

It might be by being generous, overly generous, with your time or money; time or money which could be spent on yourself, which is what the world expects.

There is a myriad of ways, foolish in the eyes of the crowd, but when you do it like the servants ladling the liquid from those huge pots, you allow the Divine Presence of Our Lord to save the situation.

Then Cana is there.

The creative power of Jesus Christ is there.

The Divine Glory is seen.

The Divine Glory is at work among us.

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POPE'S THREE PATHS TO BUILDING PEACE

In his message for the 55th World Day of Peace on January 1, Pope Francis points to three paths for building a lasting peace dialogue between generations, education and work.

Introducing this message, the Pope notes that the path of peace continues to remain "sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women."

Citing the intensification of wars and conflicts, climate change and environmental degradation, an individualistic economic model and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, "the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth" he says, "constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace".

But he points out, "in every age peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment" and he singles out three paths for building lasting peace.

The first, "dialogue between generations as the basis for the realisation of shared projects" is especially crucial, the Pope says, in a world still gripped by the pandemic that has driven so many to take refuge in their own little world or react to it with destructive violence.

Dialogue, the Holy Father notes, demands trust between the participants who need to listen to one another, share different views, reach agreement and walk together. This is especially important, he says, between generations: "between the keepers of memory - the elderly - and those who move history forward - the young."

The second path chosen by Pope Francis in the pursuit of peace is education: a primary means of promoting integral human development. It makes individuals freer and more responsible, he says, and is essential for the defence and promotion of peace.

The third path spotlighted by Pope Francis is one that rests on the belief that work is an indispensable factor in building and keeping peace.

(Source: *Vatican News*)

EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON: 25 January at 12-30 pm. Tea and biscuits. Information DVD about Mobile Personal Medical Alarm Pendant With Auto Fall Detection will be shown. Come along and bring your friend and carer. For more info or transport call Joe 0477 677 248

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note the new office hours ongoing are:

9am - 1pm Monday - Thursday and

9am - 5pm Friday.

OUR MASSES

Bookings are no longer required. On arrival please QR in. Masks are required at all times for those aged over 8 years. Please try to socially distance. After each Mass, the Church is sanitised.

PARISH BINGO CONTINUES

each **Thursday at 7.30pm** at the Sunbury Bowling Club, Riddell Road. All are welcome to attend. Meals are available before the game begins.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

A big THANK YOU to our 4 Parish schools plus our Parish congregation on a massive response to our St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas offering.

What a magnificent effort by our students preparing over 225 Christmas packs of personal items and Christmas goodies for our companions. The children received colouring books and pencils plus activity items for the holiday period.

Our Sunbury conference is very thankful to the most generous response to our Christmas appeal where a fraction under \$4,500- was donated. Our conference can assure all those generous Christians, this will make a big uplifting day in the lives of those less fortunate to us in Sunbury, when we are able to assist them with a 2nd hand washing machine, refrigerator, or new mattress for a good nights sleep, or assisting a child have a computer to assist with their studies. Thank you again and God Bless all you good and faithful people. Kind regards,

John Stafford President, on behalf of all conference members.

Our Parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.