

# SMACC Service

7 August 2022 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



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## Welcome & Prayer

### Song: All Praise To Him

All praise to Him the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son the servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow sin and shame  
Who lived to die Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father Son and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift our wills we bow  
To You the Triune God we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise

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# The Nicene Creed

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-32

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

<sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will

make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:*     **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 130

*A Song of Ascents*

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive**

**to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But with you there is forgiveness,**

**that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> **my soul waits for the Lord**

**more than watchmen for the morning,**

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **And he will redeem Israel**

**from all his iniquities.**

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

*All:* **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever.**

**Amen.**

## New Testament Reading: Galatians 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? <sup>10</sup> You observe days and months and seasons and years! <sup>11</sup> I am afraid I may have laboured over you in vain.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

# **Sermon: Elementary Sandwich**

## ***Galatians 4:1-11***

### **1. The centre of the world**

- a. So many themes...
- b. The contrast: slavery and freedom
- c. At the centre of Galatians

### **2. Childhood and slavery (v1-3)**

- a. A Greek word: stoichea = elementary principles  
(v3)
- b. Slavery under the law, to the elementary principles  
(v1-3)

c. The law was slavery (v3)

d. Purpose of the law

### **3. Maturity and freedom (v4-7)**

a. Redemption

i. Through substitution (v4-5)

ii. In the fullness of time (v4)

b. The Spirit changes everything (v6-7)

i. Intimacy with God.

ii. No longer children and slaves

c. God's purpose for you

Augustine said:

“O Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.”

Leviticus

26:11 I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. 13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves.

#### **4. Turning back to miserable and weak elementary principles (v8-11)**

- a. Cannot free
- b. No power
- c. Sidebar: stoichea in Colossians 2
- d. Weak and worthless

## **Song: You Made Us Your Own**

We were ruined in our sin  
We were guilty and undone  
When Your love reached down with sovereign hands  
And beckoned us to come

You sought out the wanderers  
Made the prodigals come home  
With a lavish feast You welcomed us  
For You made us Your own

*You have loved us like You love Your Son  
We are heirs with Christ bought by His blood  
Oh how great the love that we've been shown  
We're Your children now You made us Your own*

We are strangers to the world  
But no strangers to Your throne  
We draw near You now with confidence  
For all our fears are gone

And when Christ our King returns  
We'll meet saints we've never known  
And forever we will be amazed  
That You made us Your own

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## **Greeting Time**

## **Announcements**

## **Amy Ting's Updates**

# Prayers of Intercession

## The Lord's Prayer

*All:* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

# Prayer of Confession

*All:* **Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Creator of everything, Judge of everyone,  
We admit that we have sinned against you  
In thought, speech and action,  
And deserve your just punishment.  
We truly repent and are sorry  
for what we have done.  
Have mercy on us, merciful Father.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past,  
And enable us to serve and please you  
in a fresh way,  
To the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## Song: Forgiven

Lord, forgive us for our pride  
When our faith becomes a show  
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide  
All the stains below  
We have judged Your sons and daughters  
For the sin that is our own  
May we now forgive each other  
And lay down our stones

*Forgiven, forgiven  
Through the blood of Christ  
We are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love  
Of the things we wish to own  
We forsake the feast above  
For all the crumbs below  
Though You've made us sons and daughters  
We do not the world disown  
May we find our greatest treasure  
Is in You alone

Lord, forgive us for our shame  
When we can't release the past  
When we're quick to take the blame  
But forget we're free at last  
We avoid Your sons and daughters  
For the fear we don't belong  
Give us eyes to see each other  
Through Your only Son

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# The Lord's Supper

*The Minister prays:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that in your love and mercy,  
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
to die on the cross for our redemption.

We thank you that by offering himself once for all,  
he made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin  
and completely satisfied your holiness,  
justice and love.

And he instructed us to remember his death together  
until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father,  
and grant that by your Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink this bread and wine,  
according to our Lord's command  
may remember his death for us with faith,  
trusting in him alone for our salvation  
and so share in his body and blood.

For on the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, “Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

*All:* **Amen.**

*The Minister says:*

Eat and drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

# Song: Facing A Task Unfinished (We Go to All The World)

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life and love and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night

*We go to all the world  
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake

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## Closing and Grace

*All:* **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

*Minister:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Connect with us

Thank you for joining our service. If you would like for us to get in touch with you, or have any feedback for us, please fill in our Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect)

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## Giving

### Online transfer

Bank name: **Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd**

Account name: **St Mary's Cathedral**

Account number: **312 142 334 691**

Recipient reference: If giving a pledge, enter ***your 3-digit pledge number***.  
Otherwise, enter **Online Service** or the service you normally attend.

