



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.

12TH NOVEMBER, 2017 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

WAITING FOR THE BELOVED

One night a man dreamt that he was walking towards the gate of heaven. On the way he ran into some figures in the dark who were crying. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "We're crying because the Lord refused to admit us. He said he didn't know us," they replied.

The man went on and arrived at the gate only to find it locked. So, with no little trepidation, he rang the bell. As he stood there waiting, he asked himself, "I wonder will the Lord know *me*?" And a voice from inside him replied, "Of course he'll know you! But that's not the question. The question is will he recognise you as a disciple of his?"

Yes, that indeed was the question. And he said to himself, "I wonder what he is going to look for?" Then he thought of the parable of the lamps. The Lord would look for a lamp that was burning brightly. And so, he asked himself, "What have I done with my lamp?" He was relieved to discover that he still had it. But when he looked at it he found to his horror that it had gone out. However, at that moment he woke up to find that it was only a dream. What a relief!

Wouldn't it be terrible to arrive at heaven's door, and to have the Lord say to us, "I do not know you." And we find ourselves outside in the dark, while inside all is light and joy.

What lamp are we talking about? Essentially it is the lamp of love. Love, in order to be genuine, doesn't have to be extraordinary. What we need is to go on loving without getting tired or cynical.

How does a lamp burn? Through a continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil cease, the lamp will go out. What are these drops of oil? They are the small things of daily life: a smile, a handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, an embrace, a kind greeting, a gesture of support, a moment of attention, a helping hand, a present, a financial contribution, a visit. These are the drops of love that keep our religious life burning like a lively flame.

Jesus shared our life, our loneliness, our anguish and our death. He is not far away from us. He is very close to us. We can touch, serve, and love him every day of our lives. With the oil of prayer and good works we must keep the lamp of love burning, and he will recognise us as disciples of his. We won't be judged on a momentary lapse, but on our life as a whole.

Since we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, we must be prepared so that when he comes we can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.

All that Jesus says to us in this parable is meant as a warning. This warning is a sign of his love for us. It tells us that every moment should be beautiful. That the soul should always be ready for the coming of the Bridegroom, always waiting for the voice of the Beloved - waiting not in fear but in joyful hope.

Report of the St Liborius Liturgy Group Wednesday, 8th November 2017

Present: Fr Antony, Anne O'Brien, Maureen Bourke, Aylene Kirkwood, Michael Nolan, Anne Young, Elizabeth McDermott, Trish Duane, Trish Blanks, Brendan Keogh, Margaret Watson.

Weekday Mass times - Father Antony noted the good attendance,

averaging 20, at the evening Masses held for the recent Fatima novena and suggested the following: That the morning Masses be discontinued for the remainder of 2017 and replaced with a 6.00pm Mass. On Fridays there will be two Masses as the school Mass will continue as usual. After the Friday evening Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary and Benediction. It was decided to trial the evening Masses until 31st January when a decision will be made to either continue or revert to morning Masses.

Myers Flat Mass - An ongoing novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will follow the usual Saturday Mass at Myers Flat. All are most welcome to attend.

Anointing Mass on 15th November - The Anointing Mass is organised by the Catholic Women's League and is held twice each year. We are all encouraged to attend and stay to the lunch afterwards. If possible, please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Advent - Advent banners and wreath will be ready for the beginning of this important season of the Church.

Christmas - It was decided to discontinue the 10.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be one Mass on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm in the Liborius Centre. Parishioners will be asked to volunteer for various tasks: Setting up the Liborius Centre, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. Please consider helping our parish celebration of Christmas. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9.00am in Raywood and 10.30am in Eaglehawk.

Children's 1st Eucharist and Confirmation - There are currently nine children in this program. Please contact the parish office, 5446 8235, if you would like further information.

New Year's Masses - There will be a 7.00pm Mass on New Year's Eve, to be followed by a supper at the Parish Centre.

Masses in nursing homes - Please see the bulletin for information of the Masses Fr Antony offers in local nursing homes. All parishioners are welcome to join the residents at these Masses.

