



# 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.

**28TH MAY, 2017 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A**

## HIS WITNESSES

There is a story that says that when Jesus returned to heaven after his death and resurrection, the Archangel Gabriel was surprised to see him back so soon. Thirty-three years is not a long time, especially when you think about the enormity of the task he had been given to do.

"Back so soon?" Gabriel said to Jesus.

"Well, I would have stayed longer but they crucified me," Jesus replied.

"Oh, so they crucified you," said Gabriel. "That means you failed."

"Not necessarily," said Jesus. "You see I called together a little group of disciples. They will carry on my work."

"And what if they should fail?" asked Gabriel.

"I've no other plans," Jesus answered.

Jesus had preached the Gospel only to Israel. But now he commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations. It was a daunting task. However, he promised that he would send them the Holy Spirit. He also assured them that he himself would always be with them: "I'll be with you always; yes, to the end of time."

But how could he always be with them if he was ascending to heaven? The Ascension did not represent Jesus' removal from the earth. The Ascension was his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present whenever God is present; and that is everywhere.

Other than the promise to be with the apostles, he gave them no assurances. However, that assurance gave them the courage and strength to face whatever difficulties lay ahead.

A sense of the presence of Christ with us doesn't change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. God's closeness shields us against a sense of abandonment and despair.

In spite of the grave failings of his followers, and many terrible persecutions let loose on the Church, the Gospel has come down to us across two thousand years. The explanation for this surely lies in the promise of Jesus: "I will be with you always, to the very end of time."

Jesus now depends on us to preach the Gospel. We are his witnesses before the world. It is a daunting task but a great privilege too.

How are we to witness? The great Mahatma Gandhi said, "My life is my message." The most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. Those who truly live their faith give a powerful witness.

But we are weak and fail often. However, we must not be discouraged by our weakness or demoralised by our failures. We should draw encouragement from the words of Mother Teresa: "I don't pray for success; I pray that I may be a faithful witness."

## STORY

Lech Walesa worked for years as an electrician in the Gdansk shipyards in Poland. During those years he and his fellow workers founded the movement that became known as *Solidarity*. Walesa became its leader. This brought them into open conflict with the Communist rulers.

Eventually the Communist regime collapsed and democracy returned to Poland. On Dec 9, 1990, Walesa, the shipyard worker, was elected first president of a free and democratic Poland.

It was a great honour for Walesa. His fellow workers were delighted for him. They also felt honoured because of their association with him. But there was a sadness too. They knew that he was leaving them. His elevation to presidency would change for ever the way they related to him.

The day after his election, Walesa went back to the Gdansk shipyard. He emerged from the bulletproof Volvo that was now his official car, and went directly to his former workshop. Workers in overalls congratulated him. They expressed the hope that he would not forget them and that he would help them from his new and more influential position.

This helps us to understand something of the mystery we are celebrating today. Just as after years of humble labour and dangerous struggle, Walesa achieved the great honour of being elected president of his country, so after his years of ministry on earth, a ministry that ended in his crucifixion, Jesus was crowned with glory by his heavenly Father, and became Lord of all creation.

During the years of his public ministry Jesus ate and drank in the company of the apostles. They experienced his love and care every day. In many ways he was just like one of them. Did the ascension mean the end of all this intimacy and familiarity? Yes and no.

He would no longer be physically present to the apostles, but he hadn't left them entirely. He had simply attained to a new and more exalted position. His new and exalted position meant that he was in a better position to help his apostles.

## Pope Francis Tweets...

Dialogue allows us to plan for a future in common. Through dialogue we build peace, taking care of everyone.  
23rd May



## Papal Prayer Intentions for May 2017

Christians in Africa.

