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SOME IMPORTANT -**DATES 2018**



PRIMARY

Mr Tim Mc Mullen 8761 9600 9801 8296 9800 2733

SECONDARY

9754 6611 9758 2000 9758 2000

Ciborium will be on the Altar. Anyone who is a Coeliac,



SERVICES & CONTACTS:

BAPTISM: 9763 7302 By Appointment 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at 10.30am Parish Mass.

BIBLE STUDIES: Xavier David (AH)

9763 0712

BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSITION: 1st Friday of the month after 9am Mass.

CENACLE OF PRAYER: First Saturday of the month 9.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Ruth Fidow

9752 9829

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS: Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058 Thurs/Friday/Saturday 1-6 pm. or Email: Leigh Fleming yahc@bigpond.com.au

FAIR: Chris Shelly

0418 355 339

FITNESS CLASS: Pam Jess

0419 555 694

KNOX DEANERY: Leigh Fleming

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LITURGY: Sr Mary Brady

MARRIAGE: By appointment

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: Thursday at1pm Carmen Leitao

9778 7764

RAFFLE Brendon Considine

0403 187 848

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 6.00pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE Carmel Quiney

TENNIS CLUB: Vito Trifilo

0400 485 874

0447 044 920

For all information on our Parish, please check our website pol.org.au/scoresby

First Reading - A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Second Reading - A reading from Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel – A reading from the Holy Gospel according Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Did you Know?

As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.

The very elaborate regulations about leprosy and becoming purified after its cure can be read in Leviticus 13 & 14. Leviticus is one of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures known a the Torah or the Law. They are often referred to as the books of Moses.

By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived.'

Kind words are short, but their echoes are endless.

Stewardship Corner

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." – 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself 'am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parish Sacramental program for the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will begin on the 29th April, at 9.30am in the Community Centre. The Sacrament will be received on the 23rd & 24th May.

Please contact the Parish office on 9763 7302, or email scoresby@cam.org.au to enrol.

Thoughts on the Gospel Miracle helps the secret get out

"This story may be an early version of the story of the ten lepers. However the point is quite different. In this version the leper, far from not thanking Jesus, goes about the land and expresses his gratitude to all who would listen.

"The passage is made even more opaque by Mark's literary device of the 'Messianic Secret' -he builds his gospel around the structure that Jesus was trying to keep who he was a secret, which doesn't seem to be any more than a narrative form.

"Surely, however, Jesus did not want to be known as the kind of military messiah that so many people in his time wanted and expected."

From a homily on the Gospel by Fr Andrew Greeley

Exploring the Word

This is vet another confrontation between lesus and evil. In recent Gospels, we have seen Jesus overcome possessing demons, sickness and social taboos; many of the themes merge in this text.

The leper takes an audacious step in approaching Jesus, defying all the rules and conventions of his society. Despite his exclusion and isolation, he has not lost hope. Jesus reacts in exactly the opposite way from that which may be expected. He is moved by pity, not revulsion. Instead of sending the man away, he responds with immense compassion to the man's courage and faith. He reaches out and touches him.

This is not only an act of ritual impurity but of human foolhardiness! Not wanting to be known only as a miracle worker. Jesus orders the leper not to speak of his cure but to undergo the necessary rituals to enable him to re-enter the people of Israel. The priest should be able to recognise that, in the cure of the leper, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled and the Messiah is among them. The great irony is that by curing the leper and allowing his re-entry into the community. Jesus places himself in a position where he is forced to go out into isolation in places where noone lived.

Sharing the Tradition

Jesus' dealings with the leper, and with all those who came to him for healing, dictate the Church's attitude to those who find themselves isolated and excluded from the community for whatever reason.

The mission of the Church is to be with the sick, the marginalised, the suffering, the excluded. The Church does this in a myriad of ways, both in Australia and in other countries of the world.

Symbols and Images

How powerful that action of Jesus is: "Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him." The love and compassion behind that gesture is almost palpable. It is unlikely that the leper had experienced the intimacy and acceptance of human touch for a long time.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE:

Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour, Wednesday 21 February, departing 4.00pm. Mater Christi College is a vibrant, inclusive and warm community where girls feel safe, build friendships and become intelligent and reflective learners.