Upcoming Feast Days - We will soon celebrate the Feast of Christ the King (26th November) and the Immaculate Conception (8th December).

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers - A reminder to parishioners to let Maureen Bourke know before a roster is drawn up if they are going to be away, or else find a replacement reader/Eucharistic Minister to cover their absence. Eucharistic Ministers need to remember to stand as far as possible from Father when offering the wine to parishioners. This is to stop any congestion and to keep the line of Communicants flowing.

Steps to the sanctuary - Readers and/or Eucharistic Ministers need to be aware of the steps onto the Sanctuary and decide whether their mobility and eyesight is sufficient to carry out the duties of these important ministries.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th January 2018, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Pope Francis Tweets...

War always causes serious damage to the environment. We must not mistreat our common home, but take care of it for future generations. 6th November 

Christians in Asia

Papal Prayer Intentions for November 2017

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

The Word Today

Wisdom 6:12-16

Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Next Week's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

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,	Elaine Walsh,
Bryan Keogh,	Marianne Cuskelly,	Patricia Ennor,
Zoey Lovejoy,	Mary McAdam,	Alan Surplice,
Gerald Smith,	John Haugh,	Mary Taylor,
Len Fitzgerald,	Charles Naughton,	Bert & Angelini
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ST LIBORIUS PIETY SHOP

Opening Times:

Sunday- Before & after 10.30 Mass

Saturday- Before & after 6.00 Mass

Orders -Tracy @ Parish Centre 5446 8235

After Hours sales - Anne 0447 390 162



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:

Dianne Codwell,	John Pentland,
Joyce Crawford,	Alice Button,
Sarah Howard,	Laurie Tuohey,
Marlene Ryan,	Amatai Kerr,
Julie Brabet,	Daniel Pianto,
Patrician Smith,	Margaret Crawford,
Moiria Flynn,	Catherine Manning,
Robert Naughton,	Loris Tripcony.
Russell Barter,	

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

We need a list of volunteers that can be contacted to help with the running of the Bunnings BBQ. The rostered time will be between 8am to 4pm, with 2-3 hour shifts. The shift times are 8-11am, 11-2pm, 2-4pm pickup. Please give your name and contact details to Brian Bourke 54468821 or Tracy in the Parish Office 54468235 if you are able to help with this wonderful fundraiser.

150th Celebrations Committee



HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass in St Liborius Church on **Wednesday 15th November 2017** at 11am.

This will be followed by a lunch in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport please contact: Maureen Bourke 54468821 or Mary Haugh on 54467049 or the Parish Office 54468235

CWL COMING EVENTS

15-11-17 Healing Mass & Lunch
Followed by monthly meeting

22-11-17 Annual General Meeting - All welcome

26 & 27 Nov Hamper Raffle - tickets to be sold as Masses

2 & 3 Dec Hamper Raffle - tickets to be sold as Masses

3-12-17 Cake Stall & Drawing of raffle (Donations of cakes very welcome)

6-12-17 End of year lunch at Borough Club @12pm.
All welcome. Names to be given by 4th Dec

Membership money is now due \$25.

A request has come in for everyone to offer a rosary each day, for the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill to be defeated and that the definition of marriage, between a man and a woman, is not altered. Some might consider doing a "novena" of rosaries. The Marriage Survey results will be published on 15th November but the Voluntary Assisted Dying will be debated in Parliament soon and could be decided as early as 17th November. Prayerful action is vital.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 19th November 2017

This week on the Journey, Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Trish McCarthy, in her Milk and Honey segment encourages us to Go and Make Disciples, Sam Clear speaks to us about Forgiveness(repeat), and Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us in The Call that Love Demands Forgiveness. This week the music selection is fabulously matched to our God Spots, put it all together and you have a show about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Sunday 1pm or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



