



St Liborius Parish

St Augustine's (Myers Flat), St Stephen's (Raywood)

Communities
Growing
Together

VISION: We, the St Liborius parish Community, seek to support each other in growing together in faith and sharing this faith with the wider community.

6TH AUGUST, 2017 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

MIRACLE OF GENEROSITY

Giving is at the heart of the Gospel. Basically, there are two kinds of giving. One is when the giver gives what he/she can live without. This kind of giving doesn't really hurt. But there is another kind of giving that does hurt, namely, when the gift is as desperately needed by the giver as by the receiver. Here a real sacrifice is involved.

Mother Teresa gives an example of the second kind of giving. Once she came across a Hindu family that hadn't eaten for days. She took a small quantity of rice and gave it to the family. What happened next surprised her.

Without a moment's hesitation, the mother of the family divided the rice into two halves. Then she took one half of it to the family next-door, which happened to be a Moslem family.

Seeing this, Mother Teresa said to her, "How much will you have left over? Aren't there enough of yourselves?"

"But they haven't eaten for days either," the woman replied.

Generosity such as that humbles us.

There are a number of examples of this kind of generosity in the world. The miracle of feeding 5,000 was made possible by the gift of 5 loaves and 2 fish. According to St John it was a small boy who made that gift. It was a small thing in itself, but for the little boy it was a big thing because it was all he had.

Then there is the marvellous generosity of Jesus. To appreciate this we need to consider the circumstances of the miracle. He had just learnt that his cousin, John, had been murdered. He needed peace and quiet. That is why he and the apostles crossed to the far side of the lake. But when he stepped out of the boat he found a throng of people waiting for him. He might have gotten angry and sent them away. Instead, he had compassion on them and gave himself completely to them.

Finally there is the marvellous generosity with which he fed them. Each got as much as he wanted, and even so there were 12 baskets of leftovers.

The story of the feeding of the multitude was treasured by the early Christians. It is the only miracle that is contained in all four Gospels. Why was it so treasured? Because it recalled the Old Testament story of God's people being fed by manna in the desert. The early Christians came to regard Jesus as the new Moses who feeds his people in the desert.

They also saw in this feeding a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. At the table of the Eucharist Jesus nourished them with something greater than the manna. The manna sustained life temporarily. The food of the Eucharist sustains life eternally.

And it is at the table of the Eucharist that Jesus nourishes us now. Only at God's table can we get the nourishment our hearts are longing for. In the Eucharist we are nourished with the Word of God and the bread of eternal life.

As the people went back to their homes at the end of that day they knew they had experienced the goodness and love of God - that love Paul talks about, a love from which nothing can separate us.

In the Eucharist we taste the love of God. The proof that we have

experienced that love will be our willingness to share it with others. It is not so much about giving things. It is more about giving of ourselves, of our time, and our gifts. We may be able to give only in small ways and in small amounts. However, from the little boy, we see that a small amount can become a big amount when placed in the hands of the Lord.

THE MEANING OF TRANSFIGURATION

The story of the transfiguration is a beautiful story. But how are we to understand it? Like the story of Jesus's temptations, it is a contrived story. Therefore, we don't have to take it literally.

That's not to say that nothing happened on the mountain. Something did happen, because years later Peter still remembered it and wrote in one of his letters: "We were eyewitnesses of his glory on the mount."

We are told that the setting was a mountaintop. In biblical tradition a mountain is a place of encounter with God.

On the mountain Jesus was flanked by Moses and Elijah. Moses and Elijah are two of the most important figures in the Old Testament. Moses represents the Law: Elijah the prophets. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the Law and the prophets to fulfilment. In other words, he is the Messiah.

Then a cloud overshadows them. The cloud is the symbol of the presence of God, who cannot be seen by human eyes. And a voice from heaven declares something greater still about Jesus, namely, that he is God's Son. Here we have the full identity of Jesus: he is both Messiah and Son of God.

What happened on the mount came at a crucial moment in the life of Jesus - at the start of his journey to Jerusalem. He knew the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem - the same fate that had befallen many of the prophets namely a violent death. The experience confirmed him in the course he had taken. It was comforting to know that the road he was travelling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah.

