

Dear Parishioners,

Our way of life here in Australia is so different from the life experienced in many nations around the world. Here, our Year One and Two school children are provided with ipads and laptops to help their studies. In many other nations, children do not even have the opportunity to attend school. Here, we are faced with the first-world problem of deciding where to go out to eat, while in many places finding enough to eat is a daily struggle. We have cupboards full of clothes and shoes, while in other places, a new shirt or dress is only a dream. We jump under a hot shower without a thought, while elsewhere children walk for two hours to collect water for drinking and cooking for their families,

This weekend is the launch of Project Compassion. I urge you to take home a set of envelopes for yourself and a money box for your children and to use them well; because one of our greatest possessions, as Christians, is the ability to change the lives of others by our actions and by our love. - Fr. Sunny



CARITAS AUSTRALIA—PLEASE SUPPORT PROJECT COMPASSION 2014

This year's Project Compassion theme, "have life and have it to the full" is a quote from the New Testament. This idea was reaffirmed in 2-13 when Pope Francis said "Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life.... a life that is not threatened by death but that can mature and grow to its fullness."

Everyday, Caritas Australia is working towards this creation of a more just and fair world for whole communities. Project Compassion shows what is possible through our faith in Jesus Christ, for example:

- From 1983 to 2005, a civic war broke out in South Sudan. Caritas's partner, Hope Agency for Relief and Development (HARD) is assisting villagers to rebuild their lives.
- Caritas emergency resettlement program in the Philippines helps vulnerable families living in unsafe environment resettle into secure housing, where they can start to live life to the full.
- Within First Australia Communities, a disproportionate number of people are receiving dialysis, often far from home. To help patients reconnect with their culture and community, Caritas is supporting an income generating bush balm program.

Your Project Compassion donations support Caritas Australia's community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalised communities around the world.

Please take a box or an envelop home today and together we will build a world filled with love, compassion and dignity for all.

(Jesus) said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep". John 21:15-19

The Project Compassion Lenten Calender is available for you to take home from the foyer.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES Wednesday 5th March



Masses will be held at:
**7am, 9am (whole school Mass)
and 7.30pm.**

***Please note that the perpetual Novena will be cancelled on this day, due to the evening Mass.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross commence in place of the Perpetual Novena, from Wednesday 12th March and continue through Lent. The service will commence at 7.30pm and conclude at 8pm.

The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mr Carmel will not be held during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2014

All parents who wish their child to be Confirmed this year at Infant Jesus Church will need to attend one of the following enrolment Masses:

Saturday 8 March at 6.30pm Mass **OR**

Sunday 9 March at either 9.30am **OR** 6.00pm Mass.

It is a requirement of the Sacramental Programme that all prospective Confirmation candidates and their families are expected to attend **ONE** of these Masses. During the Mass the priest will call the children forward to receive an enrolment pack with the necessary forms, dates/times and information. On arrival at Mass please register your attendance at the table in the foyer. We look forward to seeing you all.



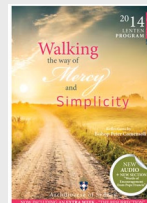
The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Easter is on 9th April at 7.30pm. Please mark your diary now.

No Stations of the Cross on the 9th April.



LENTEN PROGRAMME - SIGN UP NOW!

Thank you to the four generous parishioners who have offered to host small groups for the Lenten programmes which we have on offer.



Please see the display boards in the foyer for details of the groups and put your name down where there is space. Groups are limited to small numbers, so please do not delay in putting down your name if you are keen to join in. Copies of both programme booklets are available from the parish office or piety stall for \$10.

If you prefer the option of completing the programme at home on your own, the cost of a booklet and CD is \$20. Please put your order in as early as possible, to ensure you get your CD before Lent begins— only two weeks away!

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
Forget!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Gaetano Lupo;**Anniversaries:** Anne Robins, Jane Sinclair, Henrieta Nemorin and George Dias;**Deceased:** Celine Fairman, Pat London, Oronte and Maria Tognari, Bayliss Hopkins, Cesare and Clarice Colli, Bill Robins, John Rodrigues, Paula and Alphonso Monteiro, Giuseppe and Melino Cursaro;**The Sick of the Parish:** Lisa Delaney and all those who are in need of our prayers.*"Father in Heaven, touch the hearts of all men with Your love that they in turn may love one another"*International Women's Day - 8 March
2014

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, the present and in the future. The theme the Australian National Committee has chosen for International Women's Day on 8 March 2014 is *Ending Poverty for Women and Girls through Economic Empowerment*.

Seventy percent of the global poor are women. Although women perform two-thirds of the world's work, they earn less than 10% of the world's wages. Women are far more likely than men to live in poverty because of discrimination and lack of access to education, employment and financial services.

For more information and resources please visit: <https://unwomen.org.au/iwd/theme-and-resources>.



St Vincent de Paul, Dianella/Morley Chapter wish thanks all the parishioners for their generosity and support. We have given out 50 hampers to families in need over the Christmas period. If you know anyone in need of our help, please contact us on 1300 794 054, Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm.

WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER

This annual day prayer which is held through the world on the first Friday in March every year is attended by people of all faiths. This year the service in Morley/Noranda area will be held in the Uniting Church, 79 Camboon Rd, Noranda. On Fri, 7th March, at 10:30am. All are welcome.



After all Masses this weekend, there will a special piety stall for Lent/Easter resources, in the foyer of the church. Various versions of the Way of the Cross, Prayers books, Easter cards, and children's books. Come and see what else we offer. Also, Little Black books for Lent and Little purple books (for children).



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr & Mrs Nathanielsz. 18 Cardwell Avenue, Noranda. Ph: 9276 5048

Calendar of Saints

4 March: St. Casimir, King (1483AD)

5 March: **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7 March: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Christians (203AD)

8 March: St. John of God, Christian (1550AD)

"Saint John of God, help us to act out of love as soon as we feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Help us learn to fight the little voices in our heads and hearts that give us all sorts of practical reasons to wait or delay in our service of God. " *Amen*

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 TOGETHER LET'S MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE !

Enquiries: Maggie Box. 9272 8263

email: margaretbox7@icloud.com

The Little Black Book for Lent

The six-minute daily meditation booklet is available now at Piety Stall and Parish Office for purchase, \$4 each. Also, available The Little Purple Book for children.

Your Bible Questions Answered: Your Bible Questions Answered: "Are Jesus' words in the Gospels the actual words he spoke?" For the answer, or to submit your own Bible question, visit www.thebiblicalfoundation.org.au You can also like us on Facebook!

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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