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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Catholic Parish of Holy Eucharist & St. Mary's Malvern East

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THE MESSAGES AND YOUR LOCAL PARISH CHURCH !!!

Apart from a weekly devotion we may undertake at any Vigil or Sunday Mass, many Parishioners find that there is a *secondary reason and reward to attend Mass* at the Parish Church on the weekend the opportunity to receive all or any of the many *Messages* which are made available by attendance at the Church ...

- *Messages from God* – in the Scriptures, Readings, Hymns and Proclamations
- *Messages from fellow Parishioners* – the community participation and human interaction opportunity with the Mass congregation, available onsite!
- *Messages from Pope Francis* – these are printed in the various weekly and monthly publications available at the Parish Church, and sometimes referred in the Parish Priest's Homilies.
- *Messages from your Parish Priest* – these are offered to the Congregation every weekend - in the Homily, the Newsletter, the Announcements, on Noticeboards, in Leaflets, in personal greetings – all on the premises.
- *Messages from the Archbishop and the Bishops* – in the monthly Archdiocese magazine, with occasional Letters from the Archbishop (printed copies in the church porches), and occasional articles in the Parish Newsletter
- *Messages from the many of the Parish's Groups, Ministries, Organisers and Leaders* – by occasional announcements, articles, leaflets, dialogues and personal greetings.
- *Messages from visiting Speakers, Missionaries and Archdiocese Representatives* – occasional,

announcements, explanations, special reports.

- *Messages from the Parish School* – the weekly School Newsletter is available in the Church porch.

ALL THESE MESSAGES AND WEEKLY MASS - in just One Hour, including Travel Time!

PS: For anyone who is physically unable to attend services at the Church, there are other means to get these Messages and Materials to you – please register your request at the Parish Office.



From Maurice Fanning, Parishioner.

WEEKLY ANNIVERSARY NOTICES

Our Catholic tradition holds in prayer our deceased brothers and sisters. When parishioners funerals are held at Holy Eucharist or St Mary's the parish office records this event in our 'Parish Anniversary Book'. This book is kept in the office. When the deceased anniversary falls on the weekend, the parish endeavours to include these names in the weekly bulletin. If the anniversary occurs during the week, and you would like the name to be included in the weekly bulletin please contact the parish office either by email malverneast@cam.org.au or phone (9571-2407) requesting this.

Sometimes parishioner's funeral are held at other locations, and the parish office might not have any knowledge of this, so it would be good that parishioners informed the office by providing their name, date and year of death, and if possible place of funeral service.

Additionally, if you desire to have a deceased name included in the anniversary notices, please contact the Parish office

ST MARY'S CARE

In 2018, Jo Freire (Sam Gr4, Gabi Gr1) has taken over much of the co-ordination of St Mary's Care, leaving myself to keep a quiet presence in the background to ensure the continued smooth running and to step in for co-ordination support when required.

Pina Cataldo has maintained her role as co-ordinator of the First Friday Luncheons. Every month, her warm smile and gentle disposition are welcomed by a good attendance of Parishioners. The rostering of Grade 6 students to assist in this hospitality as well as sit with the parishioners over lunch has continued too.

Holy Eucharist families who have joined us at St Marys have been welcomed on our list of volunteers in 2018 and we trust that the Holy Eucharist 'Mums' enjoyed a 'Gerbera' handed out at the 4 Masses over the Mother's Day Weekend.

Early on in the year, ongoing support was provided to a mum with regular hospital visits. We have provided meal support for 2 families and with 3 pending pregnancies are expecting a busy end to the year.

We have also provided the odd transport request for Parishioners in seeking assistance in attending appointments in the local area. Wake assistance was provided at the funeral of a long-standing parishioner. Holy Cards were distributed to Holy Communion candidates.

Around the corner we will have 'choccies' to hand out to the Dad's at the Father's Day Masses, Holy Cards to the Confirmation candidates and of course will again be collaborating with St V De P, in the organisation and management of hampers of our Christmas Hampers.

For any Care requests, contact can be made with Jo Freire on 0412 827 904 or joanne.freire@optusnet.com.au

Item supplied by Bridget Yole

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If anyone from our parish or school communities is interested in joining together to help produce further editions, please initially contact Bernadette at the parish office on 9571-2407 (Tuesdays to Thursdays between 10am and 12noon) with your name, phone number and email address.

