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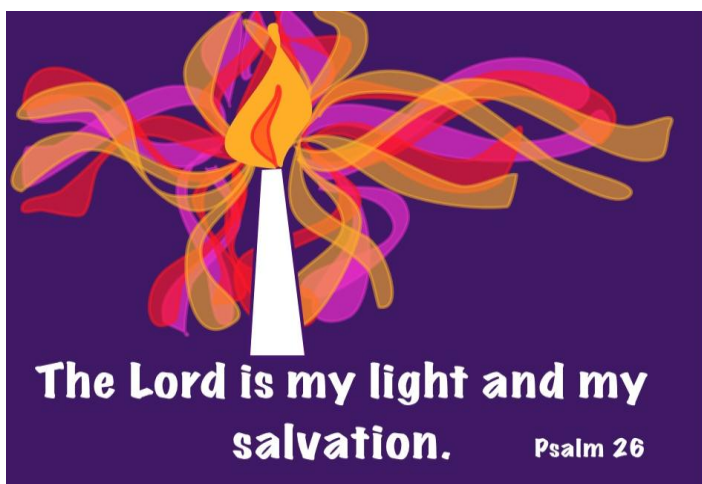
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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

24th FEBRUARY 2013



SACRED HEART FETE

Friday 22nd March

Starting Time 5.30pm

Major Raffle draw 8.30pm

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Try to sell your raffle book and return it by 8th March
- Attend fete meetings - Organise a stall
- Bake a cake, slice, biscuits for the CWL Stall (all ingredients to be listed on cakes etc.)
- Join a craft group during Wednesday cuppas at school
- Donate produce, jams, relishes, honey, eggs etc
- Add your name to a roster to help

BEST OF ALL – TURN UP ON THE FETE EVENING AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NB The raffle is a major fund raiser for the fete. So, all families who have returned their books by 8th March will be entered into a special draw on the night of the fete.

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE

Stay up-to-date with youth ministry activities across the Diocese, including Stronger, Youth Masses, and the Victorian pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2013, YCS, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and much more by visiting:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php/sym-home.

PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE NARTHEX:

- Australian Catholics The Sandpiper
- Jim Quinlan's "Along the Track" (for those who have ordered it)
- Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures in Lent)
- Lenten Leaflets – Year of Luke.

LIVES OF GRACE AND SERVICE

Week 2 – Seeing Jesus in glory

Only in this friendship with Christ are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. (Pope Benedict XVI)

This week be attentive and aware of the touch of God, to the whisper of God, and to the beauty of God in all the events of the day. At the end of each day look back and ask: 'Where was the touch of God for me this day?' Sit with these images and pray a simple prayer of thanksgiving.

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Fr Charles O'Mahony; Coradina Giliberto; Sr Joan Harrington RSM; Emanuela D'Augello; Louis Flaimer; Menique Richards, Pasquale Scanzano
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Guisippe Giliberto; Marianana Basile; Arcangelina Carrafa; Gerard Morley; ***Doug Gillies, Nick Costa; Antionetta Costa; Vin Costa; Clare M Grinter
Our sick and their carers	Eileen Kirby; Geraldine Sullivan; Colin Mason; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** Maureen Dickens; Nancy Taylor; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Blackman; Fr Chris Reay

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:				FINANCIAL MATTERS
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	25	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	26	5:30pm	No Mass	
Wednesday	27	9:15am	5.00pm <i>Intention of Doug Gillies, Nick Costa, Antonietta Costa & Vin Costa</i>	
Thursday	28	No Mass	1.30pm <i>Anointing Mass</i>	
Friday	1 Mar	No Mass	No Mass	
Saturday	2 Mar	6.00pm	No Mass	
Sunday	3 Mar	8:00am	10:00am 11.30am (Tongala)	
ROSARY		Tues 5.15pm Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am		
RECONCILIATION	2 Mar	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Mar 2nd 6.00pm	Denise Woodman	Trish Warnett	Claire McGrath	J Harford	G Ranson, M Goodwin, D Worm	Simon Cowan
Sun Mar 3rd 8.00am	Ross Kelly	Keith Stewart	Fiona Cowan	B Maher	L Cowan, B Curtis, R Kelly	