For one-off giving, please email the bank-in slip or online transfer receipt to: **collections@stmaryscathedral.org.my**

### Boost e-wallet

Scan the following QR code using the Boost App. Be sure to confirm "St Mary's Cathedral" is listed as the payee.



## St Mary's Cathedral

Note: This method of giving is analogous to putting cash into the offertory bag/box. Your donation will go to the General Fund. You will not be given a receipt. Do not use this to give a pledge.

Details on our webpage: [stmarys.my/give](https://stmarys.my/give)

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## Onsite & Online Services

Here are the details of our English onsite services on Sundays:

- Liturgical Services – 7.00 am, 9.00 am, 11.00 am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 11.00 am, 5.00 pm

If you are joining us online on Sundays, the Liturgical service will be livestreamed at 9.00 am.

More information about our services can be found here:

[stmarys.my/services](http://stmarys.my/services)

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## **Carpark Booking**

Please visit [stmarys.my/booking](http://stmarys.my/booking) to book a carpark on Sundays at the Cathedral, if you need to. There is also an option for you to indicate on the form that you would like to book a parking spot for 3 months. Your car plate number will then be given to the guards. Please note that you will only be allowed in if your car plate number is on the list given to the guards. If you are parking at the Dataran Merdeka Carpark, you do not need to book a carpark. Carparking is free.

Bookings for carparking will open at 2.00 pm on Sunday and close at noon on Friday.

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## Onsite Service Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our onsite services. If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to volunteer, please fill in the form at [stmarys.my/volunteer](https://stmarys.my/volunteer)

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## Kids' Church

The Kids' Church has resumed face-to-face lessons on Sunday mornings at 10.45 am. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms on the ground floor of the Cathedral. Parents can pick up their children aged 5-12 at a time announced during the church service, while children aged 3-4 can be picked up after the 11.00 am church service ends.

For more information, you could speak to the Kids' Church teachers or email [kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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# **Webinar: Paul, The Law & The New Perspective**

Our Sunday sermons at St Mary's are currently expositions of Paul's letter to the Galatians where we have been seeing the Apostle Paul contending for the Gospel. In this webinar, Dr Paul Thompson will help us consider the ways Galatians has been interpreted, and deal with issues raised about Paul and the Law by proponents of the New Perspective.

You are welcome to join us for this Zoom webinar which will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2022, at 8.00 pm. Please register for the webinar at [stmarys.my/paul](https://stmarys.my/paul). Registration closes at 7.00 pm on 13 August 2022.

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## **Trivia Brunch by the Cathedral Women's Fellowship (CWF)**

Join the CWF for a fun morning of food, fellowship and fun trivia questions!

Date: 27 August 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: MPH, St Mary's Cathedral

Register: [stmarys.my/cwf](https://stmarys.my/cwf)

(Please register by 21 August)

Bring your friends to form your own teams of 4. If you don't have a team don't worry! Come and meet new ladies to form your teams.

Be prepared for a variety of questions - General knowledge, food, maths, biblical history, music & more!

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## Hope Explored

Hope Explored is a 3-session course that helps you to explore the great longings in life: for hope, for peace and for purpose. Do join us to find out what the gospel of Luke says about these longings.

After Hope Explored, we will continue with Christianity Explored, a 7-session course that helps you to explore further who Jesus is and what he came to do for you and how he gives meaning and purpose to your life.

Please join us online for these 10 sessions which will begin on Sunday, 28 August 2022, at 2.00 pm. You can register using the form here: [stmarys.my/findoutmore](https://stmarys.my/findoutmore)

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## Confirmation

We will celebrate St Mary's Day on 15 August 2022 with a confirmation service at 8.00 pm. Over 50 candidates from various congregations across the Cathedral will be confirmed. You are welcome to join the service.

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## Music Ministry

If you are someone who is following Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, committed to serving Him in St Mary's and interested in serving either in the choir or as an organist at the Liturgical services, please fill in the Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](http://stmarys.my/connect) or let the Cathedral Office know on 011 5760 3484. You will be contacted and furnished with more details by those in charge from the Cathedral.

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## Church Flowers

The church flowers have been donated by Dr Joanna Ponnampalam as a thanksgiving for her parents, Rev Dr and Mrs Joseph Ponnampalam's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. May the Lord continue to bless and take care of them.

