

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

CLUSTER OF PARISHES

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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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR A: 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

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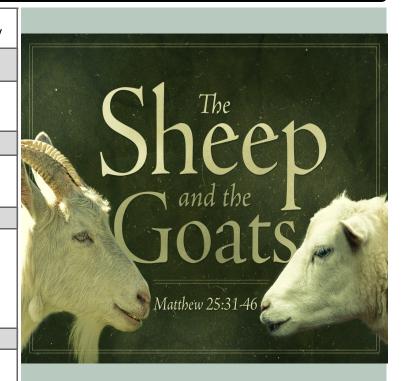
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Organist/Director of Music: Paul Taylor Organist: Thomas Heywood Organ Scholar: Hugo Hess Cantors: Anne Begg, Joanne Bonazza, Brendan Egan, Sarah Gould. Cathedral Choir Membership Enquiries: Email: paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Chris Quinn, Maree Ellis

Pastoral Associate: St Joseph's Q/H, St Monica's K/F Mr Andrew Howe



MASS CANCELLATION

Cathedral - Wednesday 29th Nov 8am.

EUCHARIST ADORATION AND PRAYER PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

During the Advent season, in preparation for our celebration of the Saviour's birth, we will have an hour of prayer and reflection in Sacred Heart Cathedral each Thursday evening in December. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for personal and communal prayer.

Thursday evenings 5.15pm - 6.15pm December 7th, 14th and 21st in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Advent Season

In preparation for the celebration of the Saviour's birth, and during the Advent Season, a reflection day of prayer will be held @ St Joseph's, Quarry Hill on Tuesday 12th December, 10am-3pm, incorporating talks, celebration of Eucharist, opportunities for quiet prayer.

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All Cathedral cluster parishioners welcome.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS (2024)

The Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit new members in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and scholarships to the value of \$1,200 per year are available for successful applicants from Catholic schools in the Bendigo region. The famous saying: "those that sing, pray twice" is attributed to St Augustine of Hippo (c. 354-430), a famous Father of the Church who is honoured in the Cathedral's daily Mass chapel and rear stained glass window. Promoting and supporting the choir's membership is a powerful way to help choristers and congregations enter into the spirit and mystery of the Church's liturgy and prayer. Auditions will be held on **Sunday 17 December 2023** and on **Sunday 28 January 2024** after the 11am Mass in the Cathedral Choir Room. Enquiries: **paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au**

Sacred Heart Cluster Social Luncheon

The SHC cluster luncheon is a week earlier 14th December 2023. West Bendigo Stadium, Inglis St @ 12 Noon - Please contact Suzanne by the 12th December for bookings to avoid disappoint being Christmas season. Suzanne's phone 0435 836 812.

"THE LETTER"

Pope Francis' documentary, a call to action on climate change 28th November at 7.30pm, at St Joseph's Hall, Quarry Hill

On 4th October 2022, on the Feast of St Francis' of Assisi the documentary "The Letter" premiered. The Film tells the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical by Pope Francis. Millions of people worldwide have viewed this film. It is a wake-up call to us all.

Pope Francis makes it clear, with world leaders that something must be done urgently to protect the environment for our children and future generations.

Expert scientists estimate that by 2050 some 1.2 billion people will be displaced globally due to climate change and this has already begun. Climate refugees are a reality.

Parishioners are invited to view the film at Quarry Hill Hall, 28 November at 7.30pm.

2023 Knox Public Lecture
Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pmImage: Comparison of the comparison

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS: SEMESTER 1 2024

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 2024? 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.

Scholarships are also available for the year-long *Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program* at Heart of Life, Melbourne (50% of full cost reimbursed: full cost \$9,816 with tertiary credit). (According to the Heart of Life website the program is closed, however positions are still available for parishioners in the Sandhurst diocese.) Please see attached document for details on course offerings.

ST JOSEPH'S, VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL GIVING TREE

This year the families that Saint Vincent De Paul are supporting will be receiving vouchers to help them meet their Christmas needs – to support this aim you are invited to take an envelope from the Christmas Giving Tree at the church entrance and return either a voucher or cash donation by Saturday December 3rd. Thank you for your consideration.

