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MONDAY 23 JANUARY Feast Day of St's Timothy and Titus

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY Feast Day of St Francis de Sales

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY Conversion of St Paul

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY Australia Dav Public Holiday (Parish Office Closed)

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas

MONDAY 30 JANUARY

Term 1 Commences 7.30pm Men's Ministry Focus Group Parish Centre



ST JOSEPHS YOUTH GROUP

There will be a holiday gathering on Sunday the 22nd of January after the 11am mass-heading to General Public in Mordialloc, for lunch and bowling. Please bring \$10 to contribute towards activities.

We resume our fortnightly meetings on the 11th of February with a start of the year Mass at the Saturday Vigil Mass and a plate to share! We gather at the Parish Centre each fortnight between 7 and 8.30! All children between 11 and 16 are welcome!

Please feel free to call Linda on 0422990127 or Bella on 0422377833 if you have any queries

St Vincent de Paul Society

Week 1 - Canned Food only

Soups, fruit, steak & kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham. etc.

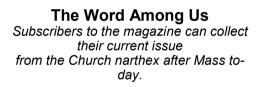
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Thank you for your donations.

New volunteers for St Vincent de Paul Chelsea Conference are warmly welcome. Please contact Carole if you are available to help. 0404 335 419

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737 Weeklu average : 2.279



Month's Mind Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 January at 6.30pm—approximately one month after his death. All are welcome.



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Simon recalled as grandchildren visiting her home and seeing the holy pictures with red lipstick on them, and although they found this funny as kids, this showed them that she was someone who was clearly devoted to her faith.



Simon went on to say that the first thing that he bought for his Nanny when he was in Vatican City in 2005 was a rosary, as she loved collecting rosaries. Simon's grandmother's Rosary is part of the Christian symbols placed on Simon's coffin today, as she asked for the Rosary to be left for Simon. Simon donated his bequest from his grandmother towards an Altar Server stool which is in the sanctuary, in memory of his grandmother. That altar server stool is actually standing at the foot of the sanctuary, upon which the symbols of Simon's earthly life – his football scarf, family picture, and "hole-in-one" golfing trophy – are placed.

Simon was also an altar server in this parish, and always got the job of holding the Book for the Archbishop and the local bishops who came for Confirmation. There were lots of examples of Simon's love for the poor and those less fortunate in the world, and he made a point of visiting Mother Teresa's Orphanage in Calcutta on his trip to India. Simon knew it was one of his grandmother's favourite charities.

On one birthday, Daphne was not surprised to receive a card indicating that he had made a donation of the gift of a water well in South Sudan on her behalf. It was the best birthday present she would ever receive. His other thoughtful present was a Rose named "Mother's Love" for Peter and Daphne's Golden Wedding Anniversary, when the family were unable to be present because of border closures in 2020.

Simon's daughters, Tess and Anna, are well known in this Parish, as they have attended daily and Sunday Masses with their grandparents. A favourite part of their visit was to light candles at Our Lady's Altar, and they loved their visit to the Christmas Crib. They also loved playing in what they called "Daddy's playground" as they knew he had attended school here at St Joseph's. They usually had the whole playground to themselves during School holidavs.

It is absolutely heartbreaking to lose a child ... and an only son ... so prematurely. Simon was clearly Peter and Daphne's whole world, but their faith assures them that Simon will walk beside Vanessa, Tess, Anna and both of them every day. They will treasure his precious memories which will heal their pain, and bring comfort in the days ahead. As they bow before God's Holy Will, their anguish is almost unbearable, but they walk in the firm knowledge that God's love will sustain them until the day when their work on this earth is done and when they will be reunited with Simon again.

So in the celebration of this Requiem Mass here today, let us pray that Simon will enjoy the fullness of the Resurrection.

Father Kevin Williams