

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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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.**

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th OCTOBER 2013



SERRA CONFERENCE

“REBUILD MY CHURCH” is the theme of this year's state conference of Serra International which will be held at Holy Rosary parish White Hills, on Saturday 19th October 2013, commencing at 9.00 am and concluding at 4.30pm, followed by Mass at 6.00pm, and Conference Dinner at 7.30pm, with Bishop Les Tomlinson as keynote speaker.

During the day there is an interesting line up of guest speakers including Darren Rogers CEO St John of God Hospital, Gabrielle Walsh National Secretary, Australian Family Association, newly ordained Father Ashley Caldwell, Father Peter Ferwerda, PP Kerang, and Father Brendan Lane, Rector Corpus Christi Seminary.

This event is intended to make a positive contribution to some of the current challenges facing us as Catholics.

The Conference, Mass, and Dinner are open to all Catholics. You are very welcome to attend for all or any part of the day or evening. Bookings are essential. For further information or bookings please phone Tom Fallon on 5439 5822 or 0448 188 343.

SCHOOL RESUMES

We welcome students, staff and families back for the start of the last term of the year, and trust that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

THE GOSPEL OF ST JOHN: THE LOVE OF GOD MADE VISIBLE

Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Rev Dorothy Lee.

9th Annual eConference presented by the Australian Catholic Bishops & Broken Bay Institute.

Sandhurst Diocese gatherings: Gold coin and BYO lunch OR view online: <http://john.vivelive.com>

Wednesday 16 October 2013, 10.30am - 2.30pm.

- **BENDIGO:** St Kilian's Parish Centre, 181 McRae St Bookings: 5441 6244 E: stkilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR 5441 2544 E: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
- **SHEPPARTON:** Mons Peter Jeffrey Parish Centre, Knight St (behind St Brendan's Church). Bookings: 5821 2633 E: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

BISHOP EUGENE HURLEY

I mentioned in my homily last weekend this letter, as it may help to continue to be 'informed' so we can be proactive regarding the poor and don't leave Lazarus sit at the gate.

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars.

Martin Luther King.

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Christine O'Brien; Isabel Slaughter; Chantel Badrock; Brian Kilmartin
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Carmel Carland
Our sick and their carers	Margaret Woodland; MonsJohn White *** Frank Pemberton; Tessa Stokes; Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings; Tahlia Backman; Gerard Berry; Mons John White

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 7 – 13 OCTOBER				PLEASE COLLECT: - Sandpiper October Issue - Australian Catholics DAILY MASS BOOK A last call for anyone who would like a 2014 Daily Mass book ordered for them. The approximate cost will be \$20; please contact the Parish Office with your order.
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM	
Monday	7	No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	8	Liturgy of the Word	No Mass	
Wednesday	9	9.15am	5.00pm <i>Int. Carmel Carland</i>	
Thursday	10	No Mass	9.15am <i>Pat & Moira Anderson</i>	
Friday	11	9.15am	No Mass	
Saturday	12	No Mass	6.30pm	
Sunday	13	10.00am	8.00am	
ROSARY		Tues 9.00am Wed 9.00am Fri 9.00am		
RECONCILIATION	12	11:30am		

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Oct 13 th 10.00am	CHILDREN'S MASS				AM Nihill, C Serra, Paul Kerrins	B Woods

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the courage we need to do God's work.

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

Sandhurst Youth Ministry website and Facebook page

To keep up-to-date with youth ministry activities across the Diocese, visit www.sym.org.au, and please 'like' us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SandhurstYouthMinistry for regular updates too.

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

Mon	7	Term 4 commences Feast: our Lady of the Rosary
Tues	8	
Wed	9	Anointing Mass 9.15am
Thurs	10	
Frid	11	SVDP Meeting 9.00am at the Centre
Sat	12	
Sun	13	SVDP President's Commissioning
Mon	14	
Tues	15	PPC Meeting 7.30pm
Wed	16	
Thurs	17	Feast: St Ignatius of Antioch
Frid	18	
Sat	19	
Sun	20	

PASTORAL CARE

Trish Miller 5824 1841
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STRONGER RALLY

The next Stronger Rally for young people will be held at the Fr Ted Harte Parish Centre, 2 Hamelin Street, White Hills (Bendigo), on Friday, October 18, from 6-9pm. The Rally will include praise and worship, talks, a testimony by a young person, games and much more. The event is open to secondary school students and young adults, and will provide an opportunity for young people to come together and celebrate their faith in a fun and supportive environment. A barbecue dinner will be provided on the night. Soft drinks are available for a gold coin donation. For details, contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry on 03 5445 3615 or visit www.stronger.org.au.

