholic Mission's next GIG trip is planned for 7 to 18 December to East Timor

As stewards, we receive your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

AMEN

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES—GAWAD KALINGA-GH77

BUILDING HOMES FOR FAMILIES - OVER 7,000 HOMES BUILT TO DATE

Gawad Kalinga translated means simply to 'give care'. The organisation started work in one of the poorest parts of one of the poorest countries in the world – the Philippines. Gawad Kalinga stepped in when the Government didn't – and has helped to transform some of the slum areas of the Philippines.

Program Name: YO! GAT- Young Once Great Adventure Tour (25 years and over)

Approximate time slots each year that groups are taken: There is one

intake only for this programme in October. However there is also an intake each in January and September after the rains but it is usually with younger ones of ages ranging between 18 years -25.

How many to a group: In YO GAT they have up to 16 only or a maximum of 20 at a push.

Who are the group leaders: Group leaders are heads of GK in Australia- usually from Sydney.

Is there a get together before departure: Yes, there is a pre departure get together a week before the trip to get to know each other... usually in Sydney.

What is expected of volunteers: They are asked to be prepared for a build, to live with host families for 2 days and nights only, to eat the same food as the families and probably they might be asked to give a sharing talk about where they come from.

To get involved call Parish Office for contact details



Putting on their Sunday best for Mass in Macadade (highest village on Atauro Island – East Timor



Children Cathy met during her time with Light in Africa, Tanzania

LIGHT IN AFRICA

Nurturing Children to be the Light of Africa for generations to come

Contact Laura Cox
Volunteer Co-Ordinator
volunteering@lightinafrica.org
Website: www.lightinafrica.org

Light In Africa is a Tanzania registered not for profit organization (NGO) which cares for sick, abandoned and handicapped children and other unsupported people in Africa.

Their work is made possible thanks to unsolicited gifts and many of their programs and actions depend on volunteerism.

AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE CALLED TO MISSION

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO?

Want to be more involved?

Why not contact one of the Mission opportunities explained in this newsletter or one of your local team members who may be able to help you more?

FOR INFORMATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A SISTER PARISH FOR ALL SAINTS PARISH PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE ATAURO NEWS

If you do make contact with one of the Mission opportunities mentioned in this newsletter, we would love to receive your feedback.

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES—MISSION MEXICO

Established by Pam and Alan Skuse, Mission Mexico Children’s Refuge provides shelter and a fresh start for children.

This is where they care for children who have been orphaned, abandoned, abused or are from extreme poverty. The refuge cares for an average of 40 children on a daily basis, 32 of which are on a permanent basis.

During their time they have helped over 200 children from various circumstances of need.

There can be up to 6

volunteers at any one time. There is no charge to volunteer there – you get free board and food although some volunteers choose to buy their own food. They ask that you buy toilet paper and other cleaning stuff for the unit with the other volunteers.



Pam and Alan Skuse (from the Sunshine Coast) When the centre they volunteered in closed, they asked themselves, “Do we just leave and let the children go back to the streets and lives of abuse after giving them a taste of what life could be like or do we take on this huge responsibility with no resources to support us?”

They chose to stay!



To get involved call email info@lifelovehope.com



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- **Benefit the community**—Karuna Hospice Services provide compassionate care for individuals and their loved ones
- **Benefit yourself**—you are making a contribution to the environment and a worthwhile charity

Simply bring your old phones to church or the parish office and put them in the donation box provided. If you have a workplace where you would like to collect phones from, please contact Jennie for a workplace advertising flyer - contact the parish office