



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.

3RD DECEMBER, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

The liturgy of Advent relives in a microcosmic way the history of Israel, viewing it through the eyes of Christian faith. It shows that all of that history was pointing and leading towards Jesus. He was the one in whom the messianic prophecies would be fulfilled. In the course of the Liturgical Year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from his expectation, to his birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit. The Pascal mystery (the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit) forms the core. In recalling the mysteries of our redemption, the Church opens up to us the bountiful riches of Christ. We ought to love the Liturgical Year, with its rhythm, its repetitions, its eternal mysteries, which flow before our mind with the calm and reassurance of a great river. It is within this story, which stretches from Alpha to Omega, from Creation to the Kingdom, that every human life finds its meaning.

The Church's Year is divided into two parts. The first part goes from Advent to Pentecost. The second part is made up of the Sundays after Pentecost. Half of the year is devoted to retelling the events of our salvation; the other half is working that salvation into our lives. We devote six months to celebrating what God has done; and six months to contemplate what God is still doing.

The Liturgical Year takes us on a journey. The destination of this journey is the Kingdom of God. We are travelling in the footsteps of Jesus. No footprints are surer than his.

Each year the Church tells the story of Jesus again. It is always the same yet ever new. Each year we ought to understand it better, and make it more our own. It is a continual reminder to us of the meaning of our lives - we are travelling towards the Kingdom.

In celebrating this annual cycle of the mysteries of Christ, the Church honours the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with a special love. She was inseparably linked with the saving work of her Son. The feet of many holy people also mark the road we are travelling. Hence the place of the saints in the Liturgical Year. These are proposed as examples and their intercession is invoked.

The Sioux nation was one of the great nations of Native American peoples. From year to year they recalled their people's history. They told stories and talked of great deeds done in the past. But one of their leaders pointed out: "We can't live for ever off the deeds of Sitting Bull or Crazy Horse. We can't wear their eagle feathers, freeloading off their legends. We have to make our own legends now." There is a message there for us.

The Liturgical Year begins with the season of Advent. This lovely season helps us to appreciate God's faithful love and the great blessings he has bestowed on us in Christ. We are the heirs to the promise God made to Abraham and his descendants. Advent is not a time for penance or sadness. Its chief characteristic is joyful expectation.

REFLECTION

Advent is a season of hope. It would be hard to exaggerate the value of hope. It is said that while there is life there is hope. This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life. As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible. It is the task of Christians to keep hope alive in the world. Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the final analysis, *he* is our hope.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December

Normal Sunday Mass

Christmas Eve

7.00pm Mass at Liborius Centre

Christmas Mass

Christmas Day - Monday 25th Dec

9.00am Raywood

10.30am St Liborius

Sunday 31st December

Normal Sunday Mass

New Years Eve

7.00pm St Liborius

Pope Francis Tweets...

Let us look to Jesus today and say to Him in our hearts: "Remember me, Lord, now that you are in your Kingdom!"
26th November



The Elderly

Papal Prayer Intentions for December 2017

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

The Word Today

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2nd Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Dear Lord, through darkness,
I look for your wisdom.

I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems
that so many things come between us.
Help me to be awake and aware of the
radiance you bring to my life.

Help me to be grateful each day for
the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker in my own
life,

and in the world.

Let me pray especially for this
difficult world and those who are
so in need of an end to violence.

My heart begs for this as my
Advent prayer today.
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,	Kevin Stevens	Bert & Angelini Caldow

ST LIBORIUS PIETY SHOP

Opening Times:

Sunday- Before & after 10.30am Mass
Saturday- Before & after 6.00pm 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:

James Slattery,
Dorothy Wilson,
Rose Hercus,
Shirley Campbell,
John Holden,
Jack Griffiths,
Harold Crusell,
Des Tobias,
Donald Stevens.

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 CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS ON AGAIN



When: Christmas Day
25th Dec, 12 – 2pm
Where: Parish Centre,
50 Panton Street,
Eaglehawk

Christmas day is the day when no one should be alone. So if you know of anyone who may be in this situation please spread the word that all are welcome to come and participate. Please give name, contact number (and address if transport needed) to Tracy at Parish Office 5446 8235.

