



# 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.

## 11TH MARCH 2018 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

### LEARNING FROM NICODEMUS

Nicodemus is at the centre of today's Gospel. He is a very interesting character. He was a Pharisee and member of Sanhedrin - the supreme court of the Jews. He appears just three times in the Gospel (all in John).

The first time Nicodemus appears is in the gospel passage we've just read. He had heard about the kind of things Jesus was saying and doing, and was impressed. To him it was clear that the hand of God was in them. So he wanted to meet him.

He came to see Jesus under the cover of darkness, which suggests that he didn't want to be seen. Given the fact that he was a Pharisee, it was a wonder he came at all. Jesus honoured him with a long interview.

By the time Nicodemus puts in his second appearance, opposition to Jesus had hardened. The Pharisees had made up their minds to kill him, and were ready to do so without even giving him a trial. But Nicodemus intervened, declaring that Jesus should at least be given a fair hearing as the law demanded. This was a more public involvement with Jesus.

The third time Nicodemus appears is on Good Friday evening. He assisted at burial of Jesus. He provided a large quantity of expensive spices for his burial. After that we hear no more about him.

What can we deduce about Nicodemus from these three brief appearances?

The first appearance shows that he was an open-minded man, and a genuine seeker of the truth. The second appearance shows that he was a fair-minded man, insisting that Jesus not be condemned without a trial. The third appearance shows that he was a wealthy man, but also a generous and compassionate man.

We see a growth in his relationship with Jesus. He begins by showing an interest, and wanting to know about him. He goes on to defend him in public. And by assisting at his burial he is seen to associate with him at his hour of shame and humiliation.

We are not told if Nicodemus became a disciple of Jesus. But it's clear that he was moving in the right direction. John portrays him as progressively leaving the darkness and coming into the light.

We can learn by reflecting on Nicodemus. We can admire his qualities and imitate them with profit.

His story shows us that we need to grow in our relationship with Christ. And we need to deepen our commitment to him and to the values of the Gospel. This will involve a journey out of darkness into the light.

We should not be afraid or ashamed to openly profess our faith in Jesus, and to be ready to pay whatever price is required for doing so.

Those who believe in Jesus will not be lost, but may have eternal life. But it is not simply a matter of believing, but of living according to that belief.

### PRAYER / REFLECTION

#### Prayer over the door of the church

Lord, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all pride, envy, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children or to straying feet. Make this church a house of prayer and a gateway to your kingdom.

### STORY

The coming of light ought to be good news for those living in darkness. Sadly, this is not always the case. The Simon Community run night shelters for down-and-outs. Each night some of the volunteers bring soup and sandwiches to those who, for one reason or another, do not want to come to the shelters. They go looking for them in derelict buildings and such places. The most important aid they take with them is a torch, because often there is no light where the down-and-outs live.

Most of the down-and-outs welcome the arrival of the volunteers. But some (for example, those on the run from the police) refuse to have anything to do with them. The volunteers can tell at once which group they are dealing with by their reaction to the light. Some welcome the light. Others fear it because it shows up the darkness in their lives - the darkness of alcoholism, misery, hopelessness and crime. That's how it was with the coming of Christ's light. Christ did not come to judge people but to save them. He came bearing a light - the light of truth, goodness, and salvation from sin. Some welcomed his light. But others rejected it because it showed up the evil in their lives.

*New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy SDB*

### ST LIBORIUS MASS TIMES

Monday to Saturday	6pm Mass
Friday	9.15am <i>Stations of the Cross</i> & 6pm Mass
Sunday	9.00am Raywood 10.30am Mass

### Pope Francis Tweets...

Let us learn to recognize that which leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, knowing that it comes from God.  
6th March