BISHOPS VISIT SCHEDULE - Nov 17, 18, 19

Friday	9.15am	Mass with class students at St Liborius
	10-11.30	Visiting the class rooms, staff & principal
	12pm	Visit Marist college
	1.05 - 1.25pm	Staff and principal
	1.35pm	Lunch with Singers group
	3.30pm	Stella Anderson & Joan Pinder
	5.00pm	Cup of tea with Marrie Manning & team
	7.00pm	Combined meeting of Pastoral & Finance Teams and supper at the Parish Centre
	9.00pm	Disperse
Saturday	9.15am	Mass at St Augustine's & cup of tea.
	11am	St Laurence Court (Liz McDermott)
	12.30pm	Lunch - A O'Brien & Team
	3pm	Tea with the Trish Mudge & Team
	6pm	Vigil Mass, Blessing the Piety Shop
	7pm	Supper with the parishioners after Mass
	8.30pm	Return home.
Sunday	9.15am	Mass at Raywood
	10.30am	Mass at St Liborius
	12.30	BBQ lunch at Raywood

BENDIGO & DIOCESAN MATTERS

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

PIETY SHOP

Majellan Christmas cards for sale in the Piety shop, pack of 10 for \$6.00 Columbian Calendars \$9.

PRAYERS

Keep Margaret Robertson in your prayers as she has surgery on Monday.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL VILLAGE BENDIGO UNIT VACANCIES

SVDP Village Bendigo – Expressions of interest are called for current vacancies at SVDP Village Bendigo. These are one bedroom units for persons of pensionable age who are able to live independently. For further information, please contact Mr Tony Ryan on 0407235130.

FR GERARD DOWLING- RADIO SHOW

The much loved and respected, Fr Gerard Dowling, continues to present his 'Family Counsellor' program each Sunday night on Radio Sport National, which can be heard in Bendigo on 945AM. He is on air each Sunday evening between 10pm and midnight. He has been doing it 45 years and it is the longest running radio program in Australia. Calls are welcome and encouraged on the toll free number of 1300 652 927. He is always delighted to hear from first time callers.... Jackson S

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

There are 6 more scholarships available for 2018. Each scholarship is worth \$1,200.00. They are open to students in Catholic Secondary & Primary schools in the region. Auditions for the first intake will be held on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**, beginning at 9.00am.

Further information with an application form is on the Sacred Heart Cathedral Website www.sacredheartcathedral.org.au or on the Parish table in the cathedral or from John Hogan, 5443 0363 or jfho@bigpond.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR 2018 PILGRIMAGE TO SACRED DESTINATIONS IN SPAIN: 19th September – 6/8/9th October 2018.

Bishop Les Tomlinson will be your chaplain, as you visit sacred sites associated with Saints Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier and John of God – and much more. Optional extensions: to Fatima OR Santiago de Compostela. Estimated cost: for main pilgrimage in Spain: \$7190 (Single supplement \$995). Organisers: Adult Faith Education Sandhurst, the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office and Olive Tree Travel. Contact: Jake Warren CEO Sandhurst T: 03 5443 23 77 E: jwarren@ceosand.catholic.edu.au OR Olive Tree Travel T: 03 8488 9696, 1300 550 830 E: info@olivetretravel.com.au

WE ARE THE WORLD! Bring a Bell! CONCERT

The Filipino Choir are promoting this concert on Sunday 12th November at Ulumbarra Theatre between 4.30pm till 6.30pm. There will be over 160 performers with a repertoire of live music and dance will be performing in authentic traditional colourful costumes. Performances include popular Scottish pipe tunes, Indian drumming ceremony, Italian, Russian, Karen, Persian and Hebrew hymns and chants.

