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17/2/25

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

### **BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS**

Our Beginning of School Year Mass will be held this Friday, 21st February at 10 am. Families are most welcome to join us.

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSION**

Our first P & F "Meet and Greet" session will be held this Friday, 21st February at 9.10 am in the hall. Please come along and meet some of our existing families and find out how you can support the students of OLW. Please see the attached flyer for information - everyone is most welcome to attend! (Following this, our first Parents & Friends Meeting will be held on Friday, 28th February at 9.10 am).

### **ATHLETICS TRIALS SELECTION**

Last Friday our Year 3 - 6 students took part in our Athletics Trials. Mrs Van Ballegooy is now correlating the results and will announce our team and commence training shortly.

### **OPEN EVENING & ENROLMENTS**

OLW is holding an Open Evening and Guided Tours for prospective and current families on **Wednesday 19th March 19 from 4 pm – 6 pm**. Our School Captains will be hosting the tours of the school whilst our staff will be available in their learning spaces.

Information will be distributed to the local Kinders over the next week, but please feel free to let other people know about the evening.

***Parents please note: We have a limit of 25 places, so if your child is in 3 or 4 year old Kinder please complete and return an Enrolment Form as soon as possible. If you have other children enrolled at the school you will still need to complete an enrolment form for any new siblings.***

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Our first SAC meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March at 6 pm. Minutes and Agenda will be posted on our app shortly.

### **CSEF**

Families who hold a current Health Care Card are eligible to apply for CSEF support. Please find attached an application form, or you can pick one up from the school office.

***Please note that applications close at end of February.***



## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos will be on **Thursday, 13th March**. Students are to be dressed in full Summer School Uniform. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## **ICY POLES**

Icy poles will be sold during lunchtime each **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** for Term 1. The cost of an icy pole is 50 cents.

## **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

If your child is attending the Before and/or After School Care Program, please notify the school Office as soon as possible. We also keep a list of students who attend the Program, showing on what days of the week they attend. This reduces confusion and enables us to know where each child is after school.

Parents who use the Kingsbury staff car park must enter and exit the carpark slowly and safely - being mindful of students who may be around and other cars in the carpark.

## **MEDICATION REGISTER**

All schools are required by law to have a medication register book. When your child requires medication, we require a parent / guardian to fill out this book on what medication your child requires and when the medication is required. Medication must be in its original packaging and the dosage must be specified on the packet and confirmed by the parent in writing. All medication must be kept at the School Office. As a general rule, if your child requires medication for an illness, then they are not well enough to attend school.

## **BE SUNSMART – WEAR A HAT!**

The School Hat must be worn during Term 1 and in Term 4. Children who do not have a school hat are required to sit under the veranda or on the deck at Recess and Lunchtime. (i.e. No Hat, No Play)

## **COMMUNICATION**

If you wish to communicate with either myself or your child's teacher you may request a time by either:

- Talking to either myself, Melanie or your child's teacher before or after school.
- Leaving a message at the school office.
- Leaving a message via the School App.
- Sending an email to [principal@olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au)

## **NO FOOD SHARING / BIRTHDAY TREATS**

In order to minimise risk in the school in relation to food and allergies, I ask that parents do not send along cakes, lolly bags or any other food treat on special celebration days. I suggest stickers, pencils, stamps or novelty items such as silly straws. Whilst this may seem unfortunate, I ask for your support with this. It is in the best interest of our children.

## **ASSEMBLIES**

Assemblies will continue to be held each Monday afternoon at 3 pm in the hall. All welcome!



## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

Thank you to those who have already registered for either Keyboard or Guitar lessons - lessons will commence next week (Week beginning Monday 17th February). Please keep an eye out for an email from the music teachers confirming lesson day and time (please check spam also!)

Both the keyboard and guitar teachers will welcome new students at anytime throughout the year - please email me if you wish to have you child partake in either Keyboard or Guitar lessons.

## **RED DOOR CAFE LUNCH ORDERS**

Red Door Cafe will continue to run lunch orders for the OLW students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you would like to order lunch for your child, please head to the cafe on any of these mornings to place your order. Please see attached flyer for menu items.

*God Bless,  
Grace Lucic*

## *Word of the Week*

This year we will continue to alternate between word of the week and phrase of the week.

Our first word for this year is:

***swelter***

Find out its meaning and see if you can add this phrase to your vocabulary over the next week.