And he was boosted when he heard again the words of affirmation that he had heard at his Baptism, assuring him that he enjoyed the Father's favour. And thus he was able to face the ordeal ahead.

What significance has the story for us? We too are journeying towards Jerusalem. And we too can have moments of transfiguration - rare moments of light and joy. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come.

And at times we too can hear a voice whispering to us in our hearts: "You are my beloved son", or "You are my beloved daughter." And, like Jesus, we are reassured and strengthened. And so we are able to face the future with confidence.

It is also comforting to know that the road we are travelling is marked by the feet of countless holy people as well as the feet of Jesus himself.

New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy SDB

Pope Francis Tweets...

We effectively do good when we do it without seeking reward and in the concrete situations of everyday life.
1st August



Artists

Papal Prayer Intentions for August 2017

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.

Alleluia!

The Word Today

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week's Readings

Kings 19:9,11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all Nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church,

We implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Pray for our seminarians: Dean Klayford Bongat, Adi Indra, Jackson Saunders, Nathan Verallo & DJ Suguitan.

With St Liborius, St Stephen & St Augustine, let us be a spiritual benefactor to each other in prayer, especially for the health and well-being of:

Ted Verryt,	Patricia Schultz,	Maureen O'Keefe,
Mary Furlong,	Marie Casey,	Christine Longmire
Russell Milikins,	Teresa Brandreth,	Bert Youla
Bryan Keogh,	Marianne Cuskelly,	Patricia Ennor
Zoey Lovejoy,	Mary McAdam,	Alan Surplice
Gerald Smith,	John Haugh	Charles Naughton
Len Fitzgerald	Yvonne Holland	Bert & Angelini
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ST LIBORIUS CONFIRMATION/EUCHARIST

We wish to thank Bishop Les Tomlinson who will be officiating this weekend (5/6 August) the Confirmation/Eucharist Sacraments for our students who are involved in our Sacramental program at St Liborius. And we thank all those involved in the preparation of the students for this wonderful occasion.



In faith and hope let us pray for those who have gone before us and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Recently Deceased: Henry O'Brien (Ossie's brother)

Anniversaries:

Fred Purcell	Marie Smith,	Jack McMahan,
Sylvester Cooper,	Carlo Petrovich,	Frances Toy,
Dennis Ryan,	Thelma Doyle,	Agnes Buckner,
William Smith,	Zelda O'Shea,	Gloria Kallasmae,
Joan Evans,	Alan McCashney,	Vera Harrington,
Mary Phair,	Paul Murray,	Hilda Brown,
Francina Rijken,	William Richards,	James Naughton

May they rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.

PARISH MATTERS

As we gather to worship, we acknowledge the Traditional owners and custodians of this land- the Jaara Country we are standing on- the Jaara people of the Dja Dja Wurrung community and their forebears who have been custodians of this land for centuries.

ST LIBORIUS 150TH CELEBRATIONS

The first major fundraiser will be held at the Bendigo Sports Centre for dinner on **Thursday 7th September at 6pm**. Please give your name to Elizabeth McDermott or the Parish Office. We require a minimum of 20 people attending. Please promote this event as it is a means of us coming together as a community to enjoy each others company. In the past 18 months we have hosted one of these events and raised \$400+ just by having dinner together.



150th Celebrations Committee

STELLA ANDERSON

Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm a Mass is celebrated at Stella Anderson Retirement Home, 26 Gibson St, North Bendigo. All parishioners and friends are welcome to celebrate the Mass with the patients at the home. Your attendance would be definitely appreciate by the patients. Thank you. Co-ordinator Sandie Westaway 0438 557 848

FEAST OF ST CLARE

On St Clare's feast day, **11th August**, members of the Catholic Women's League will visit the Poor Clare Sisters in Kennington. It is customary for us to have afternoon tea with them and give them a donation. If anyone would like to come with us or give a donation please contact Mary Haugh 54467049 or Maureen Bourke 54468821.

