Dear Parents,

LENTEN PRAYER - WEEK 3

God, you love me as your own child.
May I bend my life and will toward you
so that I might accept your teaching and guidance.
I am so grateful for your support in my life,
now and in the eternal life you are preparing for me.
I beg for your help and Spirit in my life today.

Our St John’s active travel day is just around the corner! A few reminders for the day include:

- students who participate will receive fruit on arrival
- All students on wheels are required to wear helmets (this includes skaters and scooters).

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students or by contacting Karen Fraser on 0414 813 532, Danielle Mallia on 0433 751 841 or email ourgarden3084@gmail.com.

WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

I was thrilled last Sunday to see three of our children taking part in the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon at the Catani Gardens in St Kilda. Congratulations to Zoe, Anna and Eleanor for participating in this great event. Well done and we’re all very proud of you.

Zoe and Anna have written a short report about their experience of Sunday.
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Unfortunately, due to the early finish yesterday and because of a particularly higher than normal number of requests for Family Photographs, we were unable to take all the photographs as requested.

We have TENTATIVELY arranged for Tuesday, 24th March as the catch up day at this stage. Children who still require sibling photographs will be required to wear their summer uniform on that day.

We will confirm this date over the next few days. My thanks for your understanding.

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**2016 PREP ENROLMENTS – SIBLINGS - URGENT REQUEST**

Enrolments for siblings who are starting school in 2016 are now open!

Sibling Enrolment forms are available from the office. Please indicate to the office staff that you require the sibling Enrolment Form if you are collecting your enrolment form from school.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SIBLING ENROLMENT FORMS BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**ENROLMENT FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, 13th MARCH.**

A reminder that within the state of Victoria, your child must be five years of age by 30 April of the year they start school.

As you know, there is always a strong demand for places at St John’s so it is very important that Sibling Enrolment forms are **completed and returned to school by 13th March**.

Yours sincerely

Nick Marinelli
Principal

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**WeetBix Kids TRYathlon**

We did the WeetBix Tryathlon on Sunday and we had to swim 75m, ride 3 Kms and ran 500m. The event was so much fun and we are excited that we may be doing it next year. Afterwards we got a medal and an Icypole. All of this required an early wake up at around 5.30am!

Anna V and Zoe F
In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children. – Pope Francis.

'Keep It Simple' Food Day - Thursday March 12th
Last week you would have received a letter informing you of our Project Compassion (Caritas Australia) fundraiser, 'Keep It Simple Food Day'.

We ask that you place only 'simple' foods in your child’s lunch box on that day. A simple sandwich would contain only one filling, vegemite, or a slice of cheese, or a spread of some kind. We encourage fruit but no sweets or processed foods.

It is sometimes difficult for children to comprehend the significance of not having a continuous food source. It is hoped that through the participation in the 'Keep it Simple' Food Day the children will grow in appreciation for the food they are given but more importantly, develop an awareness for the people in our world that have very limited food supplies.

The children are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day.

Feast of St Patrick - March 17th
Many Australians remember the Irish settlement and culture on St Patrick’s Day. The Irish were among the first Europeans to settle in Australia. They comprised a portion of the convict settlement population in the late 1700s. More than 300,000 other Irish settlers (not convicts) migrated to Australia between 1840 and 1914. Many Irish immigrants came to Australia to escape famine in their homeland. About 30 percent of Australians are believed to have some Irish ancestry today.

One way of preserving Irish traditions and customs in Australia is celebrating St Patrick’s Day each year. St Patrick is one of Ireland’s patron saints. He died on March 17th in or around the year 493. He worked as a missionary in Ireland.

Our own cathedral in Melbourne is named after him.

All students are asked to wear a touch of green on their uniform on this day.

Catholic Education Week
Next week is Catholic Education Week. As part of the week a special mass is celebrated in St. Patrick’s Cathedral by Archbishop Hart at which student representatives from primary and secondary schools have been invited. This is an annual event. On St Patrick's Day ten of our Year 5/6 students will represent St John's School at this mass.
Class Masses Term 1

When attending your child’s class Mass we ask that you sit beside your child **within the class group**. The class will be seated in the first two or three seats on both sides of the church. Ideally it would be best if you met the class at 9.00a.m. outside the church prior to Mass. All Masses are at 9.15a.m.