For more information, or to arrange a **Personal Tour**, contact Kylie Lee, 9754 6611.

ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February – Mass Times 9.00am, & 7.30pm 10.00am (St Jude's school Mass) 11.30am at Holv Trinity

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence for 18-60 year olds no eating between meals, and 14-60 year olds – no meat.

During Lent we are encouraged to pray more frequently, practice self denial and to help others who are in need.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 7.30pm beginning on the 16th February

MORNING TEA

Morning Tea cuppa after 8.30 and 10.30am Sunday morning Mass has re-commenced.



New helpers would be appreciated as some rostered are now unable to continue. Please contact Kath Murphy if you can help 9763 7384



<u>RAFFLE - 2018</u>

Raffle Books for the 2018 Big Raffle should now be distributed, if you have not received your book please call the Parish off ice on 9763 7302.

Sold books can be returned to the Parish office, or to either of the school offices.

If additional books are required they can be obtained through the Parish office. When shopping, please keep the Raffle sponsors in mind. Thankyou

BINGO - HELPERS NEEDED

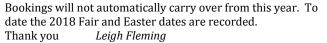
A number of faithful volunteers have had to retire from Bingo, this has left us very shorthanded. If you are able to help out on Thursday evening once a month, please call the Parish office on 9764 7302 or email scoresby@cam.org.au All training provided.

TO ALL PARISH GROUPS – Bookings 2018

Thank you to those groups who have let me know their requirements for 2018. If you have not contacted me your groups dates are not in the diary which is now open to all. Please email me at vahc@bigpond.com.au, details of any bookings required for the community centre in 2018 immediately.

This means every occasion you, or your group wish to use the community centre, including weekly meetings, or specific dates. If no advice received, it will be assumed that your group does not require space next year.





Please Note: Friday and Saturday Evenings Functions finish time 11pm - Cleaning finish time 11.45pm

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY? **OR ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If so, please let us know in the parish office. Raffle books will be distributed early next year. - Hopefully to the right house! Please ring 9763 7302 or enter your details in the new parishioner's book. Thank you















All-day ride wristbands will this year include a free sausage in bread. Wristbands will be available on the day for \$50. Wristbands will also be available for pre-purchase for just \$40 (A discount of \$10) via rides.stjudesfair.org.au All pre-purchased wristbands sales are final and no refunds will be available. The final ride line-up will be advised soon.

Judy Gan 0412 398 091. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information: www.stjudesfair.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION

To begin our Lenten Journey, at the Procession of the Gifts vou will be invited to come forward to take a Project *Compassion box or set of envelopes as a sign of vour* commitment to support communities living in poverty and thus help build a more humane, just world and a brighter future for everyone.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET RACK Have you seen our pamphlet on ... "Look Good...Feel Better" www.lgfb.rog.au



3rd Wednesday "Cuppa & Chat" 21st February. All Welcome

FAIR - 17th March 2018 5 Weeks to Go!

STALL CO-ORDINATORS SOUGHT

An important aspect of organising and running a successful fair is to have a range of stall co-ordinators to assist with rostering and preparing the stalls. We currently have a number of stalls without a co-ordinator, if you wish to assist or want to find out more information please contact Judy Gan 0412 398 091

VOLUNTEERS

Over the next few weeks we will be collecting names of volunteers for the fair through various ways. We will be looking for people to assist on Friday 16th with Setup, on Fair Day across a range of activities, as well as Sunday 19th with Pack-up.

We will also be looking for assistance in following up on the return of raffle books between 12th and 17th March

TRASH & TREASURE

When cleaning out your cupboards over the Holiday break, please remember, "Trash & Treasure, Pre-loved Books, Pre-loved Toys, Kath's Corner.



The garage (behind the Church) will be open for all donations shortly. ESSES OR TV's ALLOWED)



PRESERVES

If anyone has any fruit or chillies they can donate for bottling please call Filomena Uberti on 9763 6047.

All-Day Wristbands



If you have any queries please contact Chris Shelly 0418 355 339 or



ASSIST A STUDENT

A St Vincent de Paul education sponsorship program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. Just \$70 can assist an overseas student

for one year, offering hope, an education and a better future. Forms available on the Foyer tables.