

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

CLUSTER OF PARISHES

www.bendigocathedralcluster.com.au

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.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A: 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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THIS SUNDAY IS 'WORLD MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY'.

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 placed an additional **"Come and See" session** for those who are still interested: **Tuesday 3rd Oct, 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.
Alternatively, you may email Fr DJ at dj.suguitan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

MARIAN FESTIVAL AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL,

15TH OCTOBER 2023

Please join us on October 15th at the Annual Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust our diocese, our nation and the world to the protection of her Immaculate Heart.

The Festival will be led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, beginning with Mass at 11am and continuing with devotions throughout the afternoon. For more information go to

www.bendigofatima.com or call Wilma on 03 5439 6283



DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH:

September is Dementia Awareness Month. Dementia symptoms, including memory loss, are caused by diminished brain function, often because of an accumulation of protein in the brain.

Many people continue to live well after their diagnosis, but often feel isolated because of the stigma and discrimination. The theme for Dementia Action Week (Sept. 18-24) is "A little support makes a big difference".

To find more about small, practical ways in which you can make a difference, visit <https://discrimination.dementia.org.au/>

Dementia impacts people in different ways. Help keep the world open for people living with dementia, not just during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, but every day. discrimination.dementia.org.au

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator. Diocese of Sandhurst.

"Changing Places":

Across Australia, 259 "Changing Places" are available to people who have their own key. These very large toilet facilities allow people with high support needs to access them when required. Within our Diocese we have such facilities in Bendigo, Echuca, Kerang, Shepparton and Yarrawonga. Location information and more details can be found in Sandpiper eNews this week.

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SANDHURST FORMATION FOR MISSION –CARRYING FORWARD THE PLENARY COUNCIL:

DECREE THREE 'CALLED BY CHRIST-SENT FORTH AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES'

The third decree of the Fifth Plenary Council is a challenging but joyful reminder to all Catholics of the mission that has been entrusted to them through their Baptism. As disciples of Christ, the baptised are called to give loving attention to our world – marked by both sin and grace – to prayerfully read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel, to seek to grasp the meaning of human strivings and to discern God's will under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* nn. 3-4, 11).

Please join Dr Chris Cotter and Leslie Cooper from the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life, as we explore this topic. All welcome, please sign up via trybooking.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLRIM>



Contact Leslie Cooper Leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for further questions.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RETREAT

Wednesday 27th September 2023.

The CWL will conduct a Retreat at St Liborius, Eaglehawk, on Wednesday, 27th September, commencing with Mass at 10.00am. The program will continue with prayers and talks, finishing at approximately 3.00pm.

Please bring your own lunch – tea and coffee will be provided.

This day of reflection is open to all women, not just CWL members and we look forward to welcoming visitors to our parish. For any further information, please contact Margaret Watson, 0423 022 087.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. See brochure on parish table.

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.

	CATHEDRAL— 1ST OCTOBER 2023			ST MONICA'S— 30TH SEPT/1ST OCT 2023		ST JOSEPH'S 30TH SEPT
	8.30AM	11.00AM	6PM	SAT 6PM	SUNDAY 9AM	SAT 6PM
COMMENTATOR				L Waddington	D McMahon	D Lawrence
READER 1	M O'Brien	R Gabriel	N Nowers	P Adams	G Bowyer	B Brindle
READER 2	Y Laventure	K Whitehouse	N Nowers			
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	K Dullard	B Lougoon	Volunteer	A Clancey	J Ritchie	C Williams
	J Parker	<u>J Hudson</u>	Volunteer			
OFFERTORY	M Gobbie	K Oviedo	Volunteer	B & M Cockerall	D & R Buchanan	
ALTAR SOCIETY	Oct 7th/14th Team 4 (Names on roster)			Sept 30th/Oct 1st — M Evans, C Britten		

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, Audrey Hope, Brendan Drechsler, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Bonham, Cath Polinelli, Irene O'Dea.

RECENTLY DECEASED: LEN WARREN

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sr Agnes Connellan RSM, Trevor Marchioni, Edward & Molly Brown, Eva Helm, Olive Halfhide, Gerald Crennan, Jack Suffern, Patrick Goggin, Michael Field, Margaret Rogers, Eve Purvis — Sylvia McCarthy, Frank Mackay, Catherine Innes, Dorothy Joseph, Ted Rankins, Joseph Kirby, Donald Stevens, Phillis Harrington, Ivan Stumberger, Nell Harris, Edna Acorda, Janine Pavletich, Teresa Loughnan, Percy Worsnop, Lucy Geary, Con Burke, Helena Whitmore— Phyllis Petersen, John Hylands, Pauline Wilkinson, Jack Wilton, James Mannix, Mary Kelly, Kathleen Monro, James O'Sullivan, Lila Lawrence, Maud Drozd, Gertrude McCarthy, Mary Hogan, Britta Adams, Jane Ryan, Thomas Drechsler, Mary Martin.

READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

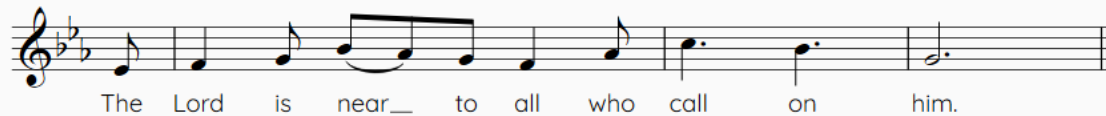
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9. 17-18 R. v. 18

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SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: 1st Reading: Ezek 18:25-28 2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11 Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

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