### Papal Prayer Intentions for March 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### The Word Today

**Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10**

**John 3:14-21**

### Next Week's Readings

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

**John 12:20-30**

**PRAYER FOR LENT**  
**To God who listens to our cries**  
**we pray,**  
**For those who live**  
**without hope,**  
**and for individuals and**  
**communities who**  
**nurture hope.**  
**For those who live with mental**  
**illness and for those who live**  
**and work with them.**  
**For those whose lives are**  
**marked with sadness,**  
**and for those who share their**  
**joy generously.**  
**For open and generous hearts,**  
**during this season of Lent.**  
**God of mercy hear our prayer.**  
**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 Verry, Mary Furlong, Russell Milikins, Zoey Lovejoy, Gerald Smith, Len Fitzgerald, Lenny Waters	Patricia Schultz, Teresa Brandreth, Marianne Cuskelly, Mary McAdam, Kevin & Dot Stevens, Joe Singe	Maureen O'Keefe, Christine Longmire, Patricia Ennor, Alan Surplice, Mary Taylor, Bert & Angelini Caldow
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Anyone who wishes to receive communion or to meet with Fr Antony at any time, please give Fr Antony a call on his mobile **0407 708 895**.



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

**Recently Deceased: Peter Harris**

**Anniversaries:**

Ethel Reilly, Colin McColl, Eily Brown, Cam Sheffield, Ellen Slattery, Leo Collanan, Douglas Millerd, Bridget McNamara, Joan Leahy,	John Naughton, Desmond Gray, Kevin Demeo, Fr Bill Grogan, Ronald Mitchell, Margaret Burke, Reginald Lougoon, William "Bill" Carroll, Peter Hughes,	Matthew Kelly, Edward Mackay, Claude Cluff, William Daly, Mary Germane, Irene Todd Henry Lamprell, Phyliss Buckley.
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**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**

A meeting of the Committee was held last week. Plans for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of our church are progressing. Several fundraising events to finance the celebrations are coming up and we hope you will support our efforts.



Our next fundraiser is a lunch at the **Borough Club** in Eaglehawk on **Tuesday 20th March @ 12pm**. St Liborius will get 30% of monies spent on meals back to St Liborius 150th Celebration. Please give your name to Marg Tobias 54468034 or Tracy at the Parish Office.

**Saturday, 28th April**, there will be a Car Boot Sale in the church carpark. It is \$20.00 to book a site. Would you like to clean out the cupboards or shed but feel you don't have enough for a garage sale? Perhaps the thought of people wandering through your yard or garage has stopped you from arranging your own sale?

Here is a chance to book a site for a sale that will be well advertised to attract a lot of buyers. Do you know of someone else who might be interested? Please spread the word and make this a successful day for both the sellers and the parish committee.

*150th Celebrations Committee*

**CWL**

Tickets will be on sale for the next two weekends **17th & 18th and 24th & 25th March** for our Easter Goodies Raffle. The Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 25th March when we will have a cake stall. Donations of cakes will be very welcome.

**JOSEPHITE'S MEETING**

Wednesday **21st March @ 10.30am** at Parish Centre.

**AFL FOOTY TIPPING 2018**

To provide interest, fun and some funds for the parish – we have decided to conduct a football tipping competition with a difference. Entrance fee \$20 for the year, tip all rounds in advance. Fixtures are available from Parish Office and the back of the church. Our Winner last year Alice Geary took home over \$150. This years season commences on **Thursday March 22nd** so tips need to be in before office closes.



**SEMINAR FOR PROFESSIONALS; 'POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR PROFESSIONALS AND PARENTS' AND A PARENTS AND CARERS SEMINAR; '21 DAYS TO A HAPPIER FAMILY'**

Catholic Care Sandhurst (CCS) Family & Relationship Services is bringing Dr Justin Coulson to Bendigo on Thursday 22nd March 2018 to present two inspiring seminars. Dr Coulson is one of Australia's leading parenting experts, is a highly sought-after international speaker and author, and a father of six.

The seminar details are as follows:

**Professional Seminar - 'Positive Solutions for Professionals and Parents'**

Time: 4pm to 6pm  
 Venue: Capital Theatre Bendigo  
 View Street, Bendigo

Cost: \$30

**Parents and Carers Seminar - '21 Days to a Happier Family'**

Time: 7pm to 9pm  
 Venue: Capital Theatre Bendigo  
 View Street, Bendigo

Cost: \$15

Bookings: Visit [www.gotix.com.au](http://www.gotix.com.au), the Capital Theatre box office or call 54346100 Group bookings and concession tickets are available.