## 2025 Sacramental Dates



*Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)  
Thursday, 5th June at 5 pm*

*Sacrament of First Eucharist (Year 3)  
Sunday, 3rd August at 1 pm*

*First Reconciliation (Year 2)  
Tuesday, 21st October at 2 pm*

## Calendar Dates - Term 1, 2025

	<b>February</b>
WEDNESDAY 19/2	Rest day for Preps - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
FRIDAY 21/2	Parents & Friends 'Meet & Greet' - 9.10 am in the hall. All welcome! Beginning of School Year Mass (10 am) - all staff and students (Parents and Grandparents are most welcome to join us.)
WEDNESDAY 26/2	Rest day for Preps - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
FRIDAY 28/2	Parents & Friends Association Meeting - 9.10 am in the hall





## Calendar Dates - Term 1, 2025

	<b>March</b>
TUESDAY 4/3	Year 3/4 Excursion to Pollywoodside Shrove Tuesday
WEDNESDAY 5/3	Ash Wednesday Mass (9 am) Parents and Grandparents are most welcome to join us. Rest Day for Preps - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
MONDAY 10/3	Labour Day Public Holiday (No school)
WEDNESDAY 12/3	Preps in today NAPLAN Testing Period Commences (Years 3 & 5) School Advisory Council Meeting (6 pm in school office)
THURSDAY 13/3	School Photo Day (all students in full Summer School Uniform)
WEDNESDAY 19/3	Our Lady of the Way Open Evening (4 - 6 pm)
MONDAY 24/3	NAPLAN Testing Period Concludes
WEDNESDAY 26/3	District Athletics
MONDAY 31/3	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS)
	<b>April</b>
FRIDAY 4/4	Final Day of Term 1 - 1 pm Finish

## 5/6 EXCURSION TO PARLIAMENT

Last Monday on the 10th of February the Grade 5/6s were honoured to visit the Parliament House of Victoria. During the visit we got to see the House of Representatives and the Senate Chamber. In the House of Representatives, I was lucky to be chosen as the Speaker. (A Speaker is where they regulate the debate and proceedings of the House). Our Tour Guide taught us the three main stages of how a bill is passed. Once we had a quick lesson we then quickly moved on to the Role-Play. We acted like we were Members of Parliament. For our 'genre' it was banning gambling ads. One side agreed to it the other disagreed. We discussed why it was good or not good to ban it. The majority sided with banning gambling ads. It was such a teachable experience for me and that taught me leadership, fairness, and confidence. We really enjoyed this educational experience of a Parliament member.

- Natalie F 5/6M





## First play on the Playground





# Our Lady of the Way Primary School





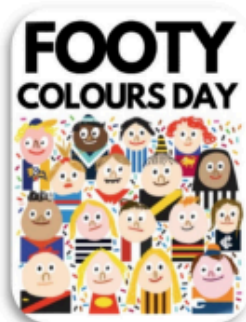
The Parents and Friends Association (P&F) is a group of parents who voluntarily work in partnership with the OLW staff to enhance the lives of our students. The P&F offer an opportunity for parents to gather and become involved in the life of the school and the community spirit.

#### The P&F includes:

- Social functions for the school community
- Second-hand uniform stall
- Assist in various school events
- Fundraising for projects and resources that are not otherwise financed
- Work in co-operation with the principal and staff in building effective partnership within the school community



Although activities and events vary from year to year, some of the things organised by the P&F in the past have included:



- Footy Team colours – Hot food day
- Feast Day including a sausage sizzle
- Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls
- School disco
- Easter and Christmas raffle
- Icy Poles
- Coin Drive
- Colour Run



#### Why Join?

- To share ideas and talents
- To enjoy social functions
- To learn what is happening at OLW
- To make new friends
- Many Hands make light work



If you would like to find out more, please join us for a meet and greet Friday 21st February 2025 at 9:10am in the school hall.



We are also seeking donations for our second-hand uniform stall & Zooper Doopers. If you would like to donate, kindly drop it off at the school office.



## School Photos 2025 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**Our Lady of the Way Primary School**

Thursday 13th March 2025

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

When you receive your child's 2025 image code **Follow these 3 simple steps**

**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2025 image code



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

**That's it!**

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details. When 2025 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS.

- Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads
- Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE

\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online **BEFORE ordering for 2025\*\***



## RED DOOR CAFE LUNCH ORDERS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

PH: 9078 9725

### TOASTIES

Cheese: \$7.00

Cheese & Ham: \$7.50

Cheese & Tomato : \$7.50

Cheese, Ham & Tomato: \$8.50

### WRAPS

Chicken Schnitzel: \$11.90

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo \$11.90

Ham: \$8.90

### HOT FOOD

5 Nuggets & Chips: \$9.90

Pizza(Magarita): \$7.50

Lasagne: \$12.90

Penne Bolognese: \$10.90

1/2 Sausage Roll:\$ 6.00

Whole Sausage Roll: \$10.90

Chips:\$6.00





## KINGSBURY THEIRCARE newsletter - week 3

### Week 3 - Valentine's Day!

We have had so much fun this week celebrating the people who we love and creating beautiful tokens of appreciation for them!

We had so many discussions about the special people in our lives and got to know each other better!



### Activities

- Friendship bracelet making - on Monday we had an awesome time making Friendship bracelets for the people we love most! It was tricky to get the tiny beads on the string but we got there in the end!
- Card making - again while thinking about the people who we love the most, we decided to make special cards to show our appreciation for them! It was a great handwriting activity, but also was an amazing opportunity to get creative with various art supplies to make an eye catching card!
- Two square championship - what an incredible show of sportsmanship and athleticism! We tested our gross motor skills as well as resilience and fairness during this activity, it was so much fun!

### Notices

When possible, please ensure you are booking as early as you can! Booking in advance supports us to staff the program adequately in line with our 1:15 ratio.

Additionally, if your child is away from school or if plans change, a friendly reminder to give us the heads up via a text or call!



### NO HAT NO PLAY

Now that it is Term 4, NO HAT NO PLAY, everyone must be wearing a hat at OSHC.

We provide sunscreen for all children, but please ensure a hat is brought along in their bags!



## Community News



**PARADE COLLEGE**  
**OPEN DAY**



**REGISTER HERE**



Sunday 23rd February  
9.30am - 1.30pm

[WWW.PARADE.VIC.EDU.AU](http://WWW.PARADE.VIC.EDU.AU)  
1436 PLENTY ROAD, BUNDOORA

**JUNIORS HOCKEY: COME & TRY!**



**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**  
**ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

SATURDAYS 9AM / WEDNESDAYS 6PM  
FROM FEB 8TH  
859 PLENTY ROAD, RESERVOIR  
(NEXT TO RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL)

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**SANTA MARIA COLLEGE**  
A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**REGISTER VIA QR CODE**  
**OR COLLEGE WEBSITE**



**OPEN DAY**  
**2025**  
**Thursday 20 March 2025**  
**2pm - 6.30pm**

Visitors will enjoy **presentations** from our Principal and expert staff, take **student-led tours**, see our **classrooms in action** and learn about the unique Santa programs

- Our IB - MYP Program
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Program
- A holistic wellbeing model



P. 9488 1600 E. [registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au) W. [santamaria.vic.edu.au](http://santamaria.vic.edu.au)





## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/carer details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  OR

Foster parent under a temporary care order\* OR  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes  No

### Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
  - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:  
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Special Consideration

- A special consideration category exists for
- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
  - Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

## PAYMENT AMOUNTS

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.  
If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.



## Parish News



### Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Parish Priest: Fr John O'Connor  
 Kingsbury Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury. VIC. 3083  
 Phone: 0488 020 364  
 Email: [Kingsbury@cam.org.au](mailto:Kingsbury@cam.org.au)  
 Parish Website: <http://www.olwkingsbury.org.au/>

#### Our Parish Primary Schools and churches:

- ◆ Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury (Principal- Grace Lucic): 03 9460 6684
  - ◆ Holy Name East Preston (Principal –Caroline Galea): 03 9471 0883
  - ◆ Holy Name Preston East: 28 Robb St, Reservoir - 03 9471 0832
- Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

20<sup>th</sup> February: World Day of Social Justice

22<sup>nd</sup> February: Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5<sup>th</sup> March: Ash Wednesday

#### Date: 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

#### MASS TIMES

##### WEEKEND

Saturday Evening: 6:00pm

at Our Lady of the Way

Sunday Morning: 9:00am at

Our Lady of the Way

Sunday Morning: 10:30am

at Holy Name East Preston

Sunday Afternoon: 4:00pm

at Holy Name East Preston (Vietnamese)

##### WEEKDAY

Our Lady of the Way:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am

Holy Name East Preston:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00am

#### PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Before morning Masses:

Our Lady of the Way: 9:20am

Holy Name East Preston:

8.30am

Morning Exposition and

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Our Lady of the Way: Friday

at 9:15am to 9:45 am before 10am Mass

#### CONFESSION TIMES

Holy Name East Preston:

Saturday after 9:00 am mass

Our Lady of the Way:

Saturday 5:15-5:45pm before 6pm Mass

#### UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

##### REFLECTION: OUR MASS BY FR. FRANK O'LOUGHLIN

In this short series, let's look at 'Mass' and at each of its parts.