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**Family Offertory Roster**

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**Are you buying slavery-free Easter chocolate??**

Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia comes from cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been trafficked or forced to work in exploitative conditions?

The International Labour Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 500,000 – 1,500,000 children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

Want slavery-free Easter chocolate?

Look for these certification labels:

God bless you and your family.

Elizabeth Williamson
(Education in Faith Leader)
KidsMatter News
KidsMatter has a enewsletter specifically for parents, carers and families. It's packed full of expert information, tips and strategies to help you support the mental health and wellbeing of your children. Read articles from previous enewletters, subscribe to receive it straight to your inbox every month. https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter

Here’s one of the latest articles, written specifically for Prep parents, but very relevant for all children.

How to handle a bumpy start
Bumps along the road to primary school are as common as stars in the sky. By boosting your child’s ability to solve problems and cope with challenges – before, during and after they start school – you can reduce the likelihood and intensity of any issues that do crop up. And to really tackle problems head on, be sure to ask for extra support when you need it!

Build their problem solving skills
Young kids need lots of support learning to problem-solve, and lots of practice to hone this life-skill. You and your child can resolve day-to-day challenges by using these three steps:

- Identify the problem – Try and resist the urge to solve the problem for them. Instead, listen actively and help them describe what’s going on if they don’t have the words.
- Try out solutions – Brainstorm together, strongly encouraging their input, and come up with some solutions that might work for the scenario.
- Check in – After they’ve had a chance to put their plan into action, ask your child whether it worked. Praise their efforts, whatever the outcome.

Build their coping skills
The transition to school draws heavily on a child’s coping skills – that is, what they think and do in the face of difficult situations. As with problem solving, coping skills need practice. Your child will be better able to roll with the punches if you:

- listen to them and talk things through (eg “Why don’t you tell me what’s bothering you and I’ll see if I can help?”)
- provide comfort and reassurance (eg “This is a scary time for you, but it will be okay”)
- encourage their efforts to cope (eg “You tried really hard to be brave and I’m proud of you”)
- acknowledge and validate their feelings (eg “I can see you’re really hurt and I can understand why you would feel that way”)
- model good coping skills yourself (eg “I’m so sad at the moment, but I know the feeling will pass soon”)
• prepare them for new (and possibly challenging) situations by talking about them (eg “You will be starting school in a few weeks. Let’s go and see what cool toys they have in your new classroom”)

• work with them to develop a helpful thinking style that makes them feel good about themselves (eg “You didn’t get it right at first, but you should be proud that you had a go and will now know for next time”)

• encourage them to ask for assistance if they need it (eg “You know you can ask your lovely new teacher for help when I’m not there, right?”)

• support them to manage strong emotions like fears and worries and anger, if they are getting in the way of coping.

Ask for help if you need it
There are no prizes for suffering in silence if your child is having problems starting school. Prevention is always better than cure, so put your hand up as early as possible. ‘Help’ comes in many forms, for example, you could:

• speak to your child’s teacher about your concerns - the school may have some good information and support services
• look at some written or online resources – ask anyone in your circle for their recommendations
• chat with a friend – talking about things with a trusted person is sometimes all the support you need
• speak to a professional - your GP is a great place to start, or you may know a psychologist you can talk to.

Don’t forget that most behavioural and emotional issues around starting school are completely commonplace and tend to be short-lived.

For some extra ideas, see KM resource ‘getting help when starting school’.

Harmony Day - National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Friday, 20th March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

This day is also Harmony Day (a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home) Our school will use this day as an opportunity to make the link for students between the KidsMatter theme: “Every face has a Place”, and the anti-bullying focus of the National Day of Action.

We encourage students to behave positively and safely every day but on the National Day of Action we will be shining the spotlight again on our anti bullying strategies. The children will be participating in activities that promote friendliness and kindness, as well as age appropriate discussions about bullying (e.g. what it is/is not, bystander behaviour) The children will be asked to dress in multi-colours to celebrate the concept of diversity.

The Bullying. No Way! website has information for parents and students about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.
Swimming
Last week children from St Johns competed at the Division Swimming Carnival. What a successful day it was! Congratulations to all children who competed and made it through to the Regional round which is held today at Northcote swimming pool. We have children competing in individual events and two relays good luck everyone!