**MARIST COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION:**

The Annual Reunion will be held on Easter Sunday 1 April, between 11am and 1pm. At the Former School Yard of the Marist Brothers' College (McCrae Street Bendigo) Admission is \$25. Please come and enjoy the day

**YOUTH MINISTRY WORKER – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST**

Applications are invited from people of varying ages and experience for this full time position with the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst – Bendigo. A copy of the position description can be obtained from [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au). Applications to [sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:sally.holmes@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) For any questions please contact Sally Holmes on Ph 54453617 Applications close Wednesday 28 March, 2018.

## BENDIGO & DIOCESAN MATTERS

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

### L'ARCHE BENDIGO COMMUNITY

The L'Arche Community of Bendigo is looking to employ two Residential Assistants in order to extend its support of people with an intellectual disability. L'Arche Bendigo is part of a worldwide Federation started in France by Jean Vanier in 1964. The community is made up of people with and without intellectual disability sharing and experiencing life together. It is built on mutual relationships with trust in God being at the heart of the journey together. There is a commitment to celebrate the unique value of every person and recognition of the need for one another. Further information or expressions of interest, can be made by contacting Margaret Segrave (0438439384).



### CENTRAL VIC IRISH ASSOCIATION ST PATRICK'S DAY:

The CVIA (Central Vic Irish Association) will celebrate St Patrick's Day on **Sat, 17th March** at the iconic Bendigo Shamrock Hotel from 1.30pm. Everyone is invited to partake in the goodwill & music. (entertainment from the Celtic Sessions group will be interspersed with Irish dancing) Irish fare or set menu available for lunch (discount for CVIA members) and table bookings for this can be made on 54430333. Otherwise just come along to both share yourself and to celebrate Irish heritage/values and their contribution to Australia's multiculturalism. CVIA : [www.facebook.com/pg/centralvictorianirish](http://www.facebook.com/pg/centralvictorianirish) Please come along and make it a great day.

### 'WHY DO THE INNOCENT SUFFER?' THE BOOK OF JOB FR BRIAN BOYLE:

The Book of Job addresses some key questions in scripture and in human experience: Why do innocent people suffer? Is God indifferent to suffering? It has enduring relevance for human existence and meaning.

- **March 20 7.30 – 9.00 pm De Campo Hall, 120 Hargreaves Street, BENDIGO**  
RSVP Chancery 03 5441 2544 Email: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
Fr Brian Boyle is a priest of the Sandhurst Diocese, trained in the interpretation of scripture. He has an on-going interest in adult education and faith development.

### PROCLAIM 2018: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARISH RENEWAL & EVANGELISATION:

**When: 12 – 14 July 2018**  
Early Bird Registrations and Group Discounts now available  
This year the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation. Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Fiquaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). To find out more visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) and register at our early bird rate.

### STRONGER RALLY!!

The first Stronger Rally for 2018 on March 23rd at St Brendan's Shepparton. Stronger Rallies happen 4 times a year and are a wonderful opportunity for the young people of the Sandhurst Diocese to gather together to learn about, explore and celebrate their Catholic faith. They are aimed at year 7s to young adults. The March Rally will be held on March 23rd at 6pm in Shepparton and there will be Music with Fr Rob Galea and the band, games, a talk, dinner provided and the chance to meet over 130 other young Catholics from around the diocese. These events really are a blessing in our diocese, and especially in this Year of Youth. Please contact Danielle for more information at [Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### PRAYER SUPPORT FOR SEMINARIANS:

The Sandhurst Diocese currently has five seminarians in formation for the priesthood. This includes Jackson Saunders (4th year), DJ Suguitan (5th year), Nathan Verallo (6th year) and Deacon Dean Bongat (7th year). Jackson, DJ, Nathan and Dean are all studying at Corpus Christi College in Carlton, Melbourne. Adi Indra, who is in sixth year, is also studying for the Sandhurst Diocese and is currently completing his studies for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

**Facebook Pages:** We ask you to please 'like' the Sandhurst Vocations and Corpus Christi College Seminary Facebook pages. Here you will be able to see regular updates about our Sandhurst seminarians and news about seminary life at Corpus Christi College. For more information about discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or to read about the latest news at Corpus Christi College, visit [www.corpuschristicollege.org.au](http://www.corpuschristicollege.org.au)

