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Bulletin Notices: 25th September 2022

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 27th September, 2022

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. St. Joseph's Wonthaggi Liturgy

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PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE NEXT WEEK FATHER DARREN HOWIE WILL BE AWAY

ATTENDING A PRIESTS INSERVICE FOR THE DIOCESE. WE WILL THEREFORE HAVE LITURGIES FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY.

- Please pray for those who continue to be affected by the Ukrainian War and floods in Pakistan. For Colin Lamers who passed away recently and for the anniversaries of Rick Hanily, Anna Leydon, Fr. John Black, Father John Dunlea OMI and our loved ones. May God's merciful love shine on them and on their loved ones left behind.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine.

God of peace and justice,
Who change the hardened heart and break the power of
violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but

freedom,

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen .

- **MEDITATION GROUP: Will NOT be available during the School Holidays.**
- **PRAYER GROUP: Will NOT be available during the School Holidays.**
- **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP: No meeting this month, our next Meeting will be on 17th October, 2022.**
Blessed and wrapped rugs, shawls, beanies and bed socks are ready to be freely given to those who are struggling with life in any way. **Please contact:**
- **Kristine (Parish Office) 03 56 721 111**
Maureen Maartensz: 0407 055 447
Philippa Warby: 0408 331 340, Julie de Bondt 0407 535 032.

- **ST JOSEPH'S ST. VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE.**

We were delighted to accept 20 laundry baskets filled with non-perishable items to circulate to people who seek assistance.

Many thanks and God's blessings to the staff and students of St. Joseph's School.

You are certainly "making a difference" in our community.

We also appreciate the regular donations made to the SVDP baskets in our foyers.

New members are always welcome. Please contact the Parish Office.

- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:**

"Live You Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

22-23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

- **Heart of Life (Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation)**

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-

12:30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

- **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:**

As Catholic Theological College marks its 50th anniversary as a college and a member of the ecumenical University of Divinity, we have invited a panel of speakers to reflect on CTC's achievements and challenges and to consider future directions in theological education and ministry formation. You are warmly invited to join us for the conversation.

Facilitators: Dr. Frances Baker RSM

Panel: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM, Rev Prof. Frank Moloney SDB AM FAHA, Most Rev. Dr. Terence Curtin DD, Dr. Rosemary Canavan, Dr. Michelle Goh RSM

Date Wednesday 12th October,

Time 7:30pm

Venus: Catholic Leadership Centre, Cnr. Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne (enter via Victoria Parade, Street Parking is available on Victoria Parade.

Booking: ctc.edu.au/know-public-lecture or phone 03 9412 3333

- **Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage:**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage. "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18th October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29th October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at National.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 02 891 24818.

Annie Bond rsj
Assistant Director-Responsible for Ministries.

- **MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE (MMHC)**

‘Cuppa with Mary’ When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ’s story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trails and Mary’s place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a ‘Cuppa with Mary’. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 per person. **Contact Kate on 03 9926 9300 for a group booking.**

Learn about the Mary MacKillop’s story and ministry through participation in a two-day program at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Titled **Mary MacKillop “Daughter of Melbourne”** in this program, you have opportunity to explore the Life and Spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as well as have a guided tour of places in Melbourne that were connected with Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Victorian Story and time for personal reflection. While this is an opportunity to learn about and be touched by the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop, it is also an opportunity for you to explore and share the challenges and stirrings in your own heart as you respond with others to action today. You can access more information, obtain a brochure, and register for this two-day event.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop- With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph by purchasing a present from the **Museum Gift Shop** (communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books, and Peruvian handmade items).

Accommodation Specials- With Melbourne opening up again, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. **Contact Kate on 03 9926 9300.**

- **MISSAL ON LINE:** ‘An App’ which Father Darren Howie finds very helpful is Universalis. **This will allow you to follow the Daily Mass.**

- **CARITAS AUSTRALIA:**

There is still time to support our global neighbours as they tackle the challenges of poverty.

Your generosity today can help create a better tomorrow for people living in some of the most remote and marginalised communities in the world.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

Caritas Australia: www.caritas.org.au

- **CATHOLIC CARE: New self-help mental health service for parents, families and individuals.**

Teaching children and young people how to keep safe online (on how to use technology wisely) is important for their mental health and wellbeing.

But as a parent or carer, ensuring eSafety for kids and teens can feel overwhelming or unachievable.

Whether you’re worried about cyberbullying, privacy, online content, social media, or time spent using technology, there’s things parents and carers can do to help keep kids safe.

To learn more please contact CatholicCare Victoria.