FATIMA CENTENARY 1916-17

On **Sunday October 8th** Bishop Leslie Tomlinson and the Sandhurst Diocese will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima which occurred on October 13th. This culminated with the astounding miracle of the sun. All are cordially invited to join in the celebration commencing with 11.00am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo. The Guest speaker will be Fr Paschal Corby OFM

VOCATIONS WEEK

It is a time when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and when we recognise the lives of priests and religious sisters and brothers, both past and present. Let us also pray for our seminarians.

When: Monday August 7th August to Friday 11th

Where: Poor Clares Monastery, 18 Edwards Rd Kennington,

Time: following the 8.00 am Mass, There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers, concluding with Benediction at 10.30 am. You are warmly invited to come along and pray that "The Lord of the harvest sends labourers into His harvest." Mt 9:38 Serra International Bendigo branch.

TRANSITUS OF ST. CLARE

The Transitus of St. Clare will be held

When: Thursday 10 August

Where: the Poor Clare Monastery, Edwards Road, Kennington,

Time: starting at 7.30pm.

The invitation is open to all. A light supper, in company with the Sisters, will be provided at the conclusion. A plate would be most welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE AND RESPECT AT THE END OF LIFE

Catholics of Victoria are invited to offer prayer on

When: Sunday 6 August

Promoting "No" vote for the proposed assisted suicide bill. Rosary, prayer and Benediction will be held on Sunday 6 August at the Poor Clare Monastery 18-20 Edwards Road, Kennington from 5pm and Benediction at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Rosters for Lectors, Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to be picked up from the back of the church.

BENDIGO & DIOCESAN MATTERS

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY INC.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul are having a Festival Meeting at St Kilian's Church.

When: Friday August 25th

Guest Speaker from Cotton On Foundation recently returned from Uganda commencing 9:45am and concluding with 12:10pm Mass. All welcome. RSVP to 0419 324 097 for catering purposes.

SANDHURST DIOCESAN LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE & PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA

Invite you to their day of Browsing and Shopping. Julie from Pauline Books and Media will visit with a wide selection of resources for your spiritual wellbeing. This includes a vast range of books, music, CDs, DVDs, and audio talks. This great opportunity is not to be missed and may save you a trip to Melbourne.

At the Library Learning Centre - 181 McCrae Street Bendigo.

When: THURSDAY 17th AUGUST

Time: 8:30am - 4:00 pm

For further information ring The Library Learning Centre (Jenni & Jan) 54426108 Or Julie at Pauline Books and Media 98823424

'WHY IS THAT BOOK IN THE BIBLE?'

When: Tuesday August 22,

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Where: De Campo Hall, 120 Hargreaves St, BENDIGO.
Fr Brian will look at issues about inspiration, the canon of Scripture, and why some books are in the Bible and other similar books are not. Fr Brian Boyle is Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Sandhurst Diocese and lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. RSVP: E: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au 'Ph: (03) 5441 2544 No Cost.

APOSTOLATE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions.

The World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima invites all parishioners of Bendigo to the following regular devotions:

First Friday: Poor Clares monastery
from 8.00am Mass until 10.30am,

including Rosaries, Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Eucharistic Adoration.

First Saturday: Holy Rosary Church, White Hills,
from 9.00am Mass to 10.30am,

including Rosaries and meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and concluding with Benediction.

Come to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to bring about the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart and world peace.

Youth Corner

STRONGER RALLY!

You're invited to the next Stronger Rally!!
Join over 150 other young people for a night of praise and worship with Fr Rob Galea and the Stronger Band, games, dinner, Adoration and so much more!

Who: Year 7's - young adults.

Where: St Mel's School hall, Shepparton

Date: Friday August 18th

Time: 6-9pm

For more information contact Danielle at
Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

STRONGER RETREAT - REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Registrations for the 2017 Stronger Retreat are now open on strongeryouth.com. Register now if you're 13-26 years old to join 130 other young people from our diocese having fun, growing in discipleship and learning about your faith with our keynote speakers Fr Rob Galea, Fr Dan Serratore and Sr Bernadette Toohey!

When: September 15-17

Venue: Kyneton

Cost: \$165 Registrations are now open at strongeryouth.com. Transport may be available.