Inter School Sport
Last week we played St Anthony's Primary school it was our most successful round so far. Well done to all players and teachers on a great round. All teams had a win except for our bat tennis team who only lost by 3 points, which is their best result so far. Well done girls, keep it up! This week we have another home game against Ivanhoe East Primary School. Good luck to everyone participating. Have fun and keep up the great improvements in skill level and team work.

Ladder after 4 rounds
Cricket = 1st
Softball Girls = 3rd
Bat Tennis Girls = 10th
Softball Boys = 6th
Volleyball Boys = 2nd
Volleyball Girls = 7th

A Prayer for Lent

My loving Father,
You are loving and most of all you are gentle.
You always listen to me when I have problems.
Please help me to be strong during the time of Lent.
Please help me to have a strong family
And that all people have a safe Lent.
We all think about preparing more and thinking about what is good for us.

Thank you for everything you do for us and thank you for helping me in times of sickness.
Thank you for providing us with food and water.
And most of all, for keeping me safe.
Thank you for my loving family.
I love you Jesus.
Amen
By Mia F. 3P

BIRTHDAYS
March 12 Luca A 5/6C

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Thursday March 12 ‘Keep it Simple’ Food Day
Friday March 13 Ride to School Day
Dear Parents,

Being a part of the Mothers Day Stall preparations is a great way to support all students at St John’s Primary. There is no greater delight than a child being able to present their mum with a special ‘home made’ item selected by them to celebrate this very important day. So if you are interested in baking, (basic) sewing, art & craft, painting or are just happy to help out in a small way, we’d love you to be a part of our team!

We are holding our first meeting to discuss possible items to make for the Mother’s Day Stall held in May. If you are able to give a little of your time, we would really appreciate it! Details of our first ‘planning’ meeting are:

**When:** Friday 13th March 2015
**Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am (straight after drop-off)
**Where:** Osh Club/PIC Meeting Room (portable)

**Agenda:**
- Discussing ideas for possible gift items
- Agreeing who can create each item (either individually or as part of a team)
- Determining what materials we need and how we can access them

**What to bring:**
Please bring along your ideas or suggestions for ‘home made’ Mothers Day gifts (these can be things you’ve previously made or bought, something you’ve been given in the past or something you would really like to get!)

**We look forward to seeing you there!**
Julie Thorn (0419 564 622)

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Prep Parents Social Evening .......

A reminder, the Prep Parents Social Evening takes place this Friday night, March 13 at 7.30pm.

Anyone who has not responded please do so as soon as possible to Rebecca Tarau 0414 917 077 or Gabrielle Vincent 0414 247 260.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.
**Family Mathematics Challenge 3 - Answer**

There are 13 triangles all together.

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**Family Mathematics Challenge 4**

In order to encourage his son in Maths a farmer agreed to pay his son 8 cents for each correct problem and to fine him 5 cents for each incorrect problem.

At the end of 26 problems neither of them owed any money.

How many problems did the son solve correctly?

Work out the answer as a family. Record how you worked it out and your answer and put it in the Mathematics Family Challenge Box near the front office by Friday. Don’t forget to put your name on it!

Well done to Daniel (3W), Charlie (5/6S), and Edward (5/6C) and their families for taking on Challenge 1

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**PARENT REPS**

Thank you to all those parents who offered to be a Parent Class Representative.

We still need a few more volunteers for the following classes:

- [ ] 1T
- [ ] 2P
- [ ] 4C
- [ ] 5/6C
- [ ] 5/6B

If you are able to help, please tick the relevant box and return this slip to the school office as soon as possible.

**Name:** ..................................................................................................................................................................................................................
Energy Audit – The Energy Warriors
On Thursday 5th of March, energy auditing company Planet Savers worked with myself and a group of amazing students to conduct an Energy Audit at our school. Mark and Corry from Planet Savers lead the audit with an amazing group of students; Alyssa V, Patrick C, Polly M, Venetia V, Edward C, Alana H, Madeleine D, Jessie C, Chelsea C, Margaret C.