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

## Responsorial Psalm

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

## The Word Today

**Apostles 1:1-11**

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

## Next Week's Readings

**Genesis 11:1-9**

**Romans 8:22-27**

**John 7:37-39**

## 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,	Kevin Tobias,
Mary Furlong,	Marie Casey,	Maureen O'Keefe,
Russell Milikins,	Teresa Brandreth,	Christine Longmire
Bryan Keogh,	Marianne Cuskelly,	Bert Youla
Zoey Lovejoy,	Mary McAdam,	Patricia Ennor
Gerald Smith,	John Haugh	Alan Surplice
Len Fitzgerald	Yvonne Holland	Charles Naughton

### EAGLEHAWK WISE EATERS

Do you want to become healthy and maybe reduce a few kilo's? Wise Eaters is a small group that meets each week at St Liborius Parish Centre for a weigh in and a discussion about healthy living, exercise and eating. The group provides support and information to all its members. We are a very friendly group. Every one is welcome.

**Meeting Time:** Every Monday morning 9.30-10.30am

**Cost:** \$1 per week (no joining fee)

**Phone:** Christine 5434 2044 for enquiries



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

### Recently Deceased:

### Anniversaries:

Eileen Rowe,	Eileen Tyack,	Maurice Kerrins
Ita Teasdale,	Mary "Theresa" Harrison,	
Joan Fitzpatrick,	Shelia Millerd,	
Sal Ryan,	John Gray,	
Stanley Ross,	Marguerita Mahoney,	
Marie Quigg,	Anne Bourke,	
Patricia Guy,	Eileen Rooney,	
Ellen Frigerio,	Nell Wilson,	

**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.

### CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS - FROM ISLAM TO CATHOLICISM

Deng's Journey in Faith.

**When:** Sunday 28th May at 6.30pm

**Where:** St Liborius Parish Centre

**Speakers:** Deng and Fr Junjun

All Welcome Inquiries 5432 2272

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr Antony and the Parishioners would like to wish Kath Fitzpatrick a very happy birthday. She is indeed a very remarkable and much loved member of our community.

### REFLECTION

This feast shows us the goal of our earthly journey. It is a goal that defies our imagination, and that gives an eternal dimension to our lives. However, we know nothing of the mystery of the beyond.

All we have are the words of Jesus:

"Where I am, you too will be."

Lord, grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of eternal glory.

And by your unceasing care, guide our steps towards the life of glory.

### REPORT FROM PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

The inaugural meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Team minutes are now available to view on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Dear Father and Friends,

It is with a sense of sadness that I write to advise you that I have accepted Mrs Margaret Watson's resignation from her position as my Personal Assistant at the Chancery with effect from the 28th July, 2017. Margaret joined the Chancery team during the interregnum in January 2012 and Margaret has been a trusted and valued member of the team supporting the operations of the diocese and parishes.



I realise that it has been a difficult decision to leave a group of people I know Margaret has cared for and enjoyed working with over the past five and a half years. I hold Margaret in high esteem and have been very grateful for her reliability, commitment, professionalism and her many kindnesses. I know all of you will also want to convey your thanks and also your appreciation for Margaret's valued contribution as she retires to travel and spend more time with family.

I am planning to hold a Mass and luncheon suitable to Margaret's wishes on her last day commencing at 11.00am, Friday 28th July and an invitation will be issued in due course.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Les Tomlinson

## BENDIGO & DIOCESAN MATTERS

**ENROLMENTS, Year 7, 2018, Catholic College Bendigo  
NEW NAME, NEW LOOK, NEW BUILDINGS and of course  
... NEW STUDENTS.**

### PRINCIPAL'S TOURS

La Valla Campus (Years 7 - 9) at 9 am

**When: 1 June & 3 August** or call to arrange a tour.  
It's not too late to enrol for Year 7, 2018. Please contact Mrs Trish Martin, Registrar to request an enrolment form. Families who have lodged an application, but have not yet attended an interview, will be contacted in the coming weeks.  
P: 5449 3466 E: [tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au](mailto:tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au)

### CARITAS TREKKING IN SOLIDARITY

You are invited to take up the challenge and join an ultimate act of solidarity to help empower Nepalese communities. Join Caritas on the Annapurna Trail this **November** to immerse yourself in Nepal's beautiful landscape and come face to face with the people you are fundraising for. Don't imagine the impact you could have – see it for yourself as you visit Caritas supported projects. Visit:  
<https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/caritas-nepal-2017>

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF JOSEPH CARDINAL CARDIJN

July 24 is the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Joseph Cardinal Cardijn the founder of the YCW. The Movement was introduced to the Diocese via the Parish of St Kilian. It is proposed to celebrate Mass at St Kilian's.

