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As Christ's disciples our mission is:

*to be inspired by Christ

*to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values by respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic traditions

*to provide welcome and sanctuary for all

*to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self, others and the environment.

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



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th August 2015



SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

A lot is being said about this in the media; particularly the press. We all know that we need to be vigilant and careful about what we read in the newspaper and that there can be a very biased view.

We need to discuss and we need to dialogue, but this can only happen if we know both sides of the argument.

The Church has put out some good articles on this issue which we need to read to make any decision with a fully 'informed' conscience.

One such article I am making available for you to read is by Bishop Gregory O'Kelly SJ of the Port Pirie Diocese. Copies are in the Narthex.

FULFILLING INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS:

Communities in **East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere** are asking for volunteers to **assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction.**

They believe **this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development** and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.

Want to know more? Information Session will be held on Saturday 22 August at 11:30am, at Ross House (3/F, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane). RSVP to joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.

BOOK WEEK at the LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE

Come and join to **celebrate Book Week** from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th August at the Library Learning Centre, Catholic Education Office, 120 Hargreaves Street. Bendigo. See notice board for full details. For more information contact Jenni/Jan ph 54426108. Email library@ceosand.catholic.edu.au.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." (Ephesians 5:15)

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.



Those who have died recently	Tatura: Michele Sepe; Giuseppe Formica (1 month) Kyabram: Charles Pitts, Sr Elizabeth Kelly CSB, Fr Colm McKeating SSC, Marie O'Sullivan
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura: Angelo Corbo; Fr. John Leahy Kyabram: David Atkins
Our sick and their carers	Tatura: Anne Heathman, Denis Smith, Margaret Woodland; Wade Reddrop, Andrea Cocks, Kyabram: Bob Taylor, Dylan Cocks, Jim O'Donovan, Eileen O'Donovan, Jennifer Baker, Natasha Smith

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
10.00am 23 rd August	Paul Kerrins	Roison Powles	Leo McGrath	Katy Dundon	L Kerrins D Worm P Baldwin	Anne Huchison

MASSSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	17 Aug	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	18 Aug	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	19 Aug	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Thursday	20 Aug	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	21 Aug	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Saturday	22 Aug	No Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	23 Aug	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		
RECONCILIATION		11.30am Sat	

The Feast of The Assumption Sat 15th August 2015

On August 15 about the third hour (9:00 a.m.) her Son, with angels and archangels and all the heavenly powers, appeared. Beautiful prayers filled the room. "The Lord stretched forth His undefiled hands and received her holy and blameless soul. She felt no pain whatsoever, but it was as if she had fallen into a sweet sleep. He Whom she conceived without destroying her virginity and bore without pain, now received her soul from her pure body."

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer).

DIARY DATES – AUGUST 2015

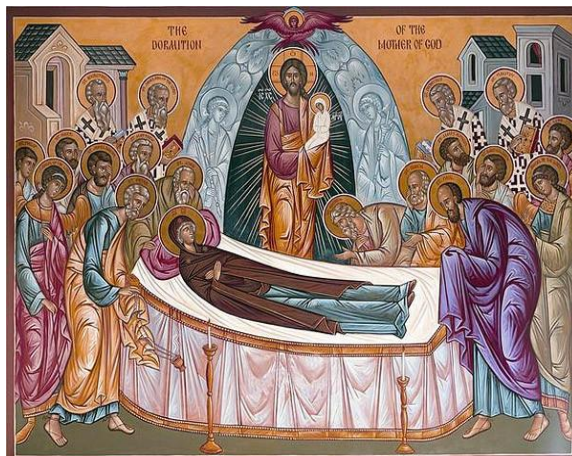
Mon	17	CWL Cards 1.30pm Parish Hall
Tues	18	PPC Meeting 7.00pm Parish Hall
Wed	19	
Thurs	20	
Frid	21	
Sat	22	Wedding Michele Crisera & Grazietta Rosella
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tues	25	
Wed	26	
Thurs	27	
Frid	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MEL'S MAJELLAN CLUB

Attention all past members – celebrations consisting of 9:00am Mass at St. Mel's Church in Shepparton followed by a luncheon for past and present club members will be held on Sunday 18th October. Any enquiries to Camille on 03 5823 1237 or Helen 03 5821 3526.



Notices

Article written by Grace Jackson-Kightly Yr 11 East Timor Student Immersion

Our team consists of 8 students of Year 11, myself (Grace Jackson-Kightly), Morgan Watson, Chelsi Old, Chelsea Rowan, Karissa Bowles, Tom Carrol, Shaun Doolan, Annie Paterson and our teachers attending are Karen Myers, Chantelle Webb and Ian Patterson. We'll be leaving Australia on the 28th of August and returning on the 8th of September.

Our aims for the trip are based around our teaching of new skills (such as sewing, woodwork, English) to help them develop their lifestyles and not simply provide a bandaid fix for the Timorese people. We are aiming to improve educational standards in the Aileu district, especially at our sister school, Technical Vocational College which has (approx) 200 secondary students. St Augustine's has had a long-term connection with this College and we will be providing opportunities for the youth of Aileu, Timor Leste to learn new skills. We will hope to enhance Timorese and Australian young people's awareness and appreciation of a different culture. We will be undergoing projects at our sister school, that involves us teaching sewing classes, English speaking, wood technology and participating in sporting competitions.

