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PARISH NOTICES

3rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY MASSES : 6.00pm (*Sat*) Vigil Mass; 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy 9am Mass)

WEEKDAYS : <i>Mon</i>	Mass	5pm (<i>Church</i>)
<i>Tues</i>	Mass	11 am (<i>Australia Day</i>)
<i>Wed</i>	Mass	9.30am
<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30am & 2.15 at <i>Mercy Fernhill</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>Communion Service</i>	9.30am

CONFESSIONS: 5pm 1st Saturday of the month or by appointment

READINGS next SUNDAY: 1st Reading Jeremiah	1:4-5.17-19
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	Gospel Luke 4:21-30

"The Lord's Year of Favour"

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells those gathered in the synagogue at Nazareth that—among other things he has come to do is "bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, to give the blind sight and to set the down trodden free". Notice he has not come to moralize or lay down the law but to bring good news to the poor, the captives, the down trodden.

He has come to express God's "feelings" for the poor, the captives etc. He has not come to re-enforce their disadvantage but seek to alleviate it.

Pope Francis has a favourite image—taken from St Ignatius—that the Church ought to be like a field hospital in the midst of war, that is a place of refuge, comfort and healing. There are troubles enough in the whole project of being a human being. Francis and Ignatius use "war" as an image for the human struggle in all its dimensions.

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"The Lord's Year of Favour" cont.

The Lord's year of Favour" expresses the intention of Jesus that he has come to broadcast the Lord's favour, to let his love be known.

Mercy in the Scriptures and the Liturgy is not just Mercy for the sinful, but it is about calling on the love of God for us in our human conditions of joys and sufferings, of fears and strengths, of taking and giving, of imperfection and weakness, of hating and being hated, of perpetrating violence and being its victims, of radical self-centredness even in the little things of life and yet of great achievements and satisfactions. Some of us are more fortunate than others but this alone causes imbalances, jealousies and rivalries. There can be such goodness but also such evil. We human beings are a paradox to ourselves.

Pope Francis' call for a year of mercy this year is a call to us all and to the Church as a whole and in all its institutions to be a place of refuge, comfort and healing to troubled humanity.

So it is that one of the big considerations is to look at those who the Church has seemed to set aside and to whom insufficient understanding and compassion has been shown. Among these are those who have been divorced and remarried and those of homosexual orientation.

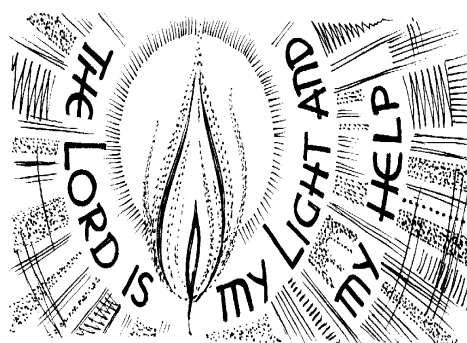
LENT—EASTER DATES:

Ash Wednesday : February 10th

Holy Thursday : March 24th

Good Friday : March 25th

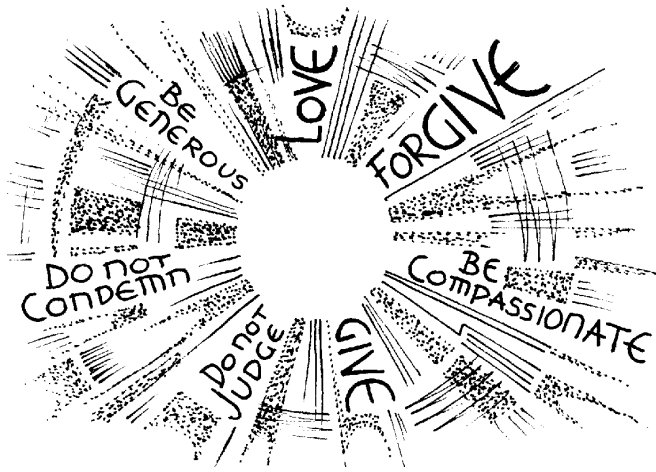
Easter Sunday: March 27th



CATECHIST—VOLUNTEER: For over 20 years Therese McKenna has been the parish catechist, preparing parish children not at the Parish School for the Sacraments. Therese is retiring due to difficulties with eyesight. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

The parish has a need for a new catechist to take over Therese's work. It involves about ten weeks preparation for the various sacraments: penance, holy communion and confirmation. Even if someone could volunteer to one of these sacraments, it would be a great help.

Therese has resources she could pass on to us along with helpful advice. The group of children are usually from five to ten and the sessions are held in the Mangan (New) Meeting Room. If you can help, could you contact Fr Frank personally, or on 9598 1511.



AUSTRALIA DAY: Tuesday is Australia Day; there will be Mass at 11am

CATECHUMENATE: Our Catechumenate group will begin its sessions on Tuesday February 2nd at 7.30pm (instead of 5pm). We are beginning early this year because of the early Easter.

SINGING PRACTICE:

We will begin singing practices for Lent & Easter on **February 7th at 10am**. Further dates to be advised.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

The first meeting for 2016 will be on Monday February 1st at 7.30pm in the Mangan meeting room

THANKS from FR FRANK

Many thanks for so many cards and gifts at Christmas. They all added to the 'merriness' of the season.

Thank you

VOLUNTEERS TO OPERATE THE LAP TOP AT MASS:

We start the new year looking for volunteers to help with the operation of the lap top during Masses. No real computer knowledge is needed and there is a clear running sheet to follow. Instruction sessions will be provided (Date to be advised).

Could anyone who would be able to help, please call the presbytery and leave your contact details, or email domecc.sand@bigpond.com indicating your preferred Mass time.

eLearning & Technology Training : 2016

Bayside Library Service runs regular training and presentations on a variety of topics related to computers, the Internet and tablet devices - **February to June 2016**

Any enquiries regarding the program, please contact Sue Doherty, Library Admin on 9591 5907

OR book online at bayside.spydus.com/training.html

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

THIS WEEK: Team 2: W & C Commins, L Roskam, J Macdonald, F Meade

NEXT WEEK: Team 3: G Thomas, L Warner, P & H Connell

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAM :

for 7/2/16 M Buxton & W Ashcroft *Flowers:* Lucy Cobal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS :

24/1 6pm

9am Volunteers needed at all Masses Rosters resume in February

11am

LECTORS / COMMENTATORS :

31/1 6pm

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THE SICK : Peter Roberts, Tony Cooper, John LoPiccolo, Peter Gillan, Summer Hall, Julia Oppendsano, Ben Randles, Jean MacGregor, Madison O'Neill, Robyn Fenton, Diana Gillon, Stewart Ross, Peter Arbon, Trevor Harden, Rhonda Rigg, Martin Cassidy, Cencetta Ferraro

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Gamble

ANNIVERSARIES: Danila Trinajstic, Joyce Collins, Dr Murray O'Neill, Pam McLean, Colleen Crump, Tim Hassett, Mary Josephine Connors

We respectfully acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal peoples and especially the Boonerwrung people of the Kulin Nation, who are the traditional owners and custodians of the Sandringham area.