**When: Monday July 24** at 6.00pm.  
All former NCGM/YCW members are welcome. BRING YOUR memorabilia. Some may desire to talk on or go to dinner. Ideas are welcome, but nothing is set in concrete except the Mass.  
Contact Margaret Harrison. (5443-3996) or Monsignor Frank Marriott. (5441-7980)

### APOSTOLATE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS

First Friday devotions will now take place at the Poor Clare's monastery from 8.00am Mass to 10.30am commencing on Friday 2nd June.  
First Saturday Devotions will continue at Holy Rosary Church from 9.00 to 10.00am on Saturday 3rd June with Father Peter Dell'Avio.

### VIDEO TEACHING SERIES

Fr Rob Galea has produced a series of engaging videos and lesson plans to teach faith and life issues at school, youth groups or for personal study. These are available on USB. You tube link:  
<https://youtu.be/aEZ-1dxRgXQ> and web link  
<http://www.frrobgalea.com/teachingseries>  
Contact the St Kilian's Parish Office on 5441 6244 for full details.



If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, here is a volunteering opportunity that will change your life. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months.

If you want to find out more, please contact Christine on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

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[www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## 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 Kilian's School Hall, Bendigo

**Date:** Friday June 2nd

**Time:** 6-9pm

For more information contact Danii at [Sandhurst@strongeryouth.com](mailto:Sandhurst@strongeryouth.com)

The next Young Adult 18+ Bible Study Group.

**When:** Wednesday 14th June.

**Where:** St Kilian's Youth Centre, Bendigo

**Time:** 7pm

Fr Rob Galea. This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith.

For more info please email: [stkilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:stkilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## OUR SCHOOLS

### ST LIBORIUS SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Liborius,

The Santa Fe Study Tour Group are almost all back with Louise Thewella arriving early last week, Lisa Patterson and Carmelina Scalora later in the week and Matt Shanahan is still catching rays on a beach somewhere with his family.

**Youth Mental Health Conference** - Both Vin Ryan and I attended the Youth Mental Health Conference in Melbourne last week. It covered a vast amount of brain research & development, areas for schools to change or become more competent in. It also focused on developing and increasing student resilience and well-being in the classroom and beyond.

**Jubilarians Evening** - There were 11 people from across Sandhurst, including Lisa Patterson, Damian Kerrins and myself, who were acknowledged for 25+ years of teaching and working in Catholic Education. A great night and one that all three of us appreciated.

**Annie** - Tickets for 'Annie' the Production are now available from the office. Rehearsals are coming along and the children and staff have committed a huge amount of time to the whole production.

**Fr Timothy Radcliffe** - Yesterday, along with staff from the CEO, fellow principals and a number of parishioners from across Sandhurst Diocese, I attended a day with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP. Fr Tim is a Dominican friar of the English Province and a former Master of the Order of Preachers. He is the only member of the English Province of the Dominicans to have held the office since the Order's foundation in 1216. Fr Tim spoke and answered many questions around the creativity of God and the many faces of God within our communities.

**2018 Prep Information Evening** - Thank you to all the existing families and many new parents who attended our 2018 Prep Information Evening last week. Families are encouraged to return their 2018 enrolment forms as soon as possible.  
Have a wonderful week.

*Frank Dullard - Principal*

### MARIST COLLEGE

**Assembly** - At our assembly on Wednesday our community listened to four of our Foundation students being interviewed about their new discovery playground. Peyton spoke about the chicken shed she designed which will be included in the playground. She explained that the chooks will be fed scraps from the students. Max told the students about the front entrance and the waterway that runs through the playground. Lincoln explained how the students had built models to explain what they wanted in the playground. He talked about his model with a larger tunnel for crawling through. Finally, Georgie talked about the grass shaped like a circle and how they look forward to playing on the grass.

