

The Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris



The Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris participated in the Maritime Festival along the foreshore of Newcastle harbour, Tuesday night the 24th and Wednesday the 25th January.

After praying for the event on Tuesday night, Frs. Garry Dodd and Stefan Sapun got down to business in the blistering heat of Australia Day. Together with Russell Cunningham and a team of helpers they distributed pamphlets about the Seafarers centre and gave away stickers, lollies and information about the work that is done in Newcastle for the Seafarers. It was a wonderful opportunity to be connected with the wider community and explain what happens in the centre.

It turns out that many people thought the centre had closed down or that we were just a bus service. You can imagine their surprise when they discovered that we care for over 300 seafarers every week in all kinds of practical and spiritual ways. The newly refurbished centre is a place of warmth and hospitality and is fast becoming a real home away from home for the many hundreds that come to Newcastle.

The Seafarers centre is however in desperate need for volunteers to perform a whole range of tasks; from driving to making cups of tea, cleaning to office work, shop assistant to tourist guide. There are plenty of jobs that we need your help with, so please, even just for a few hours a month, we can really do with you.

If you are interested please call the centre on 4961 5007.