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BULLETIN NOTICES: 6th June, 2021

Mass available this weekend with a cap of 50 allowed at each Mass, NO Melbourne Visitors permitted to attend due to Regional COVID Restrictions. (These restrictions apply to the Weekday Masses as well)

Please pray for those who have passed due to the Covid-19 Virus. For the anniversaries of Alberto Coldebella, Rosie Kubale and our own loved ones and the Souls who have no one to pray for them. May God's merciful love shine on them and on their loved ones left behind.

- **LITURGY MEETING: THURSDAY 10TH JUNE, 2021 @ 4:15PM FOYER OF ST. JOSEPH'S WONTHAGGI.**
- **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONDAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN JULY, 2021.**
Thank you for your understanding in these forever changing times.
- **PIETY STALL-OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, INVERLOCH:**
Thank you to Nell Van Grunsven and Judy Thomas for sharing this important role for so long on our behalf. They would like to now take a well-earned rest and we are seeking 2 parishioners who would be willing to open the stall at least once a month following Mass-the 1st Sunday which coincides with Cuppa Sunday has been a popular time.

Any questions please contact Nell on 56 743072 or 0403 093 886 or The Parish Office 56 721 111. Thank you for considering this request.

- **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

This annual appeal gives us an opportunity to assist financially with the charitable work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All donations go directly to assist those who are in need.

Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12

- You can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the name of the conference over the phone. Example: St. Joseph's Conference, Wonthaggi

- Receipts will be issued by the Fundraising Team

To make an online donation, go to vinnies.org.au

- Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by putting the conference name in the comments field. Example: St Joseph's Conference, Wonthaggi

- Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.

Cash Donations can be placed in the St Vincent de Paul box in the church foyer on the left hand side as you walk in and we ask you to pray for the work of St Joseph's Conference.

Thank you for your generosity.

- **MEDITATION GROUP: Monday 7th June, 2021 at 1:15pm Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch. Please wear a Mask and maintain safe distancing. If you are not a local/permanent resident, unfortunately at this COVID time you cannot attend. Thank you for your understanding.**

- **MONDAY PRAYER GROUP: NOT PROCEEDING THIS MONDAY.**

- **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

Further enquiries: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 and Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447.

**DONATIONS OF 8PLY ACRYLIC WOOL WOULD BE VERY WELCOMED AS STOCKS ARE RUNNING LOW
THANK YOU.**

- **FAN THE FLAME: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021**

'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many.'

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! [W]e all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others...we will make that culture of encounter.

(Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

- BROTHERS WHAT MUST WE DO? 2021 Launching Nationally on Saturday 31st July, 2021**
 “They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers-what then must we do?” Acts 2:37
 The National Catholic Men’s Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on **Saturday 31st July, 2021**. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men’s Ministry/Parish group or individually.
 Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.
Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, Service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.
Cost: FREE
Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au
Program: Available from Saturday 31st July, 2021
- MISSAL ON LINE: ‘An App’ which Father Darren Howie finds very helpful is Universalis.**
This will allow you to follow the Daily Mass.
- An Upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminar:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Sale Diocese is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity.
 Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows:
Venus: St. Ita, Drouin
Dates: Saturday 19th June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg
Time: 10:30 am each day.
(For other general enquiries please contact: John Duiker (Cranbourne, Diocesan Moderator); Anushka (Berwick, Diocesan Secretary) Julie Powel (Prayer Group leader, Warragul/Drouin, Fr. Francis Otopo (Chaplain).
“May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminary be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service.”
(Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese)

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care **More information and Applications Forms** are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarshipfor-lay-ministry.html> **Closing Date 30 July 2021**

- **Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Support our project of the month and help contemplative religious sisters in Peru to contribute to the pastoral work in Peru and the world through their prayer, their presence and the testimony of their faith. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject
Aid to the Church in Need/ACN Australia
P.O. BOX 335, PENRITH NSW 2751
1800 101 201/ 02 9167 9517

A list of live streams across the Diocese is on www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus page. This page has listed the Mass times which occur regularly, ie. Don't change from week to week.

