

# Lojzka in Lojzek Husarek

## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

### ST RAPHAEL SLOVENIAN MISSION MERRYLANDS



**Lojzka Husarek je bila rojena v kmečki družini v bližini Ljutomera, v Sloveniji.**

**Po končani kmetijsko-gospodinjski šoli je prišla leta 1959 preko Avstrije in Italije v Avstralijo v camp Bonegilla in za tem v camp Greta. Delo si je našla v restavraciji v Sydneyu.**

**Lojzek Husarek je prispel v Avstralijo iz rodne Hrvatske preko Avstrije leta 1962. Brez težav je našel delo v Sydneyu in nato v različnih krajih Avstralije, vse preden sta se leta 1968 poročila z Lojzko in si ustvarila dom v Seftonu, kjer živita še sedaj. Lojzka je za tem ostala doma in skrbela za troje otrok.**

**Lojzka je imela veliko domotožje in oba z možem sta čutila potrebo po družbi rojakov. Kmalu sta se vključila v slovenske organizacije, Slovensko Društvo Sydney in Klub Triglav. Svoj duhovni dom pa sta našla, ko je bila zgrajena cerkev Sv Rafaela in Slovenski Misijon Merrylands.**



Right from the start of their association with the Slovenian Community both were very active in many ways at the Slovenian Mission Merrylands. Lojzka was often cooking, baking, cleaning, in fact anything that was needed, while Lojzek lent a hand with the ground works, maintenance and other essential tasks. Lojzka joined the church choir in 1990 and has never missed a day. She also became

a member of the Sacred Heart Prayer Group, attending the prayer meetings every Thursday for years.

When Lojzek retired from his job, he too joined the Church choir and prayer group and they began spending even more time helping at the church.

He also joined the Slovenian Drama Group and as he displayed talent and youthful good looks, he was soon starring in many further dramatical performances.

While numbers of volunteers have been decreasing in the last decade, Lojzka and Lojzek are still going strong, taking on more duties to replace all the hard working members of community who cannot help anymore, due to ill health or aging.

Our church community depends greatly on people like Lojzka and Lojzek. They help to keep our volunteer working groups going. These groups look after our social life on Sundays after Mass with homemade cookies, tea and coffee or even hot meals on special occasions and Lojzka and Lojzek play very important part in it.

The church choir very much depends on Lojzek, who besides holding his role as a second tenor in the choir, also has a duty to organize the projector slides for all congregational singing.

May God keep them in good health, because we really need them!