CARITAS SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY with Gaza & the Holy Land & PETITION

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join us: **Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5pm.** Everyone is welcome. Prior registration necessary at https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg. In support of Caritas Internationalis' call for an immediate ceasefire and increased humanitarian assistance, Caritas Australia has started a **PETITION** to Foreign Minister, Penny Wong which is available for signing at <u>Caritas Australia</u>

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR SOFT PLASTICS?

The Cluster's "Care for Creation Group" has listened to Pope Francis' call to action to protect our environment by launching an initiative to deposit soft plastics in a receptacle at St Joseph's church in Quarry Hill.

The group identified that many people are having difficulty in transporting their soft plastics out to the various transfer stations across the City of Greater Bendigo, so the group managed to obtain receptacles for people from Sacred Heart, St Monica's and St Joseph's to deposit their **soft plastics only.** One of those receptacles is now in place in the courtyard at St Joseph's church in Quarry Hill. The soft plastics will then be transported by a volunteer to a transfer station.

This is a trial only and it would be appreciated if people ensure that only **soft plastics** are placed in the receptacle. **Soft plastic: Use the "scrunch test" – if you can scrunch the soft plastic into a ball it can go in the St Joseph's receptacle** Then come along to our next meeting: Bring your ideas on how to care for creation and heed the Pope's call to action. Learn about our native wildlife and how to protect them in this changing climate. Find out what is happening to those soft plastics that you are depositing. Learn alternatives to using plastic.

Next meeting is on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 11am at St Joseph's. For further information phone Vyonne McLelland-Howe on 0408 414 036

	CATHEDRAL— 3RD DECEMBER 2023			ST MONICA'S— 2ND/3RD DEC 2023		ST JOSEPH'S 2ND DEC
	8.30AM	11.00AM	6PM	SAT 6PM	SUNDAY 9AM	SAT 6PM
COMMENTATOR				J Conforti	Volunteer Please	M Goggin
Reader 1	M Flynn	L Van Emmerik	N Nowers	K Wayers	P Spurling	B Brewer
Reader 2	K Massam	F Mills	N Nowers			
Eucharistic Minister	J Parker	P Andiyani	Volunteer	K Rooke	P Adams	J Cowling
	Y Laventure	<u>K Whitehouse</u>	Volunteer			
OFFERTORY	R Wour R Walukow	R Gabriel	Volunteer	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	
Altar Society	Nov 18th/25th Team 3 Names on roster)			Dec 2nd/3rd C Friswell, M Trigg		

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, Bob Hayden, Lauren Horton, Malcolm Connolly, Lyn Wright.

<u>RECENTLY DECEASED</u>: URSULA (EILEEN) REILLY

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Mgr Gerald Moylan, Mgr David Murphy, Lillian Egan, Cecil Ferrari, Norelle Hamilton, Tom Pedretti, Jack Griffin, Robert Martell, Elsie Flanagan, Amado Mendoza, Gordon McKern Bertie Walker — Edward Mooney, Alec Worsley, Ken Fitt, Julia Porter, Alice Burke, Ron Fitzpatrick, Francis Bannan, George Hunt, John Bullock, Peter Kirby, Kerry Garro, Isabel Patullo, John Hope, Anne O'Donnell, Mary Carroll, David McKeogh, Charles Wilson, Bob Brown, Alice Benson, Ula Kavanagh, Bridget O'Donnell, Walter Stanley, Maurice Fiset — Louis Costa, Edna Coppock, Helen Cahill, James Hearn, Florence Pentland, Eileen Ryan, Horace Lansell, Bernie Curran, Ethel Ryan, Wayne Hearn, Muriel Fox, Eileen Dickson, Nellie Weigard, Alma Waldron, Marga McEvoy.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view.

I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will

pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd there is noting I shall want.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: 1st Reading: 1s 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 3-9 Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

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