

# ST JOSEPH'S ✠ ST MONICA'S SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

CLUSTER OF PARISHES

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We gather, pray, and celebrate on the traditional land  
of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our parishes are committed to child safety. All children and young people who come to our parishes have a right to feel and be safe. The welfare of the children and young people in our care will always be our first priority and we have a zero tolerance of child abuse.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A: 20TH AUGUST 2023

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### PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Sincere thanks to all our Cathedral Cluster parishioners who supported Project Compassion 2023. Across the Sandhurst Diocese \$512,000 was raised. In our cluster parishes \$10,900 was raised. A great result!

### PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

Cathedral \$758.30 - St Monica's \$364.45 - St Joseph's \$160.00

Sincere thankyou to all for your generosity.

### RCIA: A JOURNEY INTO THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S LOVE

*"...Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him..." Lk 24:31*

Have you never been baptised and wish to explore a relationship with God through the Catholic faith? Are you a baptised Christian who would like to share fully in the Catholic way of life? Are you a baptised Catholic who wish to complete your initiation into our faith community?

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Cluster of Parishes invites you to join the RCIA Journey. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an opportunity to enter fully into a relationship with God through the Catholic community. It is a process of opening one's eyes to see how God has been actively moving and caring and loving in all of one's life events and experiences.

We have two "Come and See" sessions for those interested: **Tuesday, 12 September and Thursday, 14 September, 7:30 pm at the Cathedral Presbytery, 66 Short Street, Bendigo.** If you wish to know more, please contact the Parish Office by phone 5443 4400 or email [cathedral@cdos.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cdos.org.au). Alternatively, you may email Fr DJ at [dj.suguitan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:dj.suguitan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

**MORNING TEA AT ST JOSEPH'S HALL AT 11AM ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION**

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the season of creation with morning tea and an informal discussion on Pope Francis' famous encyclical letter on the environment and the care of our common home, the earth and how we can help in our own lives.

*"Let Justice and Peace Flow"*

For further information please contact Vyonne McLelland-Howe on 0408 414036

**Third Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council Meeting:**

The Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council will conduct their third meeting on 25 & 26 August 2023. Please pray for the Council using the following Prayer for the Mission and Pastoral Council.

*We turn to Mary, our Mother of Good Counsel and patroness of our Diocese, as we seek to become a more missionary and pastoral Church: people of faith, hope and love for our world.*

*May we be led by the same wisdom and courage sent by the Holy Spirit to guide her along unfamiliar paths and through challenging decisions.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!*

**CCR SANDHURST:**

You are invited to "Living in the Holy Spirit", guest presenter is author Adrian Commadeur. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 start 9am to 4pm, at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, Knight Street Shepparton Shared lunch, tea and coffee provided.

For more information contact Brigita Hore 0412 042 196 or Denise Ilott 0407506813.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS: SEMESTER 2 2023**

Designed to support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst.

Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2023?

Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne

50% of the tuition fees will be reimbursed (full cost: credit \$2,882, audit \$650).

You may study for credit towards a Master's degree/Graduate certificate/Graduate diploma or for audit.

If you have not studied at a tertiary level before you can take advantage of the "Professional Attainment" pathway.

Also available for Semester 2 2023 CPE opportunities in Shepparton and Bendigo.

Please see attached document for details on course offerings.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—ST MONICA'S SCHOOL**

We have 15 students receiving the sacrament this year. As this is a school program all students in year 3/4 will participate in the lessons and learn about reconciliation, about how the choices we make can break relationships with one another and with God and that forgiveness can be given and received by and from each other and God in order to heal these relationships.

These are the remaining important dates for those receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and anyone wishing to support them.

**Tuesday 22nd August**

Reconciliation 6.00pm - St Monica's Church.

**CATHEDRAL VISITORS**

Our beautiful Cathedral continues to attract a steady stream of visitors, apart from those who worship here.

Over the past twelve months we have welcomed some 23,700 visitors.

Our volunteer guardians make this possible. These visitors came from 62 different nationalities.

We need more volunteer guardians to keep the Cathedral open.

**If you are interested in becoming a guardian, please contact the Parish Office.**

### CHANGES TO MASS ROSTER

There will be no 6pm Mass at St Joseph's Quarry Hill on Tuesday 22nd August.