We've been doing woodwork and sewing classes during our spare time to enhance our skills and also fundraising around the community. As a team, we have successfully organised and conducted a sausage sizzle, Bluebrick Trivia night, selling chocolates, superhero day, talent contest and a wood raffle. We are raising funds for supplies for our projects, such as purchasing a sewing machine and materials, sporting equipment.

As the youth of St. Augustine's College, we are aiming to develop a sense of social responsibility and connectedness with the larger world and we are being provided opportunities to partake in a mission experience and to share our skills and knowledge with others.

I personally love the idea of being able to share my knowledge with those so willing to learn. The new experience and new culture is going to be an eye-opener of how lucky we are in Australia and that there are still countries suffering all over the world. The chance to help is one I've always been interested in taking and I know that this is going to be an incredible experience to really make a change and an impact. We have been shown photos of the Sister School that we're going to be attending each day and the accommodation we may have. Some houses can be very small and generally the kitchen is a build-on from the house. No toilet paper in East Timor - but we will bring our own!

Mrs Myers and Mrs Webb have both visited East Timor in the past and have spoken so passionately about their experience and it motivated our group to partake in the same experience.

Each student in our group has attended a Darwin trip that involved us as Year 9 students to travel to a remote Northern Territory community to similarly help in a school. It's safe to say that the experience of that really motivated us to want to do something that is much like our NT trip and East Timor is a perfect chance for that.

By attending this trip, we will continue to develop long-term friendships with our sister school in Timor Leste and create new friendships across borders.

Copies of INFORM – Embracing the year of Mercy is also available in the Narthex.

CONSIDER YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

The Eucharist is central to the Catholic faith. We believe that Jesus is really present with us and nourishes us when we celebrate Eucharist (The Mass). We believe that we become the body of Christ which we receive.

Through our reception of the body of Christ we become the body of Christ. We enter into a profound and transforming relationship with Jesus, the one we love. We go from knowing about God to knowing God.

Often when I'm in a Church I will spend some time with Jesus in the Tabernacle. My usual greeting is "Hi Jesus, how are you today?" This is not being flippant but acknowledging him as a friend. (I learnt this from a wonderful parishioner) After all if Jesus is our friend then we need to talk to and listen to him. We need to spend time in his presence. He is the same as the bread we cradle in the throne of our hands before receiving him. What a privilege it is to embrace Jesus in the palm of our hands and then be embraced by him in communion.

Consider your relationship with Jesus and the Eucharist. Is Jesus your friend?

APPLYING TO EVERYDAY LIFE:

The people found Jesus' teaching difficult. What teachings of Jesus or the Church do you find difficult?

How is Jesus the source of nourishment for you?

How are you called to be the body and blood of Christ to the world?

How much time do you spend with your friend, Jesus?

BREAKING OPEN THE WRITINGS OF POPE FRANCIS: "The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*) & "Be Praised: On Care for our Common Home" (*Laudato Si*) with **Sr Cecilia Merrigan CSB** and **Lyn Breen**, AFE Sandhurst. BYO lunch or to share. Donation \$5 or gold coin. Available to buy: copies of "The Joy of the Gospel" and "Praised Be" \$10 each. RSVP: Email to: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or 'telephone: (03) 5441 2544.

- Saturday **22 August** 2015 9.30 am – 3.30 pm St Brigid's Church Impey St., **MURCHISON**
- Sunday **23 August** 2015 11.30 am – 4.30 pm St Mary's Parish Centre, Anstruther St, **ECHUCA**



Readings for
this Sunday
Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58



Readings for
next week:
Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



Liturgical Jottings

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. It is sung either by everyone together, or by the people alternately with the choir, or by the choir alone. If not sung, it is to be recited. The Gloria is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character. cf GIRM 53

Laudato Si'

Even when Eucharist is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world". The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation.

para 236 Pope Francis 2015.

Focus on the Gospel

Today we continue our reflection on the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Again, Jesus speaks of himself as the Bread of Life: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". Again, amongst the listening crowd, there are murmurs of disbelief: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus gave no direct answer to the "How...?" but repeated his invitation to his listeners to have faith, to believe in him and to receive him: "I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you."

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist so that we may be filled with his divine life: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him." The Eucharist is meant to change us. In receiving Jesus in Communion, we are united with Jesus, and in him, we receive grace for our living, grace to nourish and strengthen us. We become more and more closely united with him. In today's passage of the letter to the Ephesians, Paul exhorts us to "go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Meister Eckhart (1260—1328), a philosopher, theologian, and mystic who lived and worked in the Dominican Order is quoted as saying: 'If the only prayer you said in your whole life was "thank you," that would suffice'.

This week we have honoured Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the Feast of the Assumption. As we reflect on Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist, let us remember Mary's words to the servants at the Wedding Feast of Cana (Jn 2:5): "Whatever He says to you, do it." Let us pray to her for the faith and trust she had in Jesus.

Quotable Quote:

We taste you, ever-living Bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountain-head,
our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

— Bernard of Clairvaux (ca 1160) feast day 20 August

On the Lighter Side

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.



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GARABANDAL NOTICE: We invite you to come along to Mass followed by a report and short film about Garabandal events. Also a film about a visit to Ukraine by Dr Michael and Mrs Helen Rozeluk showing miracles taking place through intercession of Our Blessed Mother. A crucifix kissed by our lady during the reported apparitions will be available for veneration. **When:** Tuesday 15th September **Where:** St Brendan's Church, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton. **Time:** Beginning with Mass at 10.30am. All welcome. For enquiries Phone Ellie on 58216359. See details on flyer in the Narthex.