



Holy Trinity School Granville **UPDATE**



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Thursday morning, HTG held a Mothers self-defence party. Run by Jeff Phillips of SAFE International, the class comprised of lessons in personal safety, tips and tricks when feeling unsafe, as well as a practical component of skills if attacked. The morning was great fun, as well as enlightening, informative and useful.

Thank you to Mrs Boyer for organising the day and to all our mums who came along for some fitness, fun and fighting moves!



Women's Self Defense Parties
High School Self Defense
Corporate Safety Courses
Private Instruction
Self Defense Scenario Training
Self Defense for Seniors

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Our Mission
To Empower 500,000 Women In Self Defense By 2020

God bless,

Kathryn Salkeld
Assistant Principal

Farewell Father Jerson

On 1st December Father Jerson will leave Holy Trinity Granville and travel home to India.

We sincerely thank Father for his kindness and care of our students, staff and parents.

We wish Father Jerson a safe flight and we will continue to keep Father in our prayers.



"For Those Who've Come Across the Seas"

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statement-2015-16>

'Pope Francis calls the Church to 'opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits'.

"So we ask: how would we want our families and loved ones to be treated if they took such a journey of danger? How would we want them to be received by the countries to which they had fled in desperation? As people of faith we go further and ask; do we see the face of Jesus Christ in those who've come across the seas?"

Extract from Social Justice Statement 2015-16

A prayer for justice for refugees and asylum seekers:

God of mercy, help me to remember:
My Ancestors came across the seas!
Help me keep in my mind
Those who came long ago
And those who now come to our shores.

See the attached flyer for the full prayer.

Canberra Excursion

This week Year 6 will be undertaking an education tour of Canberra.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the costs. The rebate is paid to the school after the excursion.



Holy Trinity Parish Golden Jubilee Fair this Sunday 29th November from 11am to 3pm

We will be selling drinks on the day.

**Please bring in your donation of cans or
water to the school as soon as possible.**

Ride Wrist Bands:

**Available from Paulette Zaiter in the school
playground until Friday from 3pm.**

*** Pre-sold Ride Wristbands \$20-special price**

*** Ride Wristbands on the day - \$25,
or \$7 per ride**



Students of the Week

Week ending 20.11.15



Kindergarten	Jacinta Ivory
Year One	Jessalin Zhao
Year Two	Malia Taliauli
Year Three	Chirag Garg
Year Four	Juliana Romanos
Year Five	Khang Nguyen
Year Six	Fiona Nguyen



Calendar Dates

25th & 26th Nov - Year 6 Canberra Trip
Fri 27th Nov - Mass – Year 1 and Year 6
Sun 29th Nov - 1st Sunday of Advent
Holy Trinity Parish Golden Jubilee Fair
Wed 2nd Dec - Year 6 Reconciliation
Thu 3rd Dec - Assembly - special Advent Liturgy
Kinder and Year 5 in MacKillop Hall
Sun 6th Dec - 2nd Sunday of Advent
Thu 10th Dec - Year 6 Graduation Mass – 6.30pm
Fri 11th Dec - End of Year Liturgy