Tickets: Adults \$27, Pensioner \$20, Child/Student \$12
Ph: 54346100

Youth Corner



Australian Catholic Youth Festival:

This December the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the third Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The festival will be held in Sydney from **December 7-9** and is for year 9 students- 30 year olds. It will be three full days of spending time with 15,000 young Catholics from right around Australia to celebrate and learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you're in secondary school speak to your RE teacher about attending with the school group, and if you're over 18 and would like to attend email Danielle at Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

OUR SCHOOLS

MARIST SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Liborius,

Congratulations Miss Gould - As well as being a 1:14 Educator here at Marist, Miss Sarah Gould is known to us all through her excellent leadership of our Marist Choir. Miss Gould has recently been awarded a very prestigious scholarship from the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network (APMN). The scholarship is awarded annually to two individuals across Australia. Sarah was flown to the Annual Conference in Perth during the Term 3 holidays to accept her scholarship. One element of her APMN scholarship is attendance at the Royal School of Church Music Summer School in Auckland in January 2018. Miss Gould will be working with some of the world's best choral conductors and choir directors, in order to develop her current skills and knowledge around choir directing and conducting, as well as choral singing and performing. Congratulations Miss Gould on this fitting recognition of your skills and commitment. We look forward to hearing about the experience early next year.

Learning looks like - Term Four in schools is always an interesting period of time. There is a focus on the current year and there is also growing excitement about the year which is on the horizon. At the staff level, a significant amount of time is invested in preparing for next year in terms of curriculum planning. At times this focus on the future can blind us to the great work happening in the present. A real joy of Term Four is to see students flourishing. Why is this different in Term Four? A key reason for this is that students have spent the year developing and honing their skills as well as knowledge. At Marist these skills are seen as crucial. Regardless of the year level our students are better skilled now than they were in Term One. This results in powerful learning across all year levels. At Marist today, learning looks like confident students owning and engaging in their learning. It looks like young people investing energy into polishing up their end products. It looks like students being confident about themselves as learners. As I walk around Marist I notice, relative to each year level, a greater sense of maturity towards learning. As parents, have you noticed a development in your child in terms of their work ethic, skill set and ownership of their learning during this year? If so, then have you told them?

Marist cricket carnival - As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we will now be involved in various Marist national sporting carnivals. I am pleased to announce the team for our first foray into the Marist Cricket Carnival. The carnival will be hosted by La Valla Catholic College in Traralgon and run from 5 – 12 December. Mr Brian Brasher is the Coach and Mr Liam Hawkey is the Manager. Congratulations to the following boys:

Patrick Murphy	Callam March
Ethan Roberts	Chris Cox
Cody Anderson	Dion Symons
Luke Stagg	Tom Starr
Angus Chisholm	Alister Brasher
Malachy Lahtz	Luke Wight

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

Parish Loss & Grief Team

Parish Sacramental Team

Denise Webb, Hollie Webster, Jenny Chirgwin, Anne Maree Holden, Maree Penno, Claire Flood and Trish Blanks

Catholic Women's League

Mary Haugh, Maureen Bourke etc

Legion of Mary Anne O'Brien (L)

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

Josephite's Associates: Margaret Tobias

Caritas Project Compassion Brian Bourke

God Start Anne O'Brien

Piety Stall Michael O'Dea, Anne O'Brien

Child Safety Brian Bourke, Anne Maree Holden

St Vincent de Paul: 54462585

PLANNED GIVING — Thank You COLLECTIONS FOR 5th November

ENVELOPES:	\$904.50
LOOSE:	\$230.60
DIRECT DEBIT:	\$210.00
TOTAL:	\$1345.10

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.

Josephite's 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 - Thurs 6pm Mass

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)

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	A Kirkwood M Jinks	1st: 2nd:	S McGowan M Nolan	A O'Brien B Bourke
10.30am	M Dole D Purden	1st: 2nd:	M Tangey D Webb	K Waters E Tuohey
Next Weekend 6.00pm	P & B Pontell	1st: 2nd:	J Chirgwin L Fitzgerald	P Singe A Trewarne
10.30am	D & P Power	1st: 2nd:	M Gill B Keogh	E McDermott N Wright

What a Life!

Invitation to Dinner

"Honey," said this husband to his wife, "I invited a friend home for supper."

"What? Are you crazy? The house is a mess, I didn't go shopping, all the dishes are dirty, and I don't feel like cooking fancy meal!"

"I know all that."

"Then why did you invite a friend for supper?"

"Because the poor fool's thinking about getting married."