- **We have been emailing and sending out important communications from the Diocese and if you would like to be involved and receive this information then please contact the Parish Office on 56 721 111 or email your details to wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au.**
- Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk. **Find out more at:** www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding
If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Kristine McRae via the Parish Office: 03 56 721 111 or St. Joseph's School Safeguarding Officer 03 56 721 052. Take care, we are here to help.

Father Darren Howie
St. Joseph's Parish
Wonthaggi

Mrs. Kristine McRae
Parish Secretary &
Safeguarding Officer

Food is an incredibly important part of life. Snickers has a brilliant slogan in their ads. The slogan is, have a snickers bar. You're not yourself when you are hungry. It is a lot harder to be socially minded when you are starving. Anyone who has been to a wonderful meal know what that can do to draw people together and help them to be their best. One can truly say without God and without the Eucharist we are not our best selves.

This Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi. The literal translation of Corpus Christi is the Body of Christ. We just heard an account of the Last Supper; the apostles would have understood that in the context of the Passover. In fact, to properly understand the Mass we must understand the events surrounding the Passover. In summation the Jewish people were slaves in Egypt and Pharaoh would not let them go even after Moses worked several miracles as signs from God that they should be released. The final sign was the death of all the first-born males in Egypt. The Israelite first born were spared by the sacrifice of a Passover lamb. The death of the first born in Egypt secured the freedom of the Israelite people. The original Passover was also a huge statement by God to Pharaoh that He is the Master of Life and Death, He is the giver of life. And the message Jesus gives at the Last Supper is that the First Passover was a preparation for the fulfillment of the Passover which we celebrate every Holy Week. Jesus is the Master of Life who gives his life for us so that we may be able to travel to the true Promised Land of heaven. The Eucharist makes it possible for us to live as the family of God with the help of his supernatural food, which not only binds us together but helps us live together.

Jesus said I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full. The Last Supper was an anticipation of Our Lord's death on the Cross on which he died so that everyone may have life. The fullness of life is to share in the life of God.

Jesus wants each and everyone of us to be his friends. St. Augustine said: Our hearts are made for you O God, and they will not rest until they rest in you. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have stated that the most important thing about our faith is that it is an encounter a personal relationship with Christ.

Holy Communion brings Christ and people together in a very special way. In Holy Communion we receive Jesus as our food to be united to Him and help us become like him. Holy Communion gives us the opportunity of spending time with Jesus who is physically present in the tabernacle. Time and time again

people say when they sit before the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle who is there Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearances of Bread, and allow themselves time to put aside all their distractions and worries, and one of the ways we can do that is to say: here Lord I am worried about this can you look after it for me while I sit here with you. People time and time again say that when they open their hearts and minds to Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament they experience the presence and power of Christ.

Unfortunately, it is easy to make the mistake of approaching Jesus with our modern mindset. We could call it the Harvey Norman approach which states: why wait, and interest free. Unfortunately, many show no interest at all in praying before Jesus in the tabernacle because often they do not notice anything happening straight away and assume that there is nothing to be gained.

Some people have asked if Jesus worked miracles to multiply the loaves and the fishes what is he doing now for the poor and hungry? Pope Benedict wrote in his book, Jesus of Nazareth, that Jesus continues to feed the poor and minister to people through the love he inspires and nourishes through the Eucharist. Have you ever been so busy and been working so hard that there comes a point where you ask yourself, somethings wrong I have no energy, and then you realize that the problem is because you have not had anything to eat? People can become so caught up in life and feel so drained because they have failed to give time to God. Jesus gave us the Eucharist to charge our supernatural batteries so that we can live and love like Him, and with one another. Snickers nailed it when they said, you are not yourself when you are hungry. Without the Eucharist we are not our true selves.

Fr Darren Howie PP

St. Joseph's Wonthaggi