ST LIBORIUS LITURGY MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd August, 2017

A meeting was held with representatives of various groups within the parish with the aim of enhancing the practice of the faith within our parish. Father Antony led us in a prayer then explained his vision for liturgy for our parish. He said that liturgy is not limited to the celebration of Mass, but includes the efforts of various groups such as those who prepare the flowers and altar, Singers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Welcomers, those who take Communion to parishioners etc. Discussion then centred on how these various groups can be assisted:

Readers: The number of readers available, particularly on Sunday mornings, has decreased and more are needed to fill the roster. Alternatively, the current readers may be asked to read more often.

Eucharistic Ministers: Father Antony will provide training for the current Eucharistic Ministers and for any new parishioners who may take on this ministry. The training will commence in October and by then we hope to enlist some extra parishioners to add to this important ministry.

Singers: Currently, there is a lack of singers at our Masses, but all agreed that music was essential to the celebration of Mass. It was agreed that the tapes played on Saturday nights were a good substitute although new hymns need to be played regularly to enable parishioners to learn them.

Communion Rounds: Father Antony regularly celebrates Mass at Stella Anderson/Joan Pinder nursing home. It was suggested that parishioners may also like to attend the Mass to increase the congregation and to allow the residents to feel part of the parish. Father Antony will ensure the Mass time is advertised on the bulletin to alert parishioners to attend.

Preparation for weekend Masses: One parishioner regularly sets up for Mass on a Saturday evening and another puts everything away again afterwards, but there is no such arrangement for the Sunday Mass and it is often left to one parishioner to carry out both these tasks each week. Regular Sunday Mass attenders will be asked to go onto a roster to help with these tasks.

Altar decorations: Father asked whether parishioners were in favour of the decorations made on the sanctuary on various feast days such as Pentecost. These have included decorative altar cloths, lights and extra flowers. At the meeting, the majority approved of these, but the opinion of the wider parish was not known.

Regular Adoration: This was discussed and it was decided to trial a 6.00pm Mass on the first Friday of the month, followed by Adoration. This will commence when the warmer weather comes and will be advertised on the bulletin.

Funerals: Currently, Father visits all bereaved families at the time of a death, but he would like parishioners to call on the families in the weeks following the funeral. It was suggested that a parish visiting group be formed for this purpose. This suggestion will be added to the next agenda of the Parish Pastoral Team.

RCIA, RCIC: Preparation of children for 1st Communion and Confirmation often brought requests from parents or other school children to participate in the RCIA or RCIC programs. If that happens this year, parishioners may be asked to assist the RCIA team.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 4th October.**

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8.15pm.

ST LIBORIUS SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Liborius,
Last week our staff leadership team had the privilege of visiting St Francis of Assisi in Wodonga and witness the transformation that has taken place in the past 3 years as they have transitioned from a P-8 school to P-6, developed their whole school Walker Learning pedagogy and renamed and reframed their whole school community. Major changes in a short period of time. Thank you to our Leadership team for giving up their time to venture to Wodonga. This week we welcome Anthony Milne, a past student and brother to Stephanie Pavilach. Anthony will work in the junior area for the week.

A big congratulations needs to go out to our students who entered the Bendigo Writer's festival. They have done really well. We welcome Rachel Nightingale into our school on Friday. Rachel is an author and she is coming to talk to the year 5/6 students. All the very best to the Sacramental children who celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist on the weekend. Miss Webster and Mrs Webb have done a fantastic job on the Sacramental Team, committing Tuesday evenings to meetings and leading the children on their faith journey. This week St Liborius students will make cards for the sacramental children. We encourage all of our school community to attend a Mass this weekend and help celebrate this achievement.

Have a great week

Frank Dullard - Principal

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Secretary: Louise O'Connor

Chaplain: Louise Trehwella

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Parish Pastoral Team

Ex-Officio: Fr Antony Joseph, Frank Dullard, Michael Nolan, John Pallotta, *Members:* Tracey Cole, Chris O'Brien, Margaret Watson, Brian Bourke, Anne Maree Holden.

Parish Finance Team

John Pallotta, Matthew House, Kathy Taylor, Tracey Cole.