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## **Yin Qi Choir – John Rutter’s Requiem**

The Yin Qi Choir will be presenting John Rutter’s Requiem on Saturday, 27 August 2022, 8.00 pm at the Cathedral. This event is organized by Yin Qi Music, a music organization in Malaysia. The choir will be conducted by Caeleb Tee, featuring pianist Ng Mun Hong, soprano Chew Shi Yun, and cellist Tan Jia En.

Tickets are priced at RM35 and can be purchased at <https://yingimusic.com/event/rutterrequiem>

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## **Diocesan Men’s Council – Men’s Leadership Retreat**

The Diocesan Men’s Council will be organizing a Men’s Leadership Retreat as follows:

Date:	2 – 4 September 2022		
Venue:	Grand Court Hotel Kampar		
Theme:	Effective Orang Asli Ministry		
Fee:	Orang Asli – fully subsidized		
	Others –	Stay in Twin Sharing	= RM 150
		Stay in Single Room	= RM 300
		Non-Stay in	= RM 100

Speakers: Dr Colin Nicholas (Centre for Orang Asli Concerns)

Dr Wong Young Soon (Malaysian Care)

Register: <https://forms.gle/Rsu4fwpeuQPZnWf47>

Closing Date: 15 August 2022

(for stay in – registrations will be closed after first 30 paid registrations are received)

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## **Diocesan Golden Circle AGM / Fellowship**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Golden Circle AGM / Fellowship will be organized by the Lower Central Archdeaconry GC Committee and details are as follows:

Date: 7 – 9 October 2022

Venue: Royale Chulan Seremban

Theme: “Behold, I Am Making All Things New”  
(Rev. 21:5)

Fee: Single = RM 530

Twin = RM 350

Non-resident = RM 200

Speakers: Bishop Jason Selvaraj (Eng)

Rev Jesvinder Singh (Tamil)

Rev Wong Kheang Wook (Ch)

## Organized Bus Ride to Putrajaya Wetlands

- For all who are interested to go on this ride, please indicate. Payment is RM 10.

### Registration & Payment:

- All participants are to register through the Church Golden Circle.

Please register with Mrs Thilly Abraham on 012 375 6165.  
Closing Date: on or before 10 August 2022

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## **St Mary's Agape Mission School**

St Mary's Agape Mission School is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation and currently has over 100 students. As such, the school is always on the lookout for volunteers who might be keen to teach the children. If you have a heart for seeing vulnerable children receive an education and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mei Tan on 012 387 3408.

The school is located near Ampang, and the time for volunteering is 9.00 am – 12.00 pm and/or 1.00 – 3.00 pm from Mondays to Thursdays.

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## The Daily Office

We invite you to join us for the Daily Office – a short daily service with systematic Bible readings and set prayers. This will take place every day at 7.30 am by Zoom (except Sunday).

If you think this would be a helpful part of your daily routine, please join us by simply going to [stmarys.my/dailyoffice](https://stmarys.my/dailyoffice) at about 7.25 am each day for a 7.30 am start. That will take you directly to the Zoom room where the service takes place. The service will finish before 8.00 am.

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## Pastoral Needs

If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to make an appointment to talk to a pastor, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484.

If you are a woman and there are pastoral matters you prefer to talk about with another woman, you can contact Mrs Christine Rajaratnam or Miss Danielle Cheng. If you would like one of them to contact you, please let us know in the same way – you can fill in a Connection Card at

[stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 5762 8524.

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## Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community? We encourage you to consider joining one of our online or in-person small groups. This is one of the important ways we grow together as a community of God's people as we gather under His Word and seek to encourage one another to persevere in following Jesus.

If you would like to join a small group, please fill in a form at [stmarys.my/smallgroups](https://stmarys.my/smallgroups) and we'd be happy to help find you one.

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## Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join us, please sign up at [stmarys.my/youth](https://stmarys.my/youth)

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## Youth Confirmation Programme

If you would like to indicate interest in our Youth Confirmation Programme for your teenager aged 13-17, please let us know at [stmarys.my/youthconfirmation](https://stmarys.my/youthconfirmation) and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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## Subscribe to our Mailing List

To receive emails about latest updates and important news about the Cathedral, fill in the form at [stmarys.my/subscribe](https://stmarys.my/subscribe)

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# Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark

There is currently free parking at the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark until further notice. Please take note that this free parking is available to the public and therefore, no special pass from the Cathedral is needed to park there. If anyone requires you to pay for parking, please take a picture or video of the incident and forward it to [office@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.my).

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## Work Care Panel

We have a panel to help our Cathedral community look for work or advise about work and training opportunities. If you're looking for work and wouldn't mind a helping hand, fill in our Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](http://stmarys.my/connect), indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.