**Paintings** - This week we have been blessed to have two large paintings visit us. The artworks by the iconographer Michael Galovic are two of a set of four paintings commissioned to mark the bicentenary of the foundation of the Marist Brothers. The paintings are traveling around all the Marist schools across Australia.

**Enrolments** - A reminder to current families that Year 5 and 7 enrolments close on 1 June. Please find the time to ensure your application form is submitted before this date.

**Catholic education week** - Today marks the beginning of Catholic education week. It is important that we focus on the significance of Catholic education. Our Marist community is, for many their first experience of Catholic education and I know that many of these families have really enjoyed their entry into our sector.

**Learning in La Valla**

**What floats your boat? By Ms Leonie Wolfe**

Our children are learners! Deep learning occurs when they are given opportunities, time and language. Learning occurs when they feel confident and safe to ask questions, to share their thoughts and to 'have another go' if they didn't quite get it right the first time. Rich learning follows when they have had time to explore through drawing and designing, creating, testing and refining.

**Collecting La Valla students early** - A reminder that all parents who are collecting their child before 3.25pm, must sign out their child at the office before collecting their La Valla student from the classroom. Thank you for your assistance with this.

*Darren McGregor - Principal*

## CONTACT US

**Office Hours:** Tue 10.30am-1.00pm  
Wed/Thu 10.30am-2.30pm Fri  
10.00am-3.00pm

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**Parish Secretary:** Tracy Roberts

**Pastoral Assistant:** Michael Nolan

**After Hours (7pm—7am) Emergency**

**Catholic Clergy Contact: 0429 371 253**

**SCHOOL Phone:** 5446 9172

**Principal:** Frank Dullard

**Deputy:** Alistair Stewart

**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, Sandie Westaway, Maureen Bourke, Terry Westaway

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month)

### God Start Anne O'Brien

**Piety Stall** Michael O'Dea, Anne O'Brien

**Child Safety** Brian Bourke, Terry Westaway

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month at 7.30pm.

#### Liturgy Meeting

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tue of the month at 1.30pm.

#### Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tue of the month at 7.30pm.

#### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 6.30pm.

#### Card making

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 1.30pm.

#### Catholic Women's League

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month at 1.30pm.

#### BEC Meeting - Group D

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the month at 1.30pm.

#### R.S.J. Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every 2nd month at 10.30am.

#### Bendigo Textile Group

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month at 10.00am.

Contact: Barbara Lomas 0417313760

#### Knights of the Southern Cross

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu of the month.

Contact: Brian Bourke 5446 8821

## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon** 6pm Mass

**Tues - Friday** 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**

**5.30pm Syro Malabar**

*Rite Mass at St Francis*

*Xavier's Church,*

*24 Strickland Road*

## 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
<b>This Weekend</b> 6.00pm	M Weston P Angelini	1st: 2nd:	M Watson M Nolan	J Chirgwin A O'Brien
10.30am	M Gill K Taylor	1st: 2nd:	M Tangey D Webb	P Blanks K Waters
<b>Next Weekend</b> 6.00pm	K Fitzpatrick B Bourke	1st: 2nd:	J Chirgwin M Watson	A Trewarne P Singe
10.30am	M Dole D Purden	1st: 2nd:	M Gill K Taylor	E McDermott M Smith

## What a Life!

*How Many Dogs Does It Take to Change A Light Bulb?*

*Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?*

*Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.*

*Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!*

*Rottweiler: Make me.*

*Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.*

*Lab: Oh, me, me!!!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeee let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeee, please, please, please!*

## PLANNED GIVING — Thank You

### COLLECTIONS FOR 21st May

ENVELOPES:	\$599.50
LOOSE:	\$369.30
DIRECT DEBIT	\$163.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1131.80</b>