Parish Priest Consultant Team:

Margaret Watson, John Pallotta, Tracey Cole, Michael Nolan.

Planned Giving David Trewarne

Parish Liturgy Team Mary Haugh, Elizabeth McDermott, Maureen Bourke.

Parish Loss & Grief Team

Elizabeth McDermott, Jane Bretherton, Patricia Angelini, Joan Noonan, Cathy Mitchell, Tricia Blanks, Eilis Whelan

Parish Sacramental Team Denise Webb, Jenny Chirgwin, Holly Webster, Claire Flood & Trish Blanks

Catholic Women's League

Mary Haugh, Maureen Bourke

Legion of Mary Anne O'Brien

RCIA Team Tricia Blanks, Brian Bourke, Maureen Bourke, Anne-Maree Holden

Tuesday Communion Round

Co-ordinator: Sandie Westaway

Friday Communion Round

Co-ordinator: Liz McDermott

KSC Community Welfare Project

Brian Bourke: 5446 8821

R.S.J. Margaret Tobias

Caritas Project Compassion Brian Bourke

Children's Liturgy Denise Webb & Natalie Duane (1st and 3rd Sunday of month)

God Start Anne O'Brien

Piety Stall Michael O'Dea, Anne O'Brien

Child Safety Brian Bourke

St Vincent de Paul: 54462585

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY

Wise Eaters

Every Monday at 9.30am.

Walk N Talk

Every Tuesday at 9.30am.

Brunch Kitchen

Every Tuesday at 11.30am (exc school holidays)

Parish Sacramental Team

Every Tuesday at 7.00pm

Mothers Prayer

Every Friday 10.00am till 11.00

MONTHLY

Secular Franciscans

Every 2nd Mon of the month at 7.30pm.

Liturgy Meeting

Every 1st Tue of the month at 1.30pm.

Parish Finance Team Meeting

Quarterly at 7.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Team Meeting

Quarterly at 7.30pm.

Card making

Every 2nd Wed of the month at 1.30pm.

Catholic Women's League

Every 4th Wed of the month at 1.30pm.

BEC Meeting - Group D

Every 1st Fri of the month at 1.30pm.

R.S.J. Meeting

3rd Wed of every 2nd month at 10.30am.

Bendigo Textile Group

Every 2nd Sun of the month at 10.00am.

Contact: Barbara Lomas 0417313760

Knights of the Southern Cross

Every 2nd Thu of the month.

Contact: Brian Bourke 5446 8821

Filipino Mass

4th Sunday of the month.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon

6pm Mass

Tues - Frid

9.15am Mass

P.S. Funeral Mass replaces the Mass of the day

Saturday

9.15am Mass

(St Augustine's Myers Flat followed by brunch)

6.00pm (Parish)

Sunday

9.00am (Raywood)

10.30am (Parish)

4.00pm Sunday School

4th Tuesday: 2pm @ Stella Anderson

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Everyday of the week 40mins prior to Mass except on Sunday.

Anointing of the sick

Please ring parish office.

Baptisms

Please call in to the parish office for a Baptism kit (\$30).

Baptism preparation is conducted on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Kilian's Parish Centre.



Bookings required. Phone 5441 6244.

Weddings

Bookings must be made at least six months prior.

Please ring parish office.

ROSTERS

Mass	Welcomers		Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
This Weekend 6.00pm	K Fitzpatrick B Bourke	1st: 2nd:	Sacramental Team	J Chirgwin P Singe
10.30am	M Gill K Taylor	1st: 2nd:	Sacramental Team	E McDermott K Waters
Next Weekend 6.00pm	A Kirkwood M Jinks	1st: 2nd:	S McGowan B O'Brien	A Trewarne A O'Brien
10.30am	M Dole D Purden	1st: 2nd:	M Tangey D Webb	P Blanks E Tuohey

What a Life!

A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding.

The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Father, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"

PLANNED GIVING — Thank You

COLLECTIONS FOR 30th July

ENVELOPES:	\$646.50
LOOSE:	\$304.20
DIRECT DEBIT:	\$280.00
TOTAL:	\$1230.70