



### SISTERHOOD OF ST ELIZABETH

During this week we will have two visits from the Sisterhood of St Elizabeth visiting at **St Gabriel's this Monday morning at the 9am Mass and at St Joseph's this coming Thursday at the 9.00am Mass.** Unfortunately, due to their schedule the Sisters are only able to visit our parishes on these two days.

The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth (Romanov) was founded in 1996 in Belarus. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short, and it is painful to see them suffering. Also, the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially. In the recent years a shelter and house of labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

With Love in Christ,

Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent

Website: [www.obitel-minsk.org](http://www.obitel-minsk.org)

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers or on the Offertory Tables. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. The Stipend for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November, they are only available during the other months of the year.**

### SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE 2022

Conscientious Objection in Abortion and Euthanasia for Healthcare Students and Workers. **Saturday 5th November** from 1:30-5:30pm at Warrane College, UNSW (Corner of Anzac Parade and Barker St, Kensington). Speakers include NSW Upper House Leader, Damien Tudehope and Director of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics, Dr Bernadette Tobin. The conference will help provide guidance around how to navigate through the university and workplace for those with a conscientious objection.

### PLENARY COUNCIL INVITATION CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR SYDNEY PARISHES

Hear an update on the Second Assembly by Plenary Council facilitators and a reflection on the Synod of Bishops Continental Phase Document on Saturday 19 November from 10am-1:30pm at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney (entrance from 80 William Street) RSVP by 8 November: Sr Jo Brady RSJ at [jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org)

### PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers, grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2023 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Archbishop Nona: "They took everything". Now ISIS could live among us
  - Cancelling Christians: The Andrew Thorburn Affair
  - Dr Miriam Rose: A voice for reconciliation
  - Married men ordained
  - Archbishop delivers first Newman lecture
  - Pedalling priest
- Available for \$2 after Mass today.

### SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

### BELOVED WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is a Retreat Day on **Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am- 5:30pm at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast. \$65 early-bird price until 14th October. All meals included. For more details and to register: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

### RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are highly recommended in churches.**
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable more distancing between others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

### RECENTLY DECEASED: Faatoi Tanoi

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco Zirilli, Rita Barbaresco, Robert Weeks, Marie Mohareb, Margaret Robertson and Robert Bird.

**We especially remember those for whom Masses have been requested, those in our Memorial Books and all our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors. May they all rest in peace. Amen**

### ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Let us never forget that God has done wonders for us and wonderfully protected us in our helplessness."  
3.3.1882