### St Monica's Footy Tipping

#### Progressive Scores up until Round 22

136	B White	113	M Williams
135	B Pelly	112	P Fitzpatrick
133	O Friswell, S Rodda	111	D McMahon
131	P McGrath	110	M & K White
130	B & K Friswell	109	C Polinelli
129	A Walker	107	M Wilson
128	J McMahon, H White	106	A Clancey, G Muller
124	M Verbeek, R Wilson	105	M Friswell
122	E McGrath, B O'Connor	101	R & J Murphy
120	Carol Friswell, M Friswell, K & O Rooke	102	C McHugh
119	Fr DJ, J Friswell, H White	99	Cara Friswell
117	G Britten, R & T Spurling, B Walker	98	L Eeles
116	S Wiegard	97	C Conforti
115	R Slywka		
114	J & K Campbell, M Purcell		

### SANDHURST LAUNCH OF SEASON OF CREATION

You're all invited to come and celebrate our Care for Creation at Notley Picnic Ground, Whipstick Forest, Bendigo on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, beginning with **Mass at 11am** celebrated by Bishop Shane followed by **Picnic Lunch**.

BYO chairs encouraged although some seating available. Sausage sizzle provided or BYO lunch if preferred.

BYO hot/cold drinks; BYO water bottles – water on site. **EVERYONE** is invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful venue. It's also the first day of spring and National Wattle Day! RSVP not essential but if you & friends are coming then letting us know by texting 0408 579 904 would be helpful.

	CATHEDRAL— 27TH AUGUST 2023		ST MONICA'S— 26TH/27TH AUGUST 2023		ST JOSEPH'S 26TH AUGUST
	8.30AM	11.00AM	SAT 6PM	SUNDAY 9AM	SAT 6PM
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>			Volunteer please	B White	B Brindle
<b>READER 1</b>	K Dullard	V Novabos	P Adams	J Harrison	M Pianta
<b>READER 2</b>	M Flynn	J Russell			
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>M Lomas</b>	<b>B Lougoon</b>	A Clancey	R Tickell	Volunteer Please
	M Murphy	A Wood			
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	M O'Brien	Whitehouse Family	Volunteer please	E & P Murphy	
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Aug 26th/Sept 2nd Team 1 (Names on roster)		Aug 26th/27th — T Armstrong, A Clancey		

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISHES WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

Pam Wright, Tess Dockter, Gary Muller, Carmel Moon, Mary Mooney, Roma O'Shannessy, Gerald Kavanagh, Glenda Waddington, Mathew Craine, John Mangan, Bruno Zausa, Hall Family, Matthew Turner, Theresa Cain, Judy Gaffee, Maureen O'Keefe, Elaine Kelly, Rose Capicchiano, Audrey Drechsler, John Whelan, Kath Munari, April Twyford, Ben Castles, Kay Ross, Eric Moore, Audrey Hope, Brendan Drechsler, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Bonham, Cath Polinelli.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED: BRIAN WALSH, JOAN STEVENSON

#### ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Fr Terry O'Neill ofm, Sr Mary Ryan RSM, Sr Mary Farrell RSM, Sr Mildred O'Brien RSM, Sr Mary Collette Aloysius PCC, Frank Gerber, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Lyn Gane, Terence Carr, Eileen Denton, Patrick Fagan, Joseph Conway, Jarrod Crimmins — Gladys Taylor, Lilian McMahon, Mary McMahon, Vera Fitzpatrick, Kath Valli, Maisie Donald, Vin Ryan, Jim Kennedy, Glenice O'Bryan, Joan Pianto, Mary Hyland — John Fitt, John McInerney, Margaret Gallagher, Clinton Fitzpatrick, Millie Brady, Una Rankin.

## READINGS OF THE DAY

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 56:1.6-7**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

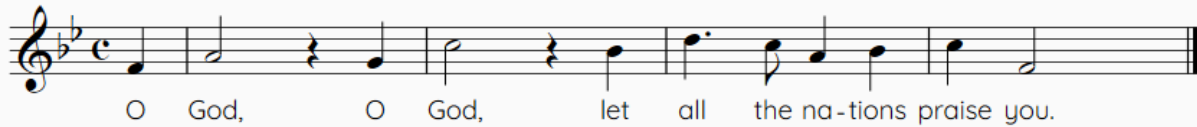
Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** **Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8**

ICEL

J. Robert Carroll (1927-1986)



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### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:** 1st Reading: Is 22:19-23 2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36 Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

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