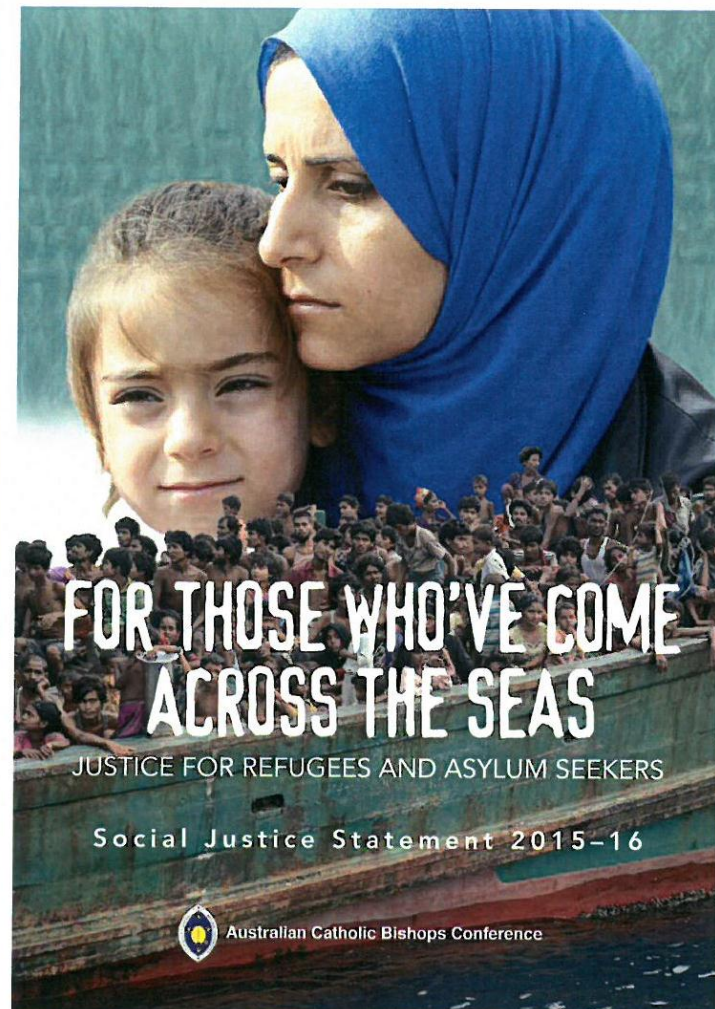
Canteen Roster

Fri 27th Nov - Sandra El-Khoury, Almaza Faddoul
Tue 1st Dec - Mabel Chen, Janine Estephane
Fri 4th Dec - Annie Ghribian, Seini Taliauli
Tue 8th Dec - Maram Salloum, Sue Bou-Francis
Fri 11th Dec - Lillian Ibrahim, Paulette Zaiter

LAST DAY OF CANTEEN

**Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped
throughout the year.**

Australian Catholic Bishops call for justice for refugees and asylum seekers



In their 2015-16 Social Justice Statement, the Australian Catholic Bishops are calling for compassion for asylum seekers, especially those who come to Australia by boat. The following excerpts from the Statement represent the Bishops' strong advocacy for asylum seekers and refugees.

We need to hear the stories of refugees and asylum seekers and appreciate the full picture of their journey. In addition to war and violence, some are fleeing from threats directed at them because of who they are – their ethnicity, religion, disability or something about themselves that they cannot change.

Australia has obligations to protect people who are found to be refugees and to those who are asylum seekers. As a global citizen, Australia has the opportunity to lead a regional response that respects the right of each nation to protect its borders while

ensuring protection for asylum seekers and the establishment of prompt refugee status determination and resettlement options.

So we ask: how would we want our families and loved ones to be treated if they took such a journey of danger? How would we want them to be received by the countries to which they had fled in desperation? As people of faith we go further and ask: do we see the face of Jesus Christ in those who've come across the seas?

In responding to these questions we are guided by Scripture and the social teaching of the Church. In the story of the Good Samaritan we see that our understanding of 'who is our neighbour' and what we owe them is not limited by borders, race, caste, religion or politics. Our neighbour is the person before us in need.

Extract from Social Justice Statement 2015-16.

The full Statement,
'For Those Who Come Across the Sea',
can be downloaded from the
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council site:
[http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/
publications/social-justice-statement-2015-16](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statement-2015-16)

At the time of writing, 205 children are being held in immigration detention centres in Australia and Nauru.

Will you jump up and down to end indefinite mandatory immigration detention for children?

Support the **#jumping4kids** campaign by posting a photo of your jump on social media.

Jump Up&Down 4 Kids

A prayer for justice for refugees and asylum seekers

God of mercy, help me to remember:
My ancestors came across the seas!
Help me keep in my mind
Those who came long ago
And those who now come to our shores.
As I face you in prayer, God of Compassion,
I remember my country's words:
Send them back or Stop the boats.
Then I fear, not your anger
But the steady gaze of boundless love
and unlimited compassion
That impel me to hear Jesus' command:
Love one another, as I have loved you
Or Pope Francis' call to open our hearts
To a universal communion
Which excludes nothing and no one.
Daring to step into such relationship, I pray
For those forced to leave family,
home and all they hold dear;
May they find safe passage and helping hands.
I pray for an end to the wars and oppression
that forced them to leave;
I pray that those who welcome them
are blessed in abundance.
And with deep humility
and a heart hungry for justice,
I pray that we Australians, citizens and leaders,
Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts
That we may see, understand and welcome
our brothers and sisters.
May our change of heart penetrate to our beginnings
As strangers in this land.
May we allow those we displaced
– the First People of this land – to welcome us.
Then knowing, in humility, what it is to be welcomed,
We will know how to welcome
the strangers who come to our shores.
This we ask in the name of Jesus your Son,
In whom we are no longer strangers. Amen.