JAVID'S APPEAL

I would sincerely thank each and every one of you who so kindly contributed \$5,000 to the appeal to help Javid purchase the equipment he requires this month to continue his Optometry Degree.

I am excited to announce we actually raised more than \$5,000 but the extra will be held to purchase more equipment necessary for his final year in 2019. Javid is surprised and delighted that everyone was so generous, it makes a tremendous difference to him and his family who as many of you know live under very difficult circumstances. He is extremely grateful to everyone for your kindness.

I would also like to thank Mons. Hall and Bernadette in the Parish Office for their help, it would have been very difficult for me without their assistance.

Sincerely and with grateful thanks

Valerie Hall 9509 2801

A STORY OF FOUR BROTHERS IN THE GREAT WAR

George and Mary Griffin had 11 children – 7 boys and 4 girls. Of the boys 4 enlisted for WW1 and all returned home. Although no direct memorabilia survives of their own war experiences, the activities of the units to which they were attached have been recorded in the book 'A Story of Four Brothers in the Great War' by Peter G. Griffin, son of Stan Griffin.

Francis Joseph - Born Scotland 1881, was the eldest son and enlisted in August 1915, aged 34.

Prior to enlistment he had been a member of the Victorian Scottish Regiment for eleven years and spent two years in the Australian Intelligence Corps, 5th Military District in Perth, WA where he carried the rank of Provisional Lieutenant.

In 1916, he left Perth for France, was promoted to Captain. and initially spent time in bayonet and physical training, including preparing for

possible gas attacks. Later that year an enemy encounter resulted in his officer companion being killed, with Frank being severely wounded in the left arm, necessitating his evacuation to hospital in England. From there he was shipped back to Australia on the 'Marama' for further treatments at the Caulfield Military Hospital and other locations, which extended over the following eleven months. During this time he was offered a military discharge. He refused, preferring instead to be returned to France.

He returned to England in September 1917 & was posted to the 3rd Training Battalion where battle experienced officers and NCO's instructed new reinforcements. He rejoined his own battalion a month or two later. Five months on, after being unwell with a bout of gingivitis, he was put on report 'as not being sober or fit for duty'. His subsequent Court Marshall resulted in a temporary demotion. His defence cited his military service to date & the fact that in 1902, he severely injured his head on falling down a lift well. This injury caused attacks that left him in a comatose state as he was in when put on report.

In March 1918 Frank was wounded in a heavy bombardment of gases from the enemy – phosgene, mustard and lachrymatory (tear gas). He remained unfit for duty till until the end of July. Then in August he was wounded for the third time – severe gunshot to the left leg and the head leading to the loss of an eye. Hospitalised in England from whence he was shipped home to Melbourne by the end of 1918, where he was discharged in May 1919.



CAPTAIN FRANK GRIFFIN.

1881-1965

Charles Gilbert, born Melbourne 1894, was the youngest of the four brothers. Enlisted January 1915 aged 20.

He Landed at Gallipoli in July 1915 as a member of 1st Division Australian Heavy Battery. The following month he was diagnosed with gastro enteritis and eventually evacuated out to Cairo for better treatment. *'Inadequate diets contributed to scurvy and infected sores. It was impossible to eat without having food immediately covered with flies, which had bred upon the dead and in the primitive latrines and trenches'.*

He remained unwell and was transferred to the 1st Australian Pay Corps and promoted to Corporal. However, on being diagnosed with TB in December, he was finally hospitalised in England in May 1916. By August, his health had not improved so was listed for return to Australia for discharge. He was shipped out on the 'Marama', arriving back in Australia in October. Coincidentally, he was on the same ship as his brother Frank's return to Australia.

Charles was then hospitalised at Caulfield and discharged from his military service in January 1917. As he undertook to look after his own treatment, the Department of Defence was released from any responsibility for his ongoing medical needs. Charles died in December of that year.



CORPORAL CHAS. GRIFFIN.

1894- 1917

(Story continued next month)

HOLY EUCHARIST GARDEN CLUB

As there was no response to recent appeals for additional volunteers for the roster, this activity has gone into recess. Amongst other involvements, the weekly tidy up around the church grounds, upkeep of the memorial and other garden areas, watering and general care and attention will be for others to do.

Parishioner support in supplying copy e.g. family Tributes recognising deceased parishioners or other parishioner news, is welcome, as is help with the production of future issues.

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