A good place to start is with the formal description of the Mass given in the official Roman Missal itself. We find this description in the Introduction to the Missal in no. 27. It says:

"At Mass or the Lord's Supper the people of God is called together, with a priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord or Eucharistic Sacrifice." Notice that the celebration of the Mass is seen as something done by the whole

People of God. The priest's role is made explicit, but he is there to fulfil one particular ministry. He does not celebrate and the People of God join in, rather the whole People of God celebrates and within that celebration, the priest has a crucial part. I don't think that this

principle has been put into effect sufficiently in the celebrations. It seems to me that both among the people and among priests, the Mass is too often seen as something which the

priest does and which the people take part in at a secondary level. It is still too often "Father's Mass"! This has been a way of thinking among Catholics for a very long time and for that

reason has become the spontaneous way in which we tend to think when we are not thinking, so to speak. To encourage a situation more in line with the actual official description of the

Mass, takes time to think about it and to understand and to discover this new – but also ancient – way of thinking. As this series goes on, we will look at the meaning of the various

parts of the Mass and what sort of things might be more in line with the above description.

##### REFLECTION: BLESSED ARE THE POOR AND THE HUNGRY

Today in the Gospel we are presented with St Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain'. Unlike

Matthew who gives us the 'sermon on the mount', Luke has Jesus gathering his disciples

on a piece of level ground. It tells us something of how Luke understands the type of

community that Jesus is creating: equality before God. The text itself is both consoling and

challenging. Let's just look at two of the blessings: Blessed are the poor and blessed are

the hungry. "Blessed are you who are poor"- Poverty is not, per se, a blessing, yet poverty

can help us acknowledge our dependence on God. When we have plenty, it can be all-too-

easy to forget about God. In this sense, "Woe to you who are rich, for you have been

consoled," makes sense. On the other hand, because poverty puts our dependence

squarely before us, indirectly it can be a blessing. It's possible, then, for people who aren't

poor in the financial or material sense to be "poor in spirit." Christians are called to

recognise our dependence on God for everything and treat our possessions (even our

abilities and skills) as gifts, using them for the building up of the Kingdom of God. "Blessed

are the hungry" – likewise hunger is indirectly a blessing. Those who hunger are blessed

because their hunger provides a chance to realise their dependence on God and that one

day the hungry shall be satisfied. They shall have their fill of that for which they

hunger. That day is now according to the gospel of Luke. Which is why Jesus called all to

a level piece of ground, where there was access for everyone and puts before them his

words and ultimately his body for their nourishment. That same gift is given to us today in

word and sacrament whenever we gather for Eucharist.



## Parish News

### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

#### PIETY STORE & BOOK CORNER

The Piety Store is located in the foyer in the glass cabinet, has been restocked. Let us know of items you would like ordered, and we will try to procure it. Also our Parish book exchange/ library is in the foyer. Please browse and take home. All free. Feel free to also donate your books.

### ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

#### POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY

Fr Tony Percy, 62, is currently the parish priest in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn parish of St Gregory's, Queanbeyan. His episcopal consecration is scheduled for 2 May at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. 'Fr Tony will bring to his new role as bishop a wealth of experience from his parish ministry and leadership of the seminary in Sydney,' said Archbishop Costelloe. Ordained priest in December 1990, Fr Tony served in the parishes of Young, Queanbeyan, Ariah Park, Ardlethan and Barellan. Following theological studies in the United States, he served as parish priest in Goulburn before being invited by Cardinal George Pell in 2008 to head the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush, Sydney. Fr Tony returned to Canberra in 2015 to be vicar-general of the archdiocese, during which time he served in the parishes of Wanniasa and Queanbeyan.