The audit involved gathering data about the way we consume energy in every part of our school. The students learned about the ‘Greenhouse Effect’ and how our usage of non-renewable energy is contributing to climate change. By participating in this audit, we will gain great insight into how much energy we are consuming and ways we can implement change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Planet Savers will also provide us with a range of practical solutions that we can gradually implement into our school.

Did you know that Australia produces the most carbon emission per head of population compared to the world. We produce approximately 27 tonnes of greenhouse gases per person. The energy auditing team were shocked by this data and immediately recognised their responsibility as citizens of the world to take action against climate change.

Once we receive the audit results from Planet Savers, the students will work with our Staff and Parent environment team (APPLE) to decide on the most effective way we can use the $10 000 grant to reduce our emissions. The students will then monitor our energy bills to track the gradual decrease in energy usage and calculate the savings we make. With the money we save, the students will decide the best ways we can inject the money back into the school to benefit social and emotional learning and the environment.

Mark and Corry were astounded by the students extensive prior knowledge, great team work and passion for wanting to make a difference to their school and to the world. They would like to thank the whole staff for supporting this action and believe our school has the positive attitude we need to help implement change.

We hope that you can join us on our journey to become an energy efficient school and reduce our carbon footprint on the world.

A few words from the Energy Warrior Team:
In the future, I am looking forward to seeing how much energy is gone and how much healthier our school will in for the environment. I think our school would be even better if it had solar panels and not as many lights. We could get the solar panels with the money we save from all the energy we’re not using. If we do get solar panels we could get even more environmentally friendly things with the money we save on our bills. I think that our school is going to be very energy efficient! - Madeline D.

We went around the school and checked how much light we use at our school using a lux meter and looked at the temperature in every classroom using a thermometer. We all had loads of fun wearing our bright yellow jackets and talking about what we want to happen in our school I want to keep nature and ourselves safe in the future and reduce the amount of climate change and greenhouse gas around our world.- Alana H.

Hi, I am in the environment team and I have learnt that when the sun goes through the windows in the greenhouse and when the sun touches the ground or plants it makes heat radiation. I learnt that the sun is brighter than 200degrees or more and you look at the sun for too long you can go blind. When the lights are left on that waste energy and if you just open the curtains or blinds on a sunny day it creates more light than turning the lights on inside. I enjoyed this job because it was fun and we got to learn lots of things and we got to teach people what to do and what not to do.

I felt important when I was wearing the fluoro vest. – Jessie C
FRIDAY 13th MARCH

More exciting news: Freebies!!
For your free giveaways, simply ride, sk8, scoot or walk to school on Friday 13th March!!

Why should we ride more? Attached is some info.

Thanks to parents who have volunteered their time. If you would like to be involved, just show up to one of our meeting points, or email ourgarden3084@gmail.com

Special Thanks to our Sponsors

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- Team Brunetti,
- HallsTaekwondo,
- Jets Eltham,
- Little School of Dance,
- Greensborough Fruit Shop
- St John Tennis Club.

Ride On!
Hi everyone,

This week at OSHClub was great; the children came up with so many great ideas for activities and we ended up doing almost all of them! We made our own crazy play-dough and modelling clay creations, we cooked the most amazing honey muesli slice you’ve ever tasted and we even made a great start on our own St. John’s OSHClub board game.

Some children came up with the fantastic idea of using toothbrushes and coloured paint to create ‘Space-paintings’ by using the bristles to spray paint on the paper like stars in the sky – it looked amazing!

If your child/ren are absent from school or other arrangements are made for them, could you please let us know that they will not be attending afterschool care.

On the day cancelations/bookings must be made with a phone call or text to the program number on 0401 333 932.

You will not be able to make online bookings or cancelations on the day.

Online bookings or cancelations can be made up until midnight the night before.

We hope to see you at OSHClub!

Enjoy the rest of your week 😊

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0401 333 932
Coordinator: Trent Harkom
Assistant: Recruiting
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Father Mario’s Sermon

08 March 2015 (Third Sunday of Lent, Year B)

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!

Perhaps it is fair to say that Lent is a time for us to be challenged about the way we live our faith. We are getting closer to the celebration of Easter when we are once again invited to renew our Baptism promises and start afresh in our following of Christ; we were challenged to join Jesus in the desert to make space for God and to go up the mountain to meet God, wondering what the transfiguration of Jesus really meant. Today we are invited to reflect on Jesus who expresses anger at the people who had turned the Temple into a market place. Indeed what is the meaning of all this?

