Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis has been with us for almost a year and has slowly but surely placed his own unique stamp on the modern papacy. From the beginning the impression made has been far-reaching. We might say the initial impact has been his humility and humanity. ‘Pray for me’ he asked the people in the Square below the first evening. This was the first time a Pope asked anyone to pray for him in public. Afterwards he made it clear he would be returning to his bed in the guesthouse, – not the Papal Apartments. Later he insisted on paying his bill for accommodation during Conclave. A few days later he rang up his dentist in Buenos Aires to cancel an appointment – surprise, surprise! He would now be getting his teeth into something very different.

My own impression for what it’s worth is that we Catholics haven’t allowed Francis’ powerfully symbolic actions to affect us to the same extent as he has influenced the general public – up to now a group not noted for their piety. When I say that the charismatic presence of Pope Francis has largely passed us by up to now in our Morley parish, I would be the first to say ‘mea culpa’ - I haven’t referred to him very often.

I leave you with a profound thought for you to ruminiate on; it comes from before he became Pope. He said in his address: ‘Only someone who has encountered mercy, who has been caressed by the tenderness of mercy, is happy and comfortable with the Lord.’ Here he evokes the medieval English mystic Julian of Norwich. He repeated the same thought even more tellingly: ‘The privileged locus of the encounter with the Lord is the caress of the mercy of Jesus Christ on my sin’. He joked with the theologians present they might be tempted to refer him to the Holy Office! Only someone who has experienced the loving mercy of Jesus Christ could speak in those terms. We can only look forward to further surprises from this Pope – the Bishop of Rome as he calls himself. - Fr. Tadgh.

Give Peace A Chance!

In our troubled world, peace is a very important gift which we can share with each other. During Mass, when we offer each other the Sign of Peace, it is good to take some time to do this authentically. Therefore, we ask that our proclaimers and others who lead the liturgy to allow adequate time for this, before leading the congregation in the “Lamb of God.” A one minute pause is all that is required.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Our program for the year had ended and I would like to thank all the Catechists, for their dedication and love for the children. My thanks also extends to the many parents, grandparents, guardians and friends who diligently bring the children to the classes. Lastly but not least, to our dear children who come weekly during term to learn about and love Jesus, your teachers and I would like to wish you a happy, Christ-filled holiday. We look forward to seeing you back at PREP on 12 Feb, 2014.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 (Pre-Primary to Year 6) will take place on 12 February 2014 at 4.30pm after the children are gathered into their classes. There will be a short information session at 4.30pm, followed by the actual enrolments of the children. Please bring along their Birth Certificate, Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist certificates if the sacraments were not received at Infant Jesus Church.

Sacramental Preparation Years are: Reconciliation—Year 3, Communion—Year 4, Confirmation—Year 6. If you wish your child to receive any of these Sacraments and they are not in the correct school year, please phone Linda Yapp on 92768500. Please also note that children require 2 years of preparation prior to receiving any of these Sacraments (as set down by the Archdiocesan Catechist Service).

For any enquiries, prior to enrolment day, please contact Linda Yapp at the Parish on 9276 8500. email: ijprep@gmail.com.

Open wider, please!

Ministers of the Eucharist can often encounter problems; one such problem is that in a few cases people do not open their mouths sufficiently to receive the host. A few try to receive it through semi-clenched teeth! The point is that if you’re uncomfortable putting out your tongue to receive the host, then it’s more reverent to receive it in your hand. Then there is less danger of it falling to the floor. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Australia Day

Our Lady, Help of Christians—Patroness of Australia

With Australia day approaching, as well as cleaning the BBQ and shopping for supplies, this week is an appropriate time to pray for our nation and all who live here.

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless the efforts of our hands.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

A New Year—A New Resolution?

Several of our parish groups are urgently looking for new blood - so perhaps the beginning of a new year might be a good time for you to consider if you could give some time to your parish community?

Cleaning Group B: Looking for at least one new member. They meet monthly on a Thursday at 9.30am and spend about 1 hour cleaning the church. The group has one elderly lady, a volunteer cleaner for over 20 years, who is wanting to retire, but does not want to go until a replacement is found. A second new volunteer would also be welcome in this group.

Hospitality: Our hospitality ministers provide a welcoming face at the door of the church before weekend Masses. New ministers are needed for the 6pm Sunday night. You would be rostered on at times to suit you. This is an easy role, but a vital one if we are to be a truly welcoming community.

Special Ministers: Have you ever felt called to this ministry? You would need to have a true understanding of the real presence and a deep love for this Sacrament. New ministers are needed for the 6pm Sunday night Mass, as there are not enough ministers to adequately fill the fortnightly roster.