#### WATERS OF LOURDESREACH ST PATRICK'S ANNUAL MASS

On Saturday 9 February, hundreds of faithful from across Melbourne gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Lourdes Day Mass—a cherished annual opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm. For those unable to visit the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, this Mass—held each year on or near the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February)—brings those facing health challenges closer to its grace, allowing them to receive the healing waters that flow from the sacred site. Now in its 15th year, the Mass is organised by the Order of Malta Australia. The devotion to Lourdes dates back to 1858, when Our Lady appeared in a grotto to Bernadette Soubirous, a young French peasant girl. Instructing Bernadette to dig in the ground, Mary revealed a spring with healing properties that continues to flow to this day. Bishop Curtin described Lourdes as a place 'where the sick come constantly to call upon God's help, to take inspiration from Our Lady, and in doing so to find healing of heart and soul and body.'

#### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2025

To mark the 33rd World Day of the Sick on 11 February, Pope Francis reflected, "How can we be strong, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realise that we need God's help, his grace" Pope Francis wrote that God remains close to those who are suffering: through encounter, gift and sharing. 'How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love'. The Catholic Church's World Day of the Sick, established by St John Paul II, is held each year on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care, both in health care institutions and within families and communities.

ROSTER	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
<b>Special Minsters</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb: C Zanini & S. Minister 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb: G Tombs & S. Minister	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb: D Austin & J Vandenberg 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb: G Dowling & A Crupi
<b>Readers</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Helen Mills 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb: Myrna Domingo	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Evelyn Ginger 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb: Martina Dowling
<b>Cleaning</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb: Cleaners	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar: Jason C & Joseph G

### PRAYERS FOR COMMUNITY

#### Recent Deceased

We pray for all who died recently especially: Michael Smith, Father John Walter O'Reilly

#### Anniversary

We pray for all anniversaries that occur about this time especially:  
Rino Zanini, Gladys Verhover, Ralph Sartori, John & Francesco Cirillo, Nic and Vincenzo La Rosa

### ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

#### COME FOLLOW ME

The Archdiocese is pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign and thank the community for their generous support and contribution. Parishes across the Archdiocese together raised \$811,178.00.

Our Lady of the Way Parish of Kingsbury contribution to be confirmed.

Your contribution to the Archbishop's Campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese, including Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives such as World Youth Day.

### CHURCH DONATIONS

**1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering** for the support of parish running costs, initiatives, its welfare and maintenance.

Name: Kingsbury Parish Church  
BSB: 083 347 A/C: 68643 0901

**2nd Collection - Presbytery Offering** for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Name: Our Lady of the Way Parish Presbytery  
BSB: 083 347 A/C: 66765 5224

### FORTNIGHTLY OFFERINGS

**Weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of February**

1<sup>st</sup> collection: \$ 1517.50

2<sup>nd</sup> collection: \$862.50

We thank our fortnightly counters. And we thank the Parish for your generous contributions and support.



## Parish News

### JUBILEE 2025 NEWS

#### STORIES OF HOPE

As the first two weeks of Term 1 draws to a close, we turn our minds and hearts to the theme of this month's Jubilee reflection: education. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop dedicated her life to teaching poor and forgotten children. She started schools where no learning opportunities existed, patiently working with each child, giving them special attention and encouragement, until gradually they began to succeed. Mary believed every child is a gift from God, deserving the chance to grow, learn and feel loved. Collect your St Mary of the Cross MacKillop reflection card at our local Pilgrim Places during February and be inspired by her story: *Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and MacKillop College Werribee*

#### MEET LUCE - THE OFFICIAL MASCOT

Luce (Italian for 'Light'), by Simone Legno brings with it a message of hope and welcome. Luce has blue hair, blue eyes and pale skin, and wears a yellow rain jacket, which is coloured in reference to the flag of the Vatican City as well as a symbol for journeying through life's storms. She carries a pilgrim's staff, which represents, and wears mud-stained boots and wears a rosary bead with a missionary cross.



Visit: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

#### WEBSITE LAUNCHES FOR LOCAL PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Jubilee 2025 is now properly underway, and local pilgrims hungry to know more about how to participate can find everything they need on a new '2025 Jubilee—Pilgrims of Hope' Webpage: <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/jubilee>

### JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from  
within both humanity and the whole  
cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil  
vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

*Franciscus*

## Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- cities
- cruel
- crying
- eat
- flat
- hungry
- insult
- joy
- laugh
- mountain
- poor
- reward

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## Parish News

# The Living Word

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**16 February 2025**

### First Reading Jer 17:5-8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.  
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5**

*(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. *(R.)*
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. *(R.)*
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. *(R.)*

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 6:17, 20-26

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



### Reflection by Loyola Press

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those."

Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. Those often thought to have been forgotten are called blessed. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God.

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