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SOME IMPORTANT DATES 2018

St Vincent de Paul Mtg Mass – Villa Maria 11.00am Fair, Raffle & Bingo Thank you Party

> Easter Sunday St Vince de Paul Mtg

The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jeuss. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of





PRIMARY

Mr Tim Mc Mullen 8761 9600 9801 8296 9800 2733

SECONDARY

9754 6611 9758 2000 9758 2000

Low Gluten Hosts are available in this Parish; a supply Ciborium will be on the Altar. Anyone who is a Coeliac,

(They have been passed by the Coeliac Society as safe.)

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: 8.30am, Wedmesday - Saturday

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

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FITNESS CLASS: Pam Jess

KNOX DEANERY: Leigh Fleming

LITURGY: Sr Mary Brady

MARRIAGE: By appointment

9763 7302

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: Thursday at1pm 9778 7764 Carmen Leitao

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

PROJECT COMPASSION - Ditosa from Mozambique

Ditosa is a young girl from Mozambique who hopes to go to university and become a police officer. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Cared for by her grandmother and aunt, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses, they also lost their home and livelihoods in severe flooding.

Thanks to the support of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia and Caritas Regional Chokwe (CRC) helped Ditosa's family to build a new house and assisted with transport fees, school materials and fees, to help Ditosa to stay at school. Ditosa attended the Matuba Children's Centre (set up by Caritas in 2007) which provides vulnerable children, like Ditosa, with lunch, study help, and computer and income-generating skills training. In 2018, Ditosa has graduated from school and is ambitious for the future.

"Without the support of the people from Australia and Caritas I would not have been given this opportunity to continue my schooling." Ditosa dreams of going to university to continue studying and secure an even brighter future.

I love to learn and want to be a police woman. Education is important in my life but I know that university is expensive, so if I can't go to the police academy I want to learn commercial science so that I can work in a bank."- Ditosa

First Reading - A reading from the second book of Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Second Reading - A reading a letter to the Hebrews During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Thoughts on the Gospel

Eternal life lies at end of the path through suffering

"In today's Gospel, we get a hint that Jesus no longer sees his ministry as solely for the Jews. He is increasingly aware that other nations are being attracted to him and to his message - and sees in the interest a sign that the time is coming when he is to be glorified.

"Jesus uses a very simple analogy - one familiar to anyone who has grown seed. When we sow a seed, there comes a point where the seed ceases to exist. It becomes soft and collapses as the new life germinates within it.



If the same seed had fallen onto a path or onto stony ground, it would have been trodden underfoot or gradually died from dehydration. Translated into human terms, such a death is meaningless - a life has been lived and has ended. "For many people today, that is the sum total of what they expect from life. They will be born - live - die - and then, that will be the end. "As Christians, we believe that there is more to life and death. Jesus himself did not relish the path that he was bidden to follow - but how could he ask that he be excused? Wasn't this why he came into the world?

"Neither could he ask that his followers be excused that path. But, what we as his followers know is that it isn't a path to suffering but, rather, a path through suffering.'

A reflection on the Gospel by Catherine Mc Elhinney and Kathryn Turner.

Gospel – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Did You Know?

In the Gospels, Jesus often refers to himself as the Son of Man, a mysterious expression that both reveals and conceals his identity. It is a term from the Book of Daniel.

The festival referred to here was the Passover (John 12:1). Observant Jews who were able came from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the Temple in Jerusalem. The city was overflowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions.

Stewardship Corner

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbours and the world, just as God cares for us.

PALM SUNDAY

A reminder that next week is Palm Sunday. We will gather outside the Church then process inside singing and waving our Palm branches.

THANK YOU

The Parish warmly invites **all volunteers** who help with fundraising in our parish (Fair, Raffle & Bingo), not just committees but everyone who has helped in any way whether it be by a lot or a little to a

THANK YOU PARTY to show our appreciation. Date: Sunday March 25th 2018 - Time: 7.30pm



If you could help by making a cake/slice etc. please contact Chris Shelly 0418 355 339, or Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058

EASTER CHOIR

Parishioners are invited to join the Easter Choir, please come to the following rehearsals:

Tuesday 20th March: 7pm Sunday 25th March: 7pm Monday 26th March 7pm

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 15th April, 2018 at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew commencing 2.00pm. Admission is free - collection will be taken during the Concert.

Proceeds will go to assist Sisters of St John the Baptist, in Dibrugarh, Assam India. They are endeavouring to provide an education for poor children. See Notice Board for further details.

St Jude's Primary School

Entertainment book Sales for 2018/19 are now open.

reorder your hard copy or digital copy via the link below and you will be entitled to some early bird bonus offers. Digital copies will have these bonuses loaded straight onto your phone.

I will be picking up hard copies at the entertainment book launch on Tuesday 20th March so you will receive your hard copy shortly there after.

All digital copies ordered are available to load immediately onto your phones.



Please let me know if you have any further questions. Kind regards Rose Valentini 0417 018 788

Please feel free to share

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/186p541

Thought for the week

Be the reason someone smiles today



MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: TODAY

Bring your family and friends to our Weekend tour, Sunday 18 March, departing 9.00am. Mater Christi College girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Visit materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

Serve the Lord with Joy



EASTER CEROMONIES RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays at 9.30am & 6.00pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 7.00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm. The Church will be open until 11.00pm. Please return Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes on Holy Thursday

GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 11.00am. Main Ceremonies 3pm EASTER SUNDAY Solemn Vigil Service & Mass 5.30am OTHER EASTER MASSES: 8.30am, 10 30am.

There is no 6.30pm Mass Easter Sunday evening

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.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

It is a requirement that all parishioners who assist in the Parish in any capacity must have a

valid Working with Children Check. E.g. Readers, Special Ministers, Choir members, Fair/Raffle volunteers etc.

Volunteer Working with Children Checks are free, applications can be completed on-line.

Please ensure that you have a current WWC check. If you have recently renewed your card please notify the Parish Office.

A new **CLEANING ROSTER** will be prepared this coming week. We have had many good faithful members come off this roster recently so we are hoping new volunteers will commit to helping.

Commitment to this roster would be once every three months. If you can help please contact the parish office on 9763 7302 or email scoresby@cam.org.au Thank you.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET RACK Have you seen our pamphlet on ..

> 'Helping you with Energy and Water' **Energy and Water Ombudsman**

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish please contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302, or put your details in the New Parishioners book so that we can add you to our Census base.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Thanksgiving/Stewardship program please phone the Parish Office on 9763 7302.



Attention all Parish Groups

Community Centre Bookings for Parish Groups and Committees will be taken before dates will be accepted from the wider community.

If your group /committee is planning functions please advise Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058 as soon as your plans are confirmed.

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



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