Sacrifice as a way to worship God was an important part of the life of the Jerusalem Temple. Many Jews bought their sacrificial offering and exchanged money at the market that was very conveniently set up in the ‘Court of the Gentiles’. Markets, especially when animals are traded, tend to be disorderly, smelly, dirty and loud, getting in the way of people who came to the Temple to worship. A further question about whether just practices were used at the Temple market can also be raised; markets can often give rise to monopolies and unfair pricing.

It is quite easy to justify the existence of the animal market in the Jerusalem Temple ignoring questions that may arise around this practice, and similarly it is very easy to justify habits that may have turned my own temple into a market place, ignoring the calls to be open to God’s Word and turn back to God. By removing the market from the Temple grounds Jesus is also suggesting that sacrificing animals to God is no longer required because God is not only worshipped in the Jerusalem Temple. Jesus is the new temple where God is worshipped, he is the presence of God in our midst and we ourselves are temples of the Holy Spirit. The first and most immediate place to worship is God in me and in my sisters and brothers; a God who has become incarnate and still lives among us.

Today’s first reading from the book of Exodus reminds us that we need to worship God and respect our sisters and brothers. The first three commandments speak of our relationship with God while the other seven speak of our relationship with those around us. Similarly our practice of Lent reminds us of the need to pray and to be charitable. Perhaps in a cyclical way we need to pray in order to have the strength to see God in our sisters and brothers who we reach out to, offering them to God in prayer! Prayer and charity are one continuous action and not two distinct actions.

Christ walks into my temple; is he welcome here? Often I turn my temple into a market place full of different noisy activities. I am also able to fully justify the existence of many of the activities that happen in my temple; all my habits probably started off as quite innocent practices. I might have started with one market stall, and then a second and a third till the market place became my way of life, leaving no space to worship God in this temple.

Lent is the time to turn back to God. Jesus wants to come back and reclaim my temple for the true worship of God. It is difficult to let go of old habits, but am I ready to trust in God and follow him. Paul warns us that our belief in Christ looks like folly and a scandal, but for us who believe we know that Jesus is the true presence of God and the one we need to follow.

Fr Mario
PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John’s are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage.

Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely.

Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do.

We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

7th / 8th March 2015 - 3rd Sunday in Lent Yr B

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

In the past two weeks, during the weekday Masses in our parish, we have started offering the chalice at Holy Communion. This gives us the privilege of receiving Communion as both Body and Blood of Christ.

As humans, our meals are always made up of food and drink; there is no meal that does not contain some type of drink with it. At the Last Supper Jesus took the bread and declared: ‘this is my Body’, then took the chalice filled with wine and declared: ‘this is my Blood’. Every time we gather to celebrate Mass we participate in this great mystery and we are invited to participate fully in this holy sacrificial meal by eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ.

Eucharist is real food; it is the food that nourishes us in our faith journey. Our participation in the Mass is only complete when we come forward to receive Holy Communion, bringing us into communion with God, and with our sisters and brothers in the world-wide Church today, in the past and in the future.

Both the Body and the Blood of Christ are equally and fully Eucharist and Jesus is fully present in both the Body and the Blood with his whole divinity and humanity. Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both Body and Blood. For this reason I encourage you that whenever possible you participate by drinking from the chalice. We plan that in the coming weeks this opportunity is also made available during our weekend Masses.

Fr Mario

Making Connections

For the Jewish people, the Temple was the centre of worship of God. Jesus declares himself the new temple. True worship of God is now centred in Jesus himself. Members of the Church, the continuing presence of Christ in the world, are sometimes referred to as ‘temples’ of the Holy Spirit. Express some ‘righteous anger’ this week about something that disorders our world, e.g. inequality, human rights abuse, exclusion. How are Christians called to respond to these injustices?

Please Remember in your prayers

Newly Baptised: Alice Darby, Tully Giudice, James Cunningham & Benjamin Wansink.

The Sick: Bev Wales, Liam Hall (Foot), M J McCann, Carmen Flores, Margaret Turnbull, Umberto & Angela Selva.

