

WORLD MISSION DAY: While October is Mary's month, within that framework today (14 October) is World Mission Sunday. Hence this also is the day when one of our most favoured charities, Catholic Mission, makes its annual appeal in our parish to fulfil the Holy See's requirement for this Sunday each year to be set aside as a special commemoration for the Mission of the Church. Special envelopes have been placed in your pew for you to make a donation to Catholic Mission to help finance the excellent work this significant Australian Catholic charity undertakes throughout the world, year round! When making a donation, please place the filled envelope on the second collection! All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible for those who complete the relevant details on the envelope. As I write (Wednesday), we are not sure as to whether someone from Catholic Mission will be present at this Mass, or not! We will have to wait and see on the day. Whether or not, thank you sincerely to all who contribute to this essential recuperative work of the Church!

DID YOU KNOW? That October is also the month of Prayer & Fasting for Marriage and Family! Here at Blackheath, we usually set aside this week to pray for the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia through our Mass intentions, rosaries and daily prayers. As families are the very essence of our survival as a society, and as families are virtually under siege in this materialistic world at this time, the need for our prayers and fasting has never been greater than right now. Please devote time and attention this week towards the growth of love and peace in our families! Humble thanks for your prayers, fasting!

2018 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT: As indicated in last week's Bulletin, over the four weeks commencing last week, we are counting the numbers of people who attend Sunday Mass (includes Saturday Vigil Masses). Last week a total of 101 people attended the two Masses held – 24 at Mt. Victoria; 77 at Blackheath. Many thanks to those who did the counting last week, and would you mind repeating the effort at today's Mass, please? Ta!

2018 AGM: The date for this year's AGM has been set for Sunday, 25th November following the 9.30 am Mass. As usual, the AGM will be held in the parish hall with morning tea provided before the AGM commences. As requested in last week's Bulletin, would all group leaders take steps to prepare their sectional annual reports ready for printing by the 7th November, please? Should you experience any problems in that regard, would you let the office know ASAP. Again, many thanks! While on this subject, I have to report that it is extremely unlikely that the Diocesan internal audit of last financial year's performance will be carried out before the AGM. Should that be the case, sadly, we will have no alternative but to table unaudited figures. This I deeply regret!

SCHOOL'S BACK: That fortnight went quickly, didn't it? I trust that all involved families came together, enjoyed themselves immensely and with safety, and are now ready to begin term 4 – the last term for this year, which ends on Thursday, 20th December 2018. Then it's holiday time once more until Tuesday 29th January 2019 when schools again resume. To all students: work hard, do well! Enjoy! God Bless! Fr. Bob

DROUGHT PRAYER ~ Gracious God, provider of all our needs, we humbly thank you for your most loving compassion and generosity in providing everything we are and have, including the soil we till, the seed we sow and the water we use to grow the food that keeps us alive in this world. We know that without water neither human nor animal can survive, for nothing can grow in a waterless land such as we are experiencing at present. Lord, please intervene and bring to an end this catastrophic drought that is causing so much heartache, hardship and loss, especially for so many of our country cousins. Let it rain and otherwise help us to assist those affected through your love for them and us and in our prayers to you on their behalf. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: At the end of the sermon today, you will have an opportunity to write down a suggestion to send into the Plenary Council committee for their consideration. The slips of paper on your seat are there for that purpose. Your idea can be about a range of topics: women's participation, the sacraments, liturgy, governance, sexual abuse, parish issues etc. You can leave your ideas on the seat to be put on the noticeboard or you can put it in the suggestion box near the noticeboard. We will forward these at the end of each month to the Plenary Council Committee. Join us on Thursday 1st November at 7.30pm in the parish hall to listen to fellow parishioners and community members about how they see the Church needs to change to meet the needs of our time and into the future. They can help you to come with other ideas for the Plenary Council.

"MALTESE SPRING FETE" organised by the Saint Nicholas Festa Committee ~ Sunday 14th of October 2018 at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 130-136 Hyatt Road, Plumpton.

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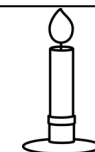
Happy Anniversary
16th Barbara & Charles
Hodgkinson

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH ~ Melbourne Cup Luncheon will be held at The George in the Blue Jax Restaurant on Tuesday 6 November at 12.30 pm \$35 a head. I will need to know numbers by 30 October. Please put your name on the notice board if you would like to come ring Diane phone 47871357 or Elizabeth Doolan 47875537. All welcome

An invitation from Our Lady of the Nativity - Lawson ~ On Sunday 21 October they will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the laying of the OLN foundation stone. Mass will be at 8.30am. All invited. Sunday 11 November Bishop Long will be celebrating the anniversary mass at 8.30am in Lawson.

Rest in Peace

16th Eileen Smith
18th Ron Drummond
20th Jaroslav Zeeman



Please pray for the sick and their carers:
Barry Bowden, John & Marion Crowley, Kevin Madden, Maria Slater, Frank McKrell, Marie Johnson and Trennah Portelli.