If you would like to know more, or offer your help, please call the office on 92768500 and speak to Angela.
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION

27 – 29 January 2014 conducted by Fr Errol Fernandes
Fr Errol Fernandes SJ is the Parish Priest of St Peter’s Parish in Bandra, Mumbai. He holds a Masters in Accountancy and Scripture and has been conducting seminars discussing the relevancy of the Scriptures in today’s world. He works to give people a better understanding of the Scriptures and how it can be applied to their lives today. Fr Fernandes is passionate about ensuring that every person may live the Scriptures in their daily life. Fr Fernandes has travelled the world delivering these seminars since the 1990’s and has presented it to people in the US, Canada, Australia, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Europe at the invitation of Church leaders. Fr Errol will be conducting a Mission at the Good Shepherd Parish from the 27th to 29th of Jan (incl). The Mission will commence each evening with a Mass at 7pm followed by a Seminar from 7.30-8.30pm. On the last day (29th Jan) there will be a laying-on of hands in blessing after the Seminar.

If you would like to have a personal discussion with Fr Fernandes, please contact Liz Balm on 0402063195 or Arlene D’Silva on 0403373325. For Lockridge’s full programme, please see the poster on the PRAYER board in the foyer of the church.

THE WHY, WHAT AND HOW OF LIFE.

MAKE READING FUN.
PRIMARY ENGLISH LESSONS begin again this year in the JOSEPH ROOM in the parish centre. PARENT INTERVIEWS and PLACEMENT TESTS are on a SATURDAY throughout the term beginning 1st FEBRUARY. Emphasis is on….. NAPLAN BASED LESSONS….. treating - speed reading, writing, spelling, word building, comprehension and grammar . EXCELLENT RESULTS. Two lesson options are available - INDIVIDUAL and SMALL GROUPS.

MAKE READING FUN is an outreach of MISSION PARTNERS MORELY when teachers/aides donate their time to helping Aussie kids with catch-up lessons. In turn donated lesson fees educate underprivileged Mission kids and families in Myanmar and India - touching hearts and changing lives. Any parent, teacher or promoter wishing to also join the MAKE READING FUN project is encouraged to apply to Maggie Box.

TOGETHER LET’S MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE !
Enquiries: Maggie Box. 9272 8263  email: margaretbox7@icloud.com

Sacrament of Baptism for Young Teens
The preparation sessions planned for next week have been cancelled, as some families are away for the holidays. If you would like your young teen to be prepared for baptism this coming Easter, you may still register with the office on 92768500, as the planned sessions may be held at a later date.

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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In Our Church

Our Parish Team
See “Around The Archdiocese” banner on the “News” notice board for more information on the following events, or look for the relevant poster:

MY FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE CITY OF BAYSWATER: The City of Bayswater is running a photo competition, with a special category for the under 18’s. For more information and conditions, please see the poster on the NEWS board in the foyer.

FORMER STAFF OF LA SALLE COLLEGE, MIDDLE SWAN
In 2014 La Salle College will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. Various events will be held during the year to mark our diamond jubilee. A special invitation is extended to all former staff members of La Salle College to attend the blessing and opening of the new Peter Elloy Staff Centre at 7:00 pm, Friday 28 February 2014. Please contact Sabrina on 9449 0635 or communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au to register your details. La Salle College a diamond in the heart of the Swan Valley.

AN EVENING WITH FR JOE PARKINSON
The Legion of Mary will host two evenings with Dr Fr Joe Parkinson on Tuesdays 21st and 28th January at 7:30pm at the Edel Quinn Centre, 36 Windsor St, East Perth. Topics: (21st Jan) Marriage, divorce & remarriage from a Catholic perspective, (28th Jan) Contraception, IVF & Sexuality. No charge. Supper supplied. Donations welcome. Further Info: 0478 598860 or perthcomitium@iinet.net.au.

MARIST OLD BOYS’ ANNUAL MASS & REUNION
...will be held at Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands on Wednesday 22nd January with Mass in the chapel at 4:30pm and the reunion at 6pm. BYO “everything”. All Marist old boys welcome. Please inform others. Further Info: Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912187 and Kevin Wringe 9316 3469.

SAVE THE DATE: ECUMENICAL VESPERS
The Bicentenary of the birth of WA’s world-famous Benedictine monk, Dom Rosendo Salvado, takes place in 2014. The Benedictine community of New Norcia invite everyone to join them at Ecumenical Vespers in St Mary’s Cathedral on the evening of Tuesday 4th March at 6:30pm. Please put this date in your diary. More info to follow at a later date.

Your Bible Questions Answered: “I’ve been a Catholic all my life, but I don’t feel very familiar with the Old Testament. Just out of curiosity, how much of the Old Testament is read at Mass?” For the answer, to read the January issue of “At Home With Your Bible,” or to submit your own Bible question visit www.thebiblicalfoundation.org.au