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POPE: DON'T DELAY BAPTISING YOUR CHILDREN

While some believe that there is no need to "baptise a child that does not understand" the meaning of the sacrament, the Pope said doing so would deny the chance for "Christian virtues to grow within that child and blossom. Always give this opportunity to all children: to have within themselves the Holy Spirit that will guide them in life. Do not forget to baptise your children," the Pope said during his weekly general audience in St Peter's Square on Wednesday.

Arriving in the Square under cloudy skies, Pope Francis once again picked up several children who rode around in his popembile while he circled around to greet thousands of pilgrims. After dropping them off, the Pope made his way toward the stage when he was greeted by some unlikely guests at the audience – three llamas. According to the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, the three llamas along with their owner and his two travelling companions, began their pilgrimage to Rome in February. The pilgrims travelled over 1000 kilometres on foot from the northern Italian province of Bolzano to meet the Pope. The Pope greeted the pilgrims and smiled as he saw the Ilama, which are indigenous to South America.

In his main talk, Pope Francis reflected on the sacrament of baptism as "the foundation of Christian life". As the first of seven sacraments, he said, baptism "is the door that permits Christ the Lord to make his dwelling in us and allows us to immerse ourselves in his mystery."

The Pope, who often tells people to look up the date of their baptism, called on those who don't remember the date to ask their family and to celebrate it like a birthday and "give thanks to the Lord because it was on that day when Jesus entered" in their lives. "We should all know the date of our baptism. It is another birthday, it is the day of our rebirth," he said.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS:

- On 19th March, 36 of us attended the Waverley Cinema where we saw a great film, "Finding Your Feet" and, as usual, enjoyed a lovely lunch.
- Our Guest Speaker at our May meeting will be John Ogilvie, Owner and Director of Byron Yoga Centre (Byron Bay, N.S.W). John will speak on the benefits of Yoga.

Future Functions:

- Thursday, 17th May 3 course meal at the ZEST Restaurant always enjoyable.
- Friday, 15th June a visit to the Shrine, buy Lunch.
- Monday, 18th June Past Presidents' Lunch at the Waverley R.S.L. (the only Past President I have been unable to contact is Margaret Karol - if anyone has her address, please contact Bev Ogilvie 9802 6991/0417105507)
- Another Film/Luncheon has been booked for "The Leisure Seekers" we have been waiting a while for this film to be released.
- ECHUCA 27th-31st August Give this holiday serious consideration. It is a great itinerary (a copy available to anyone interested). Deposit \$50.00 per person at May meeting please.

THE SHAWL MINISTRY:

This is a new initiative for our parish. We are looking for those who knit or crochet. We will meet, in The Yarn, on the 3rd Monday of each month from 1.30pm – 3.00 pm for a chat and create lap rugs and shawls for the sick or bereaved. **For this month only we are meeting on Monday, 23rd April**. We would be grateful for any donations of knitting wool that is no longer needed – any wool can be left at the Parish Office. If you are interested, call *Jan* 9560 4368 or *Jenny* 9560 6445.

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MOTHERS PRAYERS:

An invitation is extended to all Mothers Prayers groups and interested ladies to a gathering on Saturday, 28th April starting with Mass at 9.15am, followed by morning tea and a visit and sharing from Mrs Anne Hartwell, Co-ordinator of MPs for Australia. This will be a wonderful morning and you are all invited. Ring Jan 9560 4368

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS:

- Our Bowls Championship was on Monday, 19th March, and this year the winners were Joe Flaherty and Peter Gwynn. The runners up were Ken Robertson and Felix Ong. Congratulations to Joe and Peter. They were very worthy winners and will have their names placed on the board. Thank you to all the players that participated and to Kevin Clarke for organizing it all.
- Our Memorial Mass this year is on Monday, 21st May, at the 9.15am Mass and will be celebrated by Fr. Dowling. We invite all parishioners to attend along with the Club members and families of past members. There will be morning tea in the Community Centre after Mass, followed by the musical movie, "Carousel". A light lunch served after the movie. Please put this important date in your diary.
- Thanks to Terry Wold for organizing another Crazy Whist evening. Terry puts a lot of effort into these evenings and it would be great to have more people enjoy a very entertaining time.
- Carpet Bowls is open to all parishioners every 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in the Community Centre. No experience needed so come along and give it a go and have fun playing for the chocolate prizes.
- Men's Club meetings are on every 3rd Monday of each month and new members are most welcome. Just come along to the Yarn around 10am and you can join us for lunch at 12noon.

ST. LEONARDS SOCIAL GOLF CLUB:

Sixteen members of the golf club played Dorset Golf course on Sunday, 4th March 2018. The course played very well with long distances being achieved as the ball ran freely due to the dry conditions.

Results of the competition are as follows:

- "A" Grade Winner with 36 points Pat Quinn (12).
- "B" Grade Winners with 39 points Trevor Luscombe (25
- "A" Grade best nine with 20 points Noel Jenkinson (16)
- "B" Grade best nine with 18 points Phil Sexton (23)
- Nearest to the pin Noel Jenkinson, Paul Roberts and Mike Sinclair x 2
- The best pair combinations were Noel Jenkinson/ Trevor Luscombe with a combined score of 71 points each.

Games remaining on the 2018 fixture are as follows:

15-18th April Howlong 6th May Freeway 8.15 3rd June Mt Martha 8.20 15th July Glen Waverley 8.00 19th Aug Brighton 8.00 16th Sept Freeway 9.00 October Silver Colts 18th Nov Mt Martha 8.06 9th Dec Glen Waverley 7.52

Please note Silver Colts October date in your diary. Details later.

We are always looking for new members. Please contact Pat Quinn 9560 4763 or Reid Dodson 9560 9428 for information if you are interested in joining our ranks.