

Dear Parishioners,

The feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday this year and because it is a feast of the Lord it takes precedence over the Sundays of the Year. As we know, the number 40 is a prominent biblical one. The feast of the Presentation of the Lord (formerly Purification) marks the passage of 40 days since Christmas. (The next significant 40 day period in our liturgical calendar will, of course, be the season of Lent.) That will recall the wandering of God's people through the desert. So, time is speeding by like the Indian-Pacific along the Nullarbor, though this only takes 4 days!

The theme of Christ as the light of the world runs through the liturgy today. Another popular name for today was Candlemas. People held lighted candles to emphasise the words Luke puts in the mouth of the venerable Simeon in the gospel - 'a light to enlightens the gentiles'. As Simeon sings his 'Nunc Dimittis', happy to leave this world as he welcomes the saviour, he has chilling words for Mary; her son will be rejected and a sword will pierce her own soul too. Every mother who has given birth to a child, only to see that child snatched from her at a future point by illness, accident or violence should draw comfort from this scene; they share the same emotions as Mary the mother of Jesus. We are in the process of planning a beautiful art work in the Columbarium to mark the loss of a child in such circumstances. - Fr. Tadgh

Daily Mass: Please Note: Instead of the usual Mass, there will be a Holy Communion service in the church at 9. am on Monday, 3 February.

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.

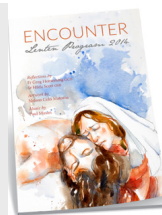
ARE YOU A STUDENT TEACHER?

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



A New School Year Begins.

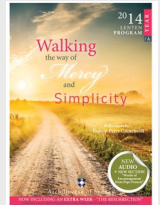
As families prepare to send their children off to school for the new year, we wish the children a year full of successful learning and happiness. Please pray for them and their parents and teachers.



LENTEN PROGRAMME—Already??

Yes, it is already time to start thinking about Lent, which begins on 5th March, only five weeks away!

We have received samples of two beautiful programmes for Lent:



- ***Walking the way of Mercy and Simplicity*** - provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney, with writings by Bishop Peter Comensoli, Auxilliary Archbishop of the Archdiocese. It includes a 44 page full colour booklet and is supplemented by a CD with guided meditations
- ***Encounter*** - provided by the diocese of Wollongong, with gospel reflections by Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD and Sr. Hilda Scott, OSB. Again, it includes a 40 page full colour booklet and is supplemented with a CD which includes prayers and psalms.

Both programmes are designed to be used by small groups or individuals. Please see the display on the board in the foyer for more information.

SMALL GROUPS FOR LENT - In the past, we have had generous parishioners offer their homes for small groups who share the Lenten programmes together, usually around six people. No expertise is required, the programme is fully self explanatory and self contained. All that is needed is a comfortable place to gather to reflect on the Sunday gospel. Could you be the one to offer your home this year? Ring Angela on 92768500 if you would like to know more.

We welcome the following children, baptised into the Church family recently:

Zoey Angelina Barker, Eamon Brian Smallbone and Caitlin Zaina Smallbone

Please pray for these little ones and their families.



Wednesday Meditation Group
Recommences on Wednesday 12th February at 9.40am
Are you seeking peace in your life??



"Meditation is an experience of a relationship with our God in and through His Word."

If you are seeking Peace in your heart and some togetherness with others, then this may help you return to the peace we all long for and to interact with some lovely people for a cup of coffee/tea.

The mediation is directed by Fr. Justin Belitz's CDs and Norma Woodcock's Guided Imagery Cds based on the Ignatian Imaginative Method.

The Group meets every Wednesday (except School holidays) at 9.40am - 10.40am (after 9am Mass)

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 9276 8500.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Philip Chang Chi Chow, Craig Ramunni, Rinaldo Rucci, Giovanna Farano, Jan Kurak;

Anniversaries: Rodney Hanlon, Leone Findlay, Milenko Brkich, Florencia Galvez, Kay Falla, Simeon Andrew Crip, Henry Spears, Iris D'Orazio, Margaret McAteer, Florence Jayatilaka, Sandra Sbrocco, Charles Chew, Alexandro Zuccarino, Graziella Faraguna;

Deceased: Cristy Murphy, Charlie Chan, Stephanie Hoa, Peter Chong, Jason Cook;

The Sick of the Parish: Jan White, Lisa Delaney, Vera Woods and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"Bless this people with the gift of Your kingdom.
May we serve You with our every desire..."*

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.

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 spends 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 Mass. 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 of the Eucharist: 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.

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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PILGRIM STATUE: for private devotion this week.

Calendar of Saints

3 Feb: St Blaise, Martyr, (316AD)

St. Ansgar, Missionary (865AD)

5 Feb: St. Agatha, Martyr, (251AD)

6 Feb: St. Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs, (1597AD)

8 Feb: St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest

St. Josephine Bakhita, Slave

"Place your trust in God alone"

- St. Jerome Emiliani

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:

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

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.

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