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless our two Parishes so that we may love you more.
 Help our parents to give good example to their children
 and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
 Encircle our families with your loving care.
 To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy.
 May each parishioner grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.
 We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

PROJECT COMPASSION 2013 with its theme is **"Open Doors Into the Future"** is well underway in parishes and schools across the diocese. Please help to make a difference and fill your Project Compassion boxes to the top and return them here at Easter. This is something we can all get behind and help children like Ditosa to receive a good education and help her country into a peaceful future.

Success is getting what you want.
 Happiness is liking what you get!
H Jackson Brown

FEBRUARY/MARCH DIARY DATES

Mon	25	SVDP Meeting 5.30pm at the Centre
Tues	26	10:00am Deanery Meeting St Mel's Shepparton
Wed	27	
Thurs	28	6:30pm Commissioning Eucharist at Cathedral
March		
Frid	1	Conference Bendigo Fr M
Sat	2	
Sun	3	
Mon	4	
Tues	5	Italian Rosary 2.00pm at the Church Finance C'tee Meeting 5.30pm Parish Hall
Wed	6	CWL Meeting 2.00pm Parish Hall Diocesan Finance Council Bendigo (Fr Michael) 7.00pm SIP Presentation, Bendigo (Fr Michael)
Thurs	7	SSEB Meeting – Elmore (Fr Michael)
Frid	8	Student free day – St Augustine's College

HUMOUR

I was sitting on my front lawn sunning myself and reading when I was startled by a car that crashed through my hedge and came to rest just in front of me. I helped the elderly driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair.
 I said, 'It's quite remarkable that you are still driving at your age.'
 'Yes,' she replied. 'I'm old enough that I don't need a license anymore.'
 'How is that possible' I said?
 'The last time my doctor examined me, he asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of a drawer, and as he cut the license into pieces he said, "You won't be needing this anymore." So I thanked him and drove home.'

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Young people are being invited to take part in the Victorian pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2013 to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 23-28. The Victorian pilgrimage is an exciting new initiative that will enable the youth of Victoria to share their faith and to be rejuvenated to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and to be fired by a deep desire to "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19). Registrations for World Youth Day are now open and close on Sunday, March 31. For more information on the pilgrimages available or to register, visit www.wydtours.com/wyd-pilgrimages/vic/victoria/.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don't need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.

Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19-21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au.

A SPACE FOR GRACE

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek. Psalm 26:8

This Year of Grace is all about getting to know the face of the Lord, wherever we happen to be; in whatever we happen to be doing. And the funny thing is: we may find the face of the Lord where we least expect it!

Lord, open my eyes to see your face ... in not just the obvious places, but in the strange and unexpected events that come into my life each day ... in the happenings that 'disturb' me.



EARLY MUSIC IN SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Memorial Concerts in Honour of Father Ivan Page are being held at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo in March, April and May. See notice board for full details.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion support long-term partnerships for transformation around the world.

This week we meet Raymundo who, at just nine years of age, was destined for a life of drugs and crime. Thanks to Caritas Australia partner, Educar es Fiesta – an organisation that provides education and teaches circus skills to street children in Bolivia – Raymundo's life changed.

Please donate to Project Compassion today.

With your ongoing support, we will continue to advocate for children's rights to an education and a fun-filled childhood.



My Chosen; Listen to Him.....