- **Aid to the Church in Need Australia**

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**. We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the

18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the work and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

P.O. BOX 335, PENRITH NSW 2751

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- **Regional Matters Bairnsdale Forum:**

CSSV will be holding an event in Bairnsdale on 29 September. They will be hosting a community forum called Regional Matters, which is the first in a series of these forums to be held in the lead up to the 2022 Victorian State Election. These forums are aimed at drawing attention to the strengths and challenges in regional communities to ensure that regional concerns get the proper attention of decision makers.

They have scheduled one forum to take place in each of the regional Dioceses throughout Victoria, with Bairnsdale being the location for the Diocese of Sale. Some great connections have been established in Bairnsdale through the 'Shining A Light' workshop held there, along with there being some very active CSSV members in the area (eg. Vinnies) and the region having faced compounding crises (drought, floods, fire and pandemic) in recent times.

The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 29 September

Time: 5pm-refreshments, event from 5:30-7:00pm

Location: St. Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale- 23 Pyke Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875 (enter from McDonald's carpark, Nicholson Street)

The registration process has been set up which is available here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCFJN> and there is also some information on our website: <https://css.org.au/events/regional-matters-bairnsdale-forum/>.

- **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.**
- **WORKING WITH CHILDREN: AS WE ARE HOPING TO RETURN TO A ROSTER SYSTEM FOR READERS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS, THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO CHECK THAT YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN HASN'T EXPIRED AND IF IT DOES NEED RENEWING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WITH THIS.**
- **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.**

Jesus praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness and said the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. Would it be fair to conclude that the children of this world are those who only live for this world? As children of light, of faith we are meant to look at life from the perspective of faith, of eternity, and to protect it. Our Faith is our greatest gift. Do we know that there are obstacles to faith, such as the world, the flesh, and the devil? Do we know what that means, and how to deal with them? Do we know how to nurture and protect Our Faith or at least where to look for answers <http://www.catholicapologetics.info/>
<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/apologetics>
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We can be worldly wise and faith foolish. People who care about their worldly assets when they receive a text message or an email allegedly from their bank don't just click on it. Why, because they are scared of being robbed, and rightly so. Jesus in effect said he wished people were as astute in caring for their Faith as people are in caring for their material well-being, their money. When you get a text message or an email purporting to be from the bank you don't just click on it for fear that it could cause you to be robbed. You don't ring the number and allow the people on the other end to tell you what to do. If you have doubts you ring the bank directly, or you contact family to see if your friend really is stranded at an airport in Istanbul needing money in their account to get home.

Our Faith is a treasure, it is the yeast in the dough, the salt of the earth which has done an indescribable amount of good and yet many people not only don't invest time in developing it, but they are also robbed of it or made to feel ashamed of it. If you have a virus on computer, not that I have ever had one, you have to work to get it off, and that normally requires someone with expert knowledge. Yet people allow viruses against faith to get into their head which then runs in the background and does a huge amount of damage. For example, on Facebook per chance there was an article purporting that St Teresa of Calcutta only helped people because she wanted to gain converts for the Church, and that she was incredibly selfish. And yet quite possibly there will be people, no pun intended, who will take this stuff as gospel.

Does that assertion about St Teresa of Calcutta fit in with the Churches teaching about charitable works? In the first reading we heard God's voice through the sacred writer speak about the importance of caring for the poor:

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country. The other part of the parable about the dishonest steward is use money to do good, don't just think of yourselves.

What is the Church all about? The dishonest steward even if he only had a worldly outlook wanted to secure for himself a home. The Church is all about inviting people to be part of God's family and treating everyone with dignity. The Society of St Vincent De Paul helps everyone and doesn't give out charitable aid as a means to gain converts. *Pope Benedict in his encyclical Deus Caritas Est wrote that:* The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity.

The Church like St Teresa of Calcutta has a ministry of charity and charitable works because it sees everyone as a son and daughter of God. What benefit was there in ministering to the dying and the most vulnerable on the streets of Calcutta other than showing the love of God to most lonely and abandoned? The apostolate of the missionaries of charity is not a money-making venture. If you don't go to the effort of finding answers to deal with untrue words like, St Teresa of Calcutta only did things for others for selfish motives, they can sink in and can be incredibly undermining. Our faith is our greatest gift because it brings meaning to our lives and the lives of countless others. We must remember that faith is a gift, a light which enables us to see things from a different perspective. Sad to say the person who made such a comment a negative comment may unfortunately have only ever known love from a utilitarian point of view in which people are only valued for the benefit they can give to someone else. We pray that such people may be able to see others from the light of Faith to both see and experience that everyone has intrinsic value because they are made in the image and likeness of God.

Father Darren Howie
Parish Priest
St. Joseph's Parish
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18th September, 2022