FESTIVAL OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

The Festival of Liturgical Music will be held on Sunday November 17, 2013, from 2.30pm - 4.30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Cnr High & Wattle Streets, Bendigo.

Presented by 'Aspire' & The Sandhurst Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

An Open Day of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will be held on Saturday 19th October 2013, from 10.00am to 4.00pm at 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne (phone 03 9926 9300).

Pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the museum, visit the gift shop, enjoy a light refreshment. Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available at 11.00am.

"COME AWAY AND REST A WHILE"

An offer to "Come away and Rest a while" is planned for Wed 9th of October, at Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre (St Brendan's Parish Centre) behind St Brendan's Church, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton from 10.00-4.00pm. The Day will be run by Sr Margaret Claver fcJ. This quiet day is planned to help carers to know God's great love for them especially in this role of caring for others. Those who have recently lost loved ones would be most welcome to attend. We are able to offer help in Caring for people in the home if needed. If you know someone who would benefit from this Day, and might not know it is on please call Anthony 58212633.

SANDS BENDIGO – MEMORIAL SERVICE

SANDS Bendigo (miscarriage, stillbirth and newborn death) is holding a Memorial Service on Saturday, 12th October 2013 at 2.00pm at the Bendigo Funeral Centre, 29 Miller Street, Bendigo. Afternoon tea served.

For catering purposes, please register by phoning Carmel (03) 5439 6235, Catherine 5441 6909 or Sandy 5443 9547.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our hard working parishioners who are keeping our Church grounds looking so good at this time of year. It is very hard work and your dedication and commitment is very much appreciated.



"Due-Nothing" Servants

Jesus tells the disciples that even a smidgen of faith can achieve great things. How do we increase our faith? Faith increases through obedience to what is commanded. How do we measure this kind of faith? We measure our faith by measuring our faithfulness. We tend to think of everyday responsibilities as mundane, and they are! But this gospel reveals the hidden part of such ordinary actions—they reveal and increase our faith. The faithful disciple of Jesus is never finished serving. The faith of a disciple is never finished increasing. The request "Increase our faith" comes immediately after a warning to beware of temptations to faith.

In Jesus' ancient Middle-Eastern world every family, even relatively poor ones, had at least one servant. While the servant in this story clearly is not a "do-nothing" person, it is also clear that a servant is "due nothing" for services rendered. In the parable, which forms the second half of our gospel reading the master apparently has only one servant who both tends the fields and does the cooking. The thrust of the story is clear and straightforward. Good servants do what they are told. A master never has to thank a servant for doing what is expected. Through his parable Jesus warns his disciples against supposing that faith, and the dutiful service of the Lord in which faith is expressed, establishes a claim for reward. Jesus' demand for forgiveness, loyalty, and the giving up of our need for acclaim still challenges us as his disciples.

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 Melbourne are on:

- 18-20 October, 2013 (full)
- 22-24 November, 2013
- 4-6 April, 2014.

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

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received--only what you have given."

St. Francis of Assisi



Readings for
this week:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Liturgical Jottings

The Importance of Singing

The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf Acts 2:46). St Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves", and there is also an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over". (GIRM 39)

Quotable Quote

Do not let trifles disturb your tranquillity of mind.... Life is too precious to be sacrificed for the nonessential and transient.... Ignore the inconsequential.

Grenville Kleiser 1868 – 1953)

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Looking at the Readings

Today's Gospel begins with the plea by the apostles: "Increase our faith!" Jesus responds by saying if we had the faith of a mustard seed, we could tell a tree to replant itself in the sea and it would do so. What is Jesus really saying? The apostles were asking Jesus to increase their faith for them.

Seeds, however, are partners in the grand scheme of creation. They have to do their part. So do we. Jesus then tells a parable or story. A parable is a boomerang. In the Greek, the word for parable comes from the same root as the word for parabola, the geometric term for an arc that swings wildly away only to return straight and true back to its starting point. A parable is a story that begins where we live, soars wildly away, and then returns to hit home!

Those who have the willingness of the servant in the parable to do what Jesus expects us to - plough the gospel field, tend the sheep of God's flock, serve the faithful at the table of Jesus, both in the Lord's Supper and in communion with the poor and suffering, paired with the faith of a mustard seed are the sort of disciple Jesus seeks. To have the faith of even a tiny seed is to have the faith to strive.

Within the heart of each seed is the drive, the "desire," to burst into the open air and drink in the sun and rain. This means there will be new life flowers and fruit. Good to remember as we strive to be the disciples Jesus encourages us to be not for the thanks we get, but because it's what we do!



Prayer for the week

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits and blessings which you have given me, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me. Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. George Burn



DEAR God
Give me enough faith
to step out of the boat!
Amen