## OUR SCHOOL

### ST LIBORIUS SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Friends,

**Bendigo's Healthiest School Award** - Congratulations to our school community in taking out the Bendigo Healthiest Schools 2017 - 2018 winner at the Bendigo Sportsman Night last Friday. This inaugural award was sponsored by Bendigo Health and took into account the many healthy aspects of school life in each setting. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have contributed to the many aspects of being the Healthiest school in Bendigo. Vincent Ryan and Lisa Patterson received the award on behalf of our whole community. Attached is an outline of the achievements at our school which we need to be proud of and continue to embrace. One misconception of the award, that some parents have highlighted, has been around the 'Sexual Health and Wellbeing' component of the Department of Education's Healthy Schools. St Liborius has delivered the Sandhurst Diocese 'Life Relations' program for the Yr 5/6 students every second year for the past 18 years. This program is not the controversial 'Safe Schools' program that has been prominent in the media over the past 12 months.

**Swimming Carnivals** - Well done to all the children who participated in the Catholic Swimming sports last week as they performed their very best in the water against some strong competition. We wish Logan Moss, Tom and Jack Hetherington, Jack Bell, Keira Stevens and James Trew all the very best as they represent St Liborius at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Friday 9th March. Unfortunately there is a clash of dates and our St Liborius Swimming Carnival is also on Friday 9th March at the Peter Krenz Centre in Eaglehawk. Children will attend school as per normal and then buses will pick them up at 12:30pm for a 1pm start. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support or assist on the day.

**Dahlia and Arts Festival** - A reminder, please return the forms for the Year 3-6 relays. These forms will be handed out on Friday to all students who have expressed interest in participating in the relay. Notes for the whole school parade will be sent home tonight please return these ASAP. It is vital that parents put their hands up and assist with the class stall of their child through the organisation and preparation as well as on the day. Teachers require a coordinator for their stall as well as volunteers to man it. Please step forward with your offer to help. There will be an online sign up roster coming soon. Keep watch for more details. Books, CD's and DVD's are needed to sell at the fair. If you have any donations of these items, please leave them outside the 3/4 classroom. Thank you for your support.

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (PTSC)** - Thank you to all the parents and students for the way you participated in these important conversations.

**Financial Audit** - Yesterday our school undertook our Annual Financial Audit. Thank you to Louise O'Connor for the time and expertise she brings to the financial arm of our school and the professional way she goes about her business. This was certainly highlighted by the auditors.

**St Liborius School Board AGM** - All parents are invited to attend the 2018 School Board AGM on Wednesday 14th March at 7pm in the MacKillop Room. Reports for our 2017 year will be presented as well as the election of new members to the board.

Have a fantastic Week

Yours sincerely,

Frank Dullard

Principal

## CONTACT US

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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 Sacramental Team**  
Denise Webb, Hollie Webster, Anne Maree Holden, Maree Penno, Claire Flood and Trish Blanks

**Catholic Women's League**  
Elizabeth McDermott, 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.  
**Josephite's 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  
**Filipino Mass**  
4th Sunday of the month.

## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon - Fri** 9.15am Mass  
6pm 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
<b>This Weekend</b> 6.00pm	A Kirkwood M Jinks	1st: 2nd:	J Chirgwin M Watson	A O'Brien B Bourke
10.30am	M Gill K Taylor	1st: 2nd:	D Webb M Tangey	K Waters K Taylor
<b>Next Weekend</b> 6.00pm	P & B Pontell	1st: 2nd:	J Bretherton P Bretherton	P Singe A Trewarne
10.30am	D & P Power	1st: 2nd:	B Keogh T Blanks	E McDermott K Taylor

## What a Life!

*Mr. Smith was a traveling salesman and frequent flyer, so he was always very, VERY careful to mark his luggage so that no one would mistakenly take his bags. He always did this with bright ribbons and tape, so he was quite surprised to see his bags grabbed by a well dressed man when he got to the luggage carousel.*

*Mr. Smith walked over to the fellow and pointed out the coloured ribbons tied to the handle, and the fluorescent tape on the sides.*

*"I believe that luggage is mine. Were your bags marked like this?" he asked.*

*"Actually," the man replied, "I was wondering who did this to my luggage."*

## PLANNED GIVING — Thank You

COLLECTIONS FOR 4th March

ENVELOPES:	\$849.00
LOOSE:	\$330.40
DIRECT DEBIT:	\$340.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1519.40</b>