BRUNCH KITCHEN

Please note the last Brunch Kitchen for this year will be on Tuesday 12th December. Brunch Kitchen will recommence on the 6th February 2018.

To all our clients & helpers wishing you a Merry Christmas.

CWL COMING EVENTS

2 & 3 Dec Hamper Raffle - tickets to be sold at all 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.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Our last prayer meeting for 2017 at St. Joseph's, Quarry Hill will be at 10.00am on Wednesday 6th Dec. we will resume in Feb 2018.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Vinnies Christmas appeal is on again as usual and they are asking for support for this appeal. Vinnies have two major appeals each year, Winter and Christmas which provide very important funds for those experiencing disadvantage in the local communities. Your support enables us to provide generous and effective support for those people. We thank you for caring so much. Envelopes at the back of the Church. Tax deductible.

FAITH ON THE GOLDFIELDS: REDISCOVERING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY FROM 1852-TODAY

Information, photographs, artefacts or objects either from a personal, family or community story, that provide insight into the role and value of faith, spirituality, or religion in the lives of Bendigo's established, disappeared or emergent faith communities are wanted for history project examining expressions of all faiths. For more information please see Church Notice Board or contact Dr Jennifer Jones at La Trobe University Ph: 02 60249848 Email: j.jones@latrobe.edu.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3rd December 2017



This week on the Journey, the first Sunday of Advent, Fr Richard Healy reflects on the Gospel of Matthew and encourages us to be alert and on guard! Walking the Walk, with Sam Clear talks about Facing the Darkness, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey, and reminds us to Call Him God(repeat), and Fr Dave Callaghan in his God spot, The Call encourages with his words of My Sheep,

Listen To My Voice (repeat). Our music this week is at the top of our game, put it all together and you have an inspiring show about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 105.1 FM Sunday 10am 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

BENDIGO & DIOCESAN MATTERS

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS TRADING TABLE

The St John of God Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Christmas Trading Table on **Thursday December 7th** from 10am -3pm in the Atrium area of the Hospital in Lily Street. Delicious cakes, biscuits, preserves and handicraft will be on sale. Enq. Ph Alison 5439 7401.

"THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS" ADVENT TALK SERIES

A weekly series of talks are being held every Friday in Advent at St Kilian's Church from 7pm to 8pm the topic is "The Joy of Christmas". Hosted by a different speaker each week, the talks will begin on Friday December the 1st with Fr Rob Galea speaking on The Joy of Peace.

NATIVITY DISPLAY AT ST BRENDAN'S PARISH IN SHEPPARTON ... 5TH DECEMBER MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS!

"Making a Scene at Christmas" is a private collection of over 400 nativity cribs and other items celebrating the birth of Christ. The collectors, from Ballarat, will be at St Brendan's Church in Shepparton on the evening of December 5 en-route to Canberra for an exhibition in the Haydon Hall of St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Manuka. On display at St Brendan's will be a smaller showing of about fifty nativity scenes and artworks. Visitors will be able to touch and smell frankincense and myrrh and view scenes from 80 countries across the world, a coin minted at the time of Jesus' birth and artworks depicting the annunciation and the flight into Egypt and even encounter the Jewish heritage of Jesus. Some exhibits are centuries old. Come and see Kevin, our 260 year old sheep! Children will be very welcome. They will find stables with zebras and giraffes and elephants and nativity scenes made from pumpkins. The collectors are very much looking forward to sharing their love of Jesus with the people of the Goulburn Valley.

When: Tuesday December 5 at 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Where: St. Brendan's Church, Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre
121 Knight Street, Shepparton

A gold coin will be appreciated but is not necessary.