Many churches have been built atop rises and hills to emphasize the 'aboveness' of the Holy God. Amazing things happen in the scriptures up on top of mountains. Today we hear how, during prayer Jesus' 'face changed.' This phrase is biblical language indicating that Jesus himself changed. The transfiguration is a fleeting glimpse of the glory of his risen life. To come to this glory, however, Jesus could not remain on the mountain, but had to continue his journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. During prayer we, too, encounter God in such a way that we are invited to change. We do not have visions and direct conversations with the Holy One, but there are sightings and whispers which do lead us through our 'ups' and 'downs.' We often have glimpses of glory: in a remarkable sunset, in the shining face of a delighted child, in the radiant joy of new parents. Like the transfiguration, these glimpses of glory encourage and strengthen us to continue the journey of life toward eternal glory. We are inspired to follow our life journey and embrace the Cross. On the mountain of transfiguration the disciples witnessed the glory of Jesus' identity as the 'chosen Son.' We, too, are destined for glory when Christ will 'change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body' (Second Reading). Jesus' coming down that mountain and heading for Jerusalem is the invitation to us to not take the Jerusalem bypass, but live with and through our own journey to the cross. Through the life death and resurrection of Jesus we are entitled to all the graces of God's love as we walk his walk now and forever.

2013 FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE FOR EASTER CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY ACTION

Why is Fair Trade Important?

– Buy it! Eat it! Talk about it! A coalition of ethical trade organizations are urging you to ensure no slave labour has been used in your chocolate's production. Approx 95% of chocolate sold today is not certified free from the use of forced, child or trafficked labour. Make a difference & choose FAIRTRADE chocolate; ask friends & family to 'buy it' 'eat it' 'talk about it' and if none available, ask your supermarket/store manager to stock it! Pick up an information flier at the back of the church.



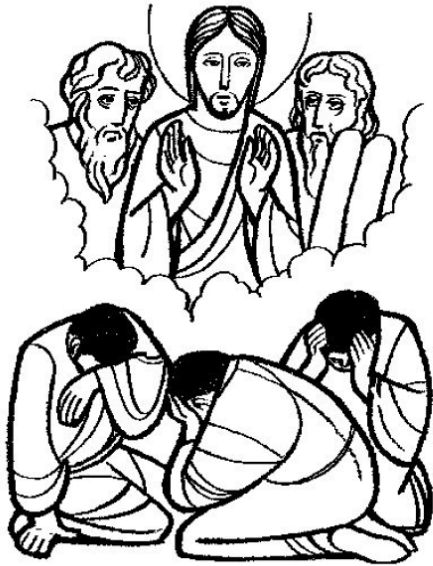
Readings for this week:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28-36



Readings for next Sunday

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

Many feast days during Lent are not celebrated, unless locally significant. During Lent this year three feasts are celebrated in Australia: the Chair of Peter (22 Feb) and the solemnities of St Patrick (moved to 18 March because of the Sunday), and St Joseph 19 March. The solemnity of the Annunciation falls during Holy week so it is moved to the next free day, the Monday after the Easter Octave (8 April).



Prayer for the week

Son of God, O Chosen One, look upon us during this season of enlightenment. Give us the courage to see the need for transforming our old way of life into a new and glorified life.

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QUOTE:

'I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that he didn't trust me so much.'

- Mother Teresa

Looking at the Readings

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see. © Dianne Bergant CSS.

Quotable Quote

The gradually declining years are among the sweetest in a person's life. *Seneca on Retirement (Roman Philosopher 4BC-AD65)*

On the Lighter Side

Elijah had a great sense of humour: "The prophets of Baal danced around the altar and shouted, 'Answer us, Baal!' But there was no answer. At noon, Elijah began making fun of them. 'Pray louder!' he said. 'Baal must be a god. Maybe he's daydreaming or using the toilet or travelling somewhere. Or maybe he's asleep, and you have to wake him up.' The prophets kept shouting louder and louder, they kept it up all afternoon. But there was no answer of any kind." 1 Kings 18:26-28.



DEAR God
Could you please arrange it
so that
I can work at
the things I love
doing.
Amen

