



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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Sunday 22 May 2022 – 6th Sunday of Easter



Not from the Pulpit: Helen Forde

For weeks, I have been obsessed with the Facebook page of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Romania. Their page is filled with images of 'kids being kids'. These young faces radiate happiness and joy as they enjoy face-painting, crayon drawing, dancing, singing, outdoor-activity and even classroom learning.

So why my obsession?

These young boys and girls recently fled war-torn Ukraine. Most of them, along with their mothers, have experienced traumatic and tearful separations from fathers and older brothers. Just three months earlier, these children lived normal (and peaceful) lives. But, today, they are one of millions of forcibly displaced Ukrainians living as refugees in host countries like Romania.

For me, the smiling faces on the JRS Romania Facebook page, are in stark contrast to the mass media images of army tanks and soldiers storming the streets of Mariupol, and the bleak and flattened street scapes of the cities in Ukraine.

I was finding it hard to reconcile the contrasting images. A conversation with Fr Marius Talos SJ, Director of JRS Romania earlier this week, consoled me.

Fr Marius and his team are working day and night at the front-line welcoming refugees, mostly women and children, fleeing Ukraine.

“At JRS Romania, we work to move refugees from a paralysis of fear and shock to an explosion of vitality”, Fr Marius said.

Fr Marius shared the story of a recently arrived Ukrainian mother and her four-year old daughter. The mother had left her 18-year-old son, who was called to military service, in Ukraine. The mother was traumatised and in deep shock. She did not speak for days.

What broke the wall of silence and fear for the mother? According to Fr Marius, it was a Cameroon refugee who started a dancing class where the mother and child, along with other Ukrainian refugees came together.

Fr Marius said, “We try to propose different activities to the refugees because there is no use remaining in the shock, regardless how powerful it is. For so long now, we have talked about social distancing, now we are encouraging social proximity. It’s in these tiny opportunities that people, like this Mum, can find hope and courage’.

Jesuit Mission Australia, through the generosity of communities like Our Lady of the Way Parish, has raised nearly \$500,000 in support of the Jesuit response to the Ukraine crisis. These funds are enabling JRS Europe through its offices in Romania, Poland, Hungary and Ukraine to provide emergency shelter, welcome packages, food, health care and translation services to people affected by the war.

Thank you for nurturing the smiling faces of the young children on the JRS Romania page, and of course, so many thousands of others. This work by JRS Europe is only possible through your solidarity and generosity.

Helen Forde
CEO, Jesuit Mission Australia and OLW Parishioner

Jesuit Mission Appeal – THIS WEEKEND



This weekend OLW Parish will hold the annual Jesuit Mission appeal. Our Parish has always been very generous in supporting Jesuit Mission, and for this, we are truly grateful. We ask you once again to consider our vulnerable brothers and sisters who are living in the margins of the world and are desperately trying to survive emergency situations.

Your vital support to the Jesuit Mission

Emergency Action Fund will help deliver immediate support – in whatever form necessary around the world – wherever the need is greatest. Please give generously to this weekend's Jesuit Mission Parish Appeal. Please show your support at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/donate-parish>

Parish Notices

Still Seeking Catechists

Many thanks for the very generous parishioners who have recently become catechists. You have joined some great people who have enjoyed this ministry for many years. We desperately need five more people who might work with Year 6 (12-year-olds) at the Cammeray Public School and Year 2 at Anzac Park Public School. Please contact Maree Curry at the parish office 8918 4101 or mareec@northsydney Catholics.com if you would be prepared to give this important work a try.

Parish Advisory Group – Nominations close 24 May

Now open – confidential, self-nominations to richard.leonard@nssj.org.au or on 0409 120 928. Nominations will close on Tuesday May 24, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. May Mary pray for all of us as we re-establish an important sign of collaborative lay leadership.

Women's Night of Spirituality – 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Tues 24 May @ 7.00pm, St Mary's

MC's Jenny Boland & Judy Tusino Our Guests: Margaret Rice; Natasha Shah.

Geraldine Doogue; Jenny Gribble; Caroline Jones. Followed by a reception in the Ron Dyer Centre.

National Sorry Day Mass

Thurs 26 May @ 7.30am, St Francis Xavier

Celebrant: Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Healing Mass

Thurs 26 May @ 12.00pm, St Mary's. Celebrant: Fr Daven Day SJ

Sunday's Readings

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29 **Second Reading** Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 **Gospel** Jn 14:23-29

In Our Prayers

Baptisms: Arthur Chivers, Charlie Chivers, Evelyn Muckavilli, Emma Copping, Timothy McNeil, Sophie Barnes, Loic Ng, Thomas Williams, Natalya-Rose Encarnacao

Sick: Gerard Ingram, Heather Gannon, Tyler Kennedy, Ronda Todd, Bridget Wilcken, Ludmilla Milo, Joan Ward, Isla Forrest, Carmela Kendrick-Smith, Josephina Rayes, Patrick Hore, Shehan Perera, Slava Strnad, David Bradley, Paul Wakim, James Stanbury, Pat Ryan, Maya, Peter and Helen Brown, Bill Higgins, Aaron Wood, Estelle Cornwell, Gerard Brennan (father of Frank Brennan SJ) Sr Tess Formosa, Janet Coombs

Recently Deceased: Patrick Delaney, Patricia Winifred Kearney, Margaret Day, Gina Stillone, Alison Brent, Fr Ian Howells SJ, Lewis Smith, John Walker, Jeanette Coleman, Frank Harvey, Peter French, Rosemary Cahill, Samuel Farina, Heinz Dunnwald

Anniversaries: Mary Rossi (15 May), Michael Bryant

Individual Confession: By appointment (8918 4101) or Sundays 5pm – 5.30pm: St Mary's.

Weekend Mass Roster

- Sat Vigil 5.30pm SFX – Fr Richard | 8.00am SOS – Fr Joseph | 9.00am STM – Fr Steve |
 - 10.30am SFX – Fr Joseph | 6.00pm STM – Fr Andy *subject to change*
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