Festival of the Sacred 2017

Featuring the
5/6 Students & selected College performances
from: Bendigo, Kennington, Quarry Hill, Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo North, Heathcote, Eaglehawk, Strathfieldsay, Maiden Gully & Ingleswood

Thursday 7 December 2017
Marian Centre (Coolock Campus) - Catholic College Bendigo
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

This is a FREE event for all parents & friends of our school communities

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

ST LIBORIUS SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Liborius,
Please keep Terry Liverton, our groundskeeper, and his family in your prayers as they mourn the lost of Terry's older sister, Cheryl, on the weekend. A very sad time for Terry. Thank you to the Year 5/6 students, teachers and parents for the way you all worked together with the Life Relationships program. We also appreciate Maria Weatherill, from the CEO, for her assisting with the parent session. Last Friday the staff worked together as they planned out our 2018 school year. Once again we will begin the year with our testing schedule on Monday 29 & Tuesday 30 January and Teacher Organisation Day on Wednesday 31 January. All students will begin classes on Thursday 1 February. Our St Liborius Appreciation Night is this Thursday 30 November from 5.30pm. Thanks you to Vin Ryan and Chelsie Haebich for organising the event. There will be raffles, Movember shaving, Kelly Sports will provide free activities for the children and Fr Rob Galea will be singing. BYO dinner. Looking forward to everyone getting there.

Our 2018 Social Justice student leaders will head off to St Joseph's in Quarry Hill on Thursday for their first official outing as school leaders, attending the CARITAS 'Just Leaders' Day. Gradey McNicol will accompany the students. There has been some earthworks around the school in preparation for the installation of fitness equipment along the running track and to shape up an informal playground near the tanks. Thank you to Read Earthmoving for the donation of time and expertise with the earthworks, thanks Clint. Next Tuesday 5 December we will have our Orientation Day where the Year 6 students head off to their secondary settings and our students move to their new 2018 class structures for the morning.

It is my pleasure to announce that Jessica Watson and Adele Henderson will be joining our teaching staff in 2018. Adele is currently teaching in the Year 3/4 team and Jess will be new to St Liborius. Both will be on hand on Tuesday to meet their new students.

On Monday the Prep-2 students will enjoy their last Gym Session at Jets Gym. They have achieved so much in these sessions, refining balance, developing confidence and mastering so many skills. Well done.

Next Thursday 7 December the Year 5/6 students will participate in the Festival Of Sacred at the Marian Centre, CCB. The final performance will run from 1pm - 2pm. Parents are most welcome to come and join in the celebration.

Have a great week

Frank Dullard - Principal

The Joy of Christmas
-Talk Series-

St Kilian's Parish is holding a weekly talk series throughout advent to prepare our hearts and our parish for the miracle of our Saviours birth.

ALL WELCOME
7pm-8pm in St Kilian's Church

Friday December 1
Fr Rob Galea
The Joy of Peace

Friday December 8
Trish Pludge
The Joy of Love

Friday December 15
Fr Rom Hayes
The Joy of Hope

Friday December 22
Fr Brian Boyle
The Joy of Celebration

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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 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

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

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.

Parish Finance Team Meeting

Quarterly at 7.00pm.

Parish Pastoral Team Meeting

Quarterly at 7.00pm.

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
6pm Mass (Rosary & Benediction)

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	K Fitzpatrick B Bourke	1st: 2nd:	M Bourke J Chirgwin	B Bourke A Trewarne
10.30am	D & P Power	1st: 2nd:	B Keogh M Tangey	K Waters K Taylor
Next Weekend 6.00pm	A Kirkwood M Jinks	1st: 2nd:	T Duane D Duane	P Singe A O'Brien
10.30am	M Gill K Taylor	1st: 2nd:	M Watson D Webb	E McDermott K Waters

What a Life!

Baby Bear goes downstairs and sits in his small chair at the table, he looks into his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!", he squeaks.

Papa Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl, and it is also empty. "Who's been eating my Porridge?!", he roars.

Momma Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For Pete's sake, how many times do we have to go through this? It was Momma Bear who got up first, it was Momma Bear who woke everyone in the house, it was Momma Bear who made the coffee, it was Momma Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night, and put everything away, it was Momma Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper, it was Momma Bear who set the table, it was Momma Bear who put the cat out, cleaned the litter box, and filled the cat's water and food dish, and, now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear-butts downstairs, and grace Momma Bear's kitchen with your grumpy presence, listen good, cause I'm only going to say this one more time

... "I HAVEN'T MADE THE PORRIDGE YET !!!"

PLANNED GIVING — Thank You COLLECTIONS FOR 26th November

ENVELOPES:	\$1159.50
LOOSE:	\$214.10
DIRECT DEBIT:	\$80.00
TOTAL:	\$1453.60