

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we had a wonderful celebration with all our volunteers— there was a great attendance and I really enjoyed seeing everyone enjoying themselves and took the opportunity to catch up with lots of people. I wish to thank everyone who assisted with the Mass and the meal, but mostly of course, the hundreds of faithful people who carry out a myriad of different tasks in the parish community. You are a blessing and a joy to us all.

This weekend we continue the RCIA journey with the Second Scrutiny at the 9.30am Mass. Please continue to pray for our 6 Elect and 10 candidates as Easter draws quickly near. Getting to know these aspiring Catholics has been a great witness to me and the rest of the RCIA team as they share their faith experiences with us and we with them. RCIA is a great affirmation of the power of community and relationships to draw us closer to God! Why not consider joining the RCIA team this year? —Fr. Sunny

Living Lent in Spirit and Truth

"The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing is to hand over your whole self—all your wishes and precautions— to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is to remain what we call "ourselves", to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time to be "good". We are all trying to let our mind and heart go their own way—centred on money or pleasure or ambition—and hoping, in spite of this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you could not do. As he said, a thistle cannot produce figs. If I am a field that contains nothing but grass-seed, I cannot produce wheat, the change must go deeper than the surface. I must be ploughed up and re-sown. —C.S.Lewis "Mere Christianity"

MAKE WAY FOR THE LORD 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Lent, Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm Infant Jesus Church



Come to the Easter liturgies with a heart ready to meet the Risen Lord. The 2nd Rite is a communal celebration that allows for a communal expression of sorrow, an examination of conscience and individual confession. A number of priests will be available for confession on the night. If you have not been to confession for a while, please take this opportunity for spiritual renewal and lay all your burdens at the feet of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION—CHILDREN NEEDED
Calling all parish's children to take part in the Palm Sunday procession at the 9:30am Palm Sunday Mass. Let your children be part of this special journey with the Lord. A practice session will be held on Saturday 19th March at 1:30pm in the church car park and will go for about half an hour. —*Neveline Linquist*

PALM FRONDS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Can you help in any of the following ways?

- If you have palms growing at home (not the prickly, thorny kinds!), we need donations of palm fronds which can be cut into pieces (you are very welcome to bring them already cut); Our parish is large, so we need many, many fronds;
- Deliver your palm fronds, cut or uncut, on either Friday 18th March or Saturday morning, 19th March, and put them under the large fiddlewood tree between the church and the parish centre;
- Volunteer to be the parish Palm Co-ordinator, to ensure all the fronds are cut and put into the baskets ready for the Passion Sunday Masses;
- Volunteer to be a palm cutter – all you need is a sharp pair of secateurs and time on Saturday 19th March to cut the fronds into useable pieces;
- If you have only small palms, or perhaps an olive tree at home, then bring fronds or small branches for your own family to Mass for Passion Sunday or the Passion Sunday Vigil.

If you have any questions, please contact Billie or Angela at the parish office on 9276 8500.

Stations of The Cross for Lent



Stations of the Cross is on Wednesday and continues through Lent. The service will start at 7.30pm and conclude at 8pm.

COMMUNION PYXS

If you have a parish Communion Pyx which you are no longer using please return it to the parish office, as we are in need of more Pyxs for our Communion to the Sick



PARISH BUSY BEE FOR EASTER THIS SATURDAY 12th March 9am—1pm

We need many hands to help make our parish grounds and centre clean and fresh for our celebrations at Easter. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Children are very welcome to come with their parents to help. Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided to all the workers. Lists are in the foyer detailing the jobs that need to be done and the equipment required for each task. If you can bring your own equipment, that would be a help, but the parish will provide equipment if you do not have your own. It would be great to see some new faces!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our monthly meeting for this month will be held on Tuesday, 8th March after 9am Mass and Rosary. Ladies of all ages welcome.



LETTER-BOX DROP FOR EASTER

Invitations to our Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations are now available in the foyer. Please help bring our brothers and sisters back to Mass this Easter by letterbox dropping your area. **PLEASE ONLY DELIVER WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES.**

Check the map in the foyer if you are not sure where the boundaries are. Also, remember to mark off the streets you will deliver to, so that we do not have any doubling-up. This is such a simple way for us to spread the Good News. If you have not joined in the letterbox drop in the past, why not do it this year?



Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Emily Meaney and Francis Xavier Peter Tran;

Deceased: Mary Boey;

Anniversaries: Alfredo Cirillo, Dylan Sharpe and Silvio Bezgovsek;

The Sick of the Parish: Wally Bamford, Hung Nguyen, Sam Belardo, Maxine Brackenreg, Priscilla Grainger, Bernard Spears and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress"



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home of Mrs Claire Harris
26 Lyndhurst Way, Dianella
Ph: 9276 9124

Calendar of Saints

- 7 Mar:** Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (203AD)
- 8 Mar:** St. John of God, Founder (1550AD)
- 9 Mar:** St. Frances of Rome, Founder (1440AD)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—CONFIRMATION

Many thanks to all the families who attended the enrolment Masses last weekend. All families of the enrolled children are required to attend one of the Commitment Masses below. Please choose **one** and mark your calendar.

- Saturday, 2nd of April at 6:30 pm **OR**
- Sunday, 3rd of April at 9:30 am **OR**
- Sunday, 3rd of April at 6:00 pm



GIANT GARAGE SALE—16 April

Only five weeks to go and we need lots of stuff to sell. Please pick up some **"Garage Sale—Can You Help"** leaflets from the bulletin stands and pass them out to your family, friends and neighbours. Let's work together to make this major fundraiser for our parish a success.



HELP NEEDED:

- Please ask your fruit & veg vendor if they have any small cherry boxes, which are perfect for packing and selling all the books we have received. Other similar strong small cartons would also be welcome
- We continue to sort items on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am, but more willing hands are needed. If you ever have some spare time on either of these mornings, please drop into the parish centre.

Morley Youth Upcoming Events

NO Youth Group on Sun 6th Mar due to Adventure World the day before.

Teens Chill—continues every Friday 4-5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Youth Stations of the Cross. If you would like to be involved in this year's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday please contact Emma or Roger.

Hyde Park—7th Mar. We are still looking for some more volunteers who can assist us with collecting money at the Hyde Park Festival. If you would like to get your service hours up, or would just like to help out for the day please let Emma know.

To find out more info about Youth Group Events or to RSVP please contact Emma on 0419 094 433 or Roger on 0434 988 711.



First Australian Evangeline is an Artswoker at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre where she is flourishing with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians to gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
1800 024 413

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our parish has many events planned for the coming months. Your help is needed for these events. Please offer your support if you can.



- **Parish Busy Bee**—Saturday, 12 March from 9am to 1pm, many hands are needed to spruce up the Church and the parish for Easter celebration.
- **Jubilee Dinner**—Saturday, 9 April from 9am to 11pm for setting up, serving and cleaning up.
- **Giant Garage Sale**—from Monday 11 April to Saturday 16 April (school holidays) from 9am for unpacking, sorting, setting up stall, cleaning and assisting on the day.

If you are interested to support any of the above events and ready to give us a hand, please contact Billie at the Parish Office on 9276 8500.

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am

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 (cancelled until after Easter)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30 - 10.30am and 7.30 - 8.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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