

Dear Parishioners,

Last Wednesday, the church was filled at every Mass for the Ash Wednesday liturgies. It was heartening to see the importance the people of this community placed on the commencement of the Lenten Season, coming along in their college and primary school uniforms, or dressed for work - but still making time for God on this important day.

The challenge now, for each one of us, is to maintain our resolve to commit to the disciplines of Lent; the fasting, the prayer and the alms giving which particularly mark this time of repentance and preparation. To help us be steadfast, we should look especially to prayer. Increasing our prayer time, even by a small amount each day, will strengthen us against the temptation of allowing this precious time to pass as just more "ordinary time".

Today we welcome with joy all the families who have brought their children to enrol for Confirmation in our parish this year. Please pray for the children as they prepare and the families who nurture their faith. - Fr. Sunny

LENTEN PROGRAMME

**"Arise" commencing on Tuesday,
24 Feb 10am –11.30am in the
Parish Centre library**

Come and be part of this weekly Gospel Reflection which invites us to deepen our understanding of Jesus' love for us and to grasp anew the hope His Resurrection brings.

ALL WELCOME

HOLY HOUR FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

This Sunday 22nd February 2-3pm.

Please join us in our church to pray for more men and women who will consecrate their entire lives to Christ.

ALL WELCOME

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Easter is on 25th of March at 7.30pm.

Please mark your diary now.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fri 1 May – Sun 3 May

TERESA 2015: A WOMAN FOR OUR TIMES

A conference to celebrate the 500th birthday of St. Teresa of Avila and to seek her spiritual wisdom for today.

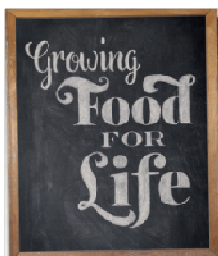
Infant Jesus Parish: Keynote speakers Bishop David Walker and Fr Greg Burke OCD.

Further info: Infant Jesus Parish 08 9276 8500, ijparish@carmelite.com or Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation 9241 5221,



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS AND LITTLE PURPLE BOOKS FOR LENT

The little black books (purple for children) - daily reflections for Lent - have arrived and are available from the piety stall in the church or the parish office. At only \$4.00 each, these little reflections are a great way to do something different in Lent and take only 5 minutes each day.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of Cross commence, in place of the Perpetual Novena, from **Wednesday 25th February** and continue through Lent. The service will commence at 7.30pm and conclude at 8pm. PLEASE NOTE: The **Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt Carmel** will not be held during Lent. It will be replaced by Stations of the Cross.



Chisholm Care Opportunity!!!



PARISH BUSY BEE FOR EASTER

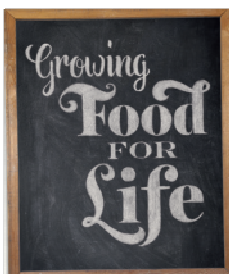
SATURDAY 28th March 9am—1pm



It is time to get our church and grounds looking beautiful for our Easter celebrations. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Please mark the date in your diary now and a job list will be put up shortly, in the foyer.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Project Compassion 2015

WEEK 1: FIJI
1st Sunday of Lent
22nd February 2015



This year's theme is "Food for Life." Food is essential to sustain life, yet many of the world's poorest people do not have a reliable food source, or enough money to buy food everyday. As Pope Francis says: "It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of

people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous." This week we hear Eric and Ma's story. Eric(53) and Ma(51) had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they engaged in training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre, supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

Please donate to the Project Compassion and help people in isolated area of Fiji gain the skills they need to build healthy families and grow food for life.



PROJECT COMPASSION - "FOOD FOR LIFE" STALL on 7th and 8th March at ALL MASSES

"Food For Life" stall will be held at all Masses at Infant Jesus Parish on March 7th and 8th. If you or someone you know have a few extra home grown tomatoes, capsicums, figs, eggplant or other veggies or herbs in the garden, we would love to include them in this year's stall. We also need the usual baked goods such as cakes, loaves, biscuits, slices, scones and bags of sweets and etc. Please bring your baked goods or produce to the parish hall between 4.30-6.30pm on Saturday evening or when you attend your usual weekend Mass. Thank you on behalf of IJ Project Compassion Team. - Carolyn Volpe

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Ivan Stojic and Domenico Tittaferrante;

Anniversaries: Rudolph Scully, James Findlay, Michael Findlay, Mary Richards and Allan Richards;

Deceased: Caterina Frisina, Henrietta Nemorin and Ivan Krsticevic;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa Delaney, Priscilla Grainger and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"Bring us back to you and to the life your Son won for us
by His death on the cross for He lives and reigns for ever and ever"*

RITE OF ELECTION

St. Mary's Cathedral - Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm

All are invited to join the Archbishop for this important Rite, when all those who desire to be baptised into the faith are called together to profess their readiness for baptism. The Archbishop will also receive all those who have been baptised and wish to be Confirmed into the faith.

From our parish, we have 10 adults and six young teenagers who will be attending, along with their sponsors: **Harijanto Geigenmuller, Kimihiro Nishi-Kawa, Ryan Dwyer, Albert Nheu-Leong, Kristin McVea, Lisa Ludgwick, Natalie Cooper, Jarrant Johnson, Luke Wang, Daisy Wang, Kim and Nicole Clements, Prefere Boutaka Liengailo and Exauce Boutaka Mata, Catherine Kelleher, Jason Tonet, Erica Diagolo and Samantha Alejandrino.** Please support them by attending the service and/or by your prayers.



Personal Advocacy Morley

A new year brings new opportunities, time to volunteer! Please see website www.paswa.org.au or ring 92755388.



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home of S Haney, 2 Richards Place, Noranda.
Ph: 0412 589 461

Calendar of Saints

22 Feb: 1st Sunday of Lent
23 Feb: St Polycarp



SCHOOL FETE

Infant Jesus Primary School is collecting goods for the School Fete on March 15th. If you have any unwanted household items, home-wares, toys, plants or any empty jars for jam, these items can be dropped off at the Parish Hall. **Please NO electrical items or furniture.**



Congratulations and our warmest wishes to Colin and Marlene McGrath as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May the Lord continue to bless their marriage and their family.



IJ YOUTH NEWS

FOR THE TEENS.....

Youth Group has started well this year with teenage chill starting up! All teenagers (yr 7-12) welcome to come along on a Friday afternoons during term anytime from 4 until 6 to hang out, get to know one another, and just relax after a week of school! Please bring a gold coin to cover food costs and or a plate of food!



FOR THE OLDER OF THE TEENS.....

The First of the "Into the Deep" Series will commence on the 8th of March, come for Mass at 6, or join us in the Parish Hall from 7-8pm for an hour of activities, prayer, food and a message to inspire us! Youth from 15 up to 25 are most welcome to come. Pick up a brochure from Church foyer.

FOR THE YOUNG MUSICIANS.....

We are starting up a youth Music Group to play on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm Mass. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays fortnightly. If you Sing or play an instrument and are from yr 7 up we invite you to get involved. You can contact Emma on 0419 094 433 or Lazarus on 0487 329 537 for more information. You don't have to be the best singer or perfect at playing your instrument- just have a keen attitude to get involved!

FOR TEENS WHO JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!

Adventure World- 28th March for youth from yr 7 to 12. Information can be found in the Church foyer!

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:
Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:
Please contact the Parish Office.

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