

Dear Parishioners,

When I first came to Australia, in October over 20 years ago, I remember talking to a local man who had a farm in the area. He was pointing at the surrounding trees on his property and told me there were about 70 species of eucalypt in the country; I knew them as 'gum trees'. On the same note, the late writer Eric Rolls stated: '*Eucalypts are an integral part of Australia. The smell of their leaves burning is 35 million years old. Even the smell of a crushed leaf arrests attention although it is so familiar.*'

Symbols are powerful pointers to things we cherish. The eucalypt is one such symbol. I hope you agree this is an appropriate thought for Australia Day! There is so much for all Australians, old and new, to celebrate today. A vast country with diverse flora and fauna and an even more diverse population. Firstly we embrace the ancient and original indigenous tradition and culture and accepting multiculturalism and diversity, we should not overlook or neglect the core values of the majority of the people. These are rooted in the Christian culture of Europe with its faith values and its system of laws and democracy, deriving from the Anglo-Celtic tradition. Because they appreciate this tradition of freedom peace, people queue up to come here and late arrivals like myself have felt so much at home here. And I have also enjoyed the sunshine! - Fr. Tadgh.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

2014 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Parents who wish their children to attend catechism classes in 2014 may enrol them through the parish office now. If you are unable to call at the office, please phone 92768500 and a set of forms can be emailed to you. You can then complete them and bring them along on the first day of classes. **Classes commence 12 Feb, 2014.**

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation take place during catechism classes. If you wish your children to receive any of these Sacraments and they are not attending a Catholic school, then you must enrol them into the PREP programme. 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.

PLANNED GIVING QUERY

Could the holder of Planned Giving envelope number 158 please contact the office to confirm their details. You can either email ijaccounts@carmelite.com or phone on 92768500.



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.

FOUND - ladies prescription glasses, ornamental frame, found in church. Please collect from the sacristy.

ARE YOU A STUDENT TEACHER?

If you are studying, or about to commence study, at university for a teaching degree, why not consider becoming a volunteer in our Parish Religious Education Programme? This is an ideal opportunity to receive some valuable classroom practice, whether you are in your first year or have already been studying for a couple of years. New students would begin in an assistant role, working with experienced teachers and catechists. Our PREP programme runs on Wednesdays from 4.15pm—5.20pm. Phone the parish office on 92768500 if you would like to know more.



Australians all, let us rejoice!

Did you know that our national anthem was penned by Mr. Peter McCormick and first performed in Sydney in 1878? An amended version was also sung by a choir of 10,000 voices at the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901 (Federation). It replaced "God Save The Queen" as our national anthem on 19 April, 1984, though many Australians probably still think of it as our "new" anthem.



As we celebrate Australia Day this weekend, let us keep in mind the lyrics of the opening lines and rejoice indeed in all that we are blessed with as citizens of Australia; freedom, safety, peace, space, enough to eat, natural beauty, stability. Let us give thanks to God for all that we

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: Thank you to the generous offer of help we have had from one new volunteer; we are still looking a second new member. The team meets monthly on a Thursday at 9.30am and spend about 1 hour cleaning the church.

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Please join us this weekend, **Sunday 26th January, 2-3 pm** in our church, as we pray for God to call more men and women to serve Him alone. What greater gift could we ask for Australia than this?

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Cristy Murphy, Jan Kurak, Nina Agnello;

Anniversaries: Fr. Hilary, OCD, Rodney Hanlon, Florencia Galvez, Charelle Danker, Maria and Giuseppe Marrapodi, Florence Jayatilka, Charles Chiew, Margaret McAteer, Milenko Brkich, Henry Spears;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa Delaney, Joe Corbett, Vera Woods, Hope Spears and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"Almighty Father,
the love You offer always exceeds the furthest expression of our human longing,
for You are greater than the human heart."*



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Picardo, 9 Haymarket Place, Alexander Heights. Ph: 92475250

Calendar of Saints

- 27 Jan:** Ss. Timothy & Titus, Missionaries (97AD/94AD) | St. Angela Merici, Founder (1549AD)
- 28 Jan:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church (1274AD)
- 31 Jan:** St. John Bosco, Founder (1888AD)

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

Personal Advocacy

Enabling people with intellectual disability to lead full and valued lives.

Personal Advocacy, an agency of the Catholic Church, invites volunteers from parishes to share their faith journey through a 1:1 relationship with a person with intellectual disability.

A new year! A new ministry for you to contemplate joining!

There are vacancies in some groups nearby for volunteers to become a catechist to people with intellectual disabilities.

Morley Wed morning group - 3 ladies are desperately needed. 10am-12md

Morley Tuesday night - 1 lady is needed 7-9pm

Morley Thursday night - 1 lady is needed 7-9pm

Nollamara Wednesday night - two volunteers, men or women who are prepared to train as leaders. Training in all aspects is provided. The calendar follows a school term with the usual breaks. Essential support is given.

"Let us ask the Lord that we may all be men and women who keep the memory of God alive in ourselves, and are able to awaken it in the hearts of others." Pope Francis 2013

A perfect way to move the experience of liturgy into mission!

Please phone Jocelyn 9275 5388 or email jocelyn@paswa.org.au for more information

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.

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 them 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

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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