Anniversaries: Antonio Chincarini, Gerry Rochford, Frank Byrnes, Paul Sullivan, Judy Cobbledick, Joseph Dickinson, Mary White, Michael Hanksin, Beryl Shields, Maureen Cummans, Marie Abrahams, Con Power, Terry Power, Mary Connelly, Frank Toohey

Recently Deceased: John Bourke.

Names on the Sick List remain for six weeks, unless otherwise advised. Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning latest. Thank you.
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Thank you to everyone who supports St John’s financially. Please advise the parish office if your credit is lost/stolen or your credit card number or expiry date has changed.

Austin Hospital Mass: will be celebrated next Sunday 15th March. Volunteers please meet at 8.30am for 9.30am Mass at the Chapel. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

Easter Hamper Raffle: in aid of our parish charities. We are looking for donations of Easter eggs and chocolates to go in an Easter hamper to be raffled off for Easter in aid of the parish charities. Please place donations in the container in the porch.

St John’s Liturgy Committee: has a very important role in the life of the parish as it works to enhance the worship of the community. Its role is to better organise our celebrations. Our Liturgy Committee is seeking new members to join and be part of this ministry. For information please contact Fr Mario.

During Lent you can practice penance by doing one of the following: Prayer - Going to Mass, family prayer, a visit to a Church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary; Self-Denial - not eating meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with family, limiting food and drink to give to the poor. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing self-denial in Australia; Helping Others - visiting someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over burdened.

God rich in mercy - 24 hour adoration: Pope Francis is inviting us to join him in participating in a time of prayer and reconciliation with the Lord. The program includes Mass, Adoration, Prayers of the Church, Benediction, Lectio Divina and Meditations by Bishop Terry Curtin and others. Priests will also be available for Reconciliation. At All Saints Church, 174 Brunswick Street Fitzroy, from Friday 13 March at 6.00pm to Saturday 14 March at 6.00pm.

In Home Care: now available through Respite Now. Aged care and disability specialists. Contact Jane or Greg Millard on 0403 577 827 or email info@respiteno.com.au. Visit our website for more information www.respiteno.com.au.

Free Individual Counselling: Contact Julie Jensen on 0411 241 005 or julie@changesinbetween.com

NB. CHANGE OF DATE: Working Bee - Parish Gardens: Women and men who would like to get involved in a Working Bee to help maintain the church gardens are invited to join this SATURDAY 14 MARCH. We meet at the parish house at 8.00am. RSVP: Rodney 0402 898 583. All welcome.

Lectio Divina during Lent: on Mondays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10.00am in the parish house meeting room. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: every Friday in Lent 7.30pm.
Project Compassion - Food For Life: Please pick up a copy of each week’s story from the porch. This week we remember people in Australia.

Holy Thursday - Washing of the feet: Part of the Holy Thursday celebration includes the washing of the feet of twelve people. If you would like to participate in this celebration please put down your name on the sheet provided and speak to Fr Mario.

Palm Sunday 29th March - On Palm Sunday parishioners are invited to bring with them palm and olive branches or any other suitable greenery. These will be blessed before the Mass as we celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring some extra pieces for parishioners who do not have access to suitable greenery.

St John’s Parish Primary School - Enrolments 2016: To book your child for 2016 and a school tour please contact the school office on 9459 2963. There has been a great response to the Seasons for Growth - Understanding Change, Loss and Grief seminars with all four programs fully booked. An additional seminar has been scheduled for Thursday 12 March from 6pm to 9pm in the St John’s Parish House Meeting room. Information flyers are located in the church foyer. To reserve your place please contact Julie Jensen on 0411241005 or email julie@changesinbetween.com

Room for rent in Macleod: for $160 per week. Contact Leonia Kulak (0417 640 196).
Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre

Learn to Swim Intensives
Preschool and school age groups

4 day intensive
Monday 30th March—Thursday 2nd April
Tuesday 7th April—Friday 10th April

Cost $54
Concession $48.50

Includes pool entry
Bookings essential on 9490 7111

Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre

Children's activities
prep to grade 6
Cost $12.30
(bookings essential)
Activities subject to change or cancellation with 24 hours notice.

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