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PARISH NOTICES EASTER SUNDAY

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

WEEKDAYS : *Mon* (Public Holiday)

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| <i>Tues</i> | Mass | 5pm (Church) |
| <i>Wed</i> | Mass | 9.30am |
| <i>Thurs</i> | Mass | 9.30am |
| <i>Fri</i> | Communion Service | 9.30am |

CONFESSIONS: First Saturday of month at 5pm or by appointment

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| READINGS next SUNDAY: 1st Reading | Acts of the Apostles | 5:12-16 |
| 2nd Sun Easter Yr C | 2nd Reading | Bk of Apocalypse |
| | Gospel | John |
| | | 1:9-13.17-19 |
| | | 20:19-31 |

"ALLELUIA"

It is an unusual word that is not native to the English or even the Latin liturgical vocabulary: the word "Alleluia." As a matter of fact, it sounds less like a meaningful word than the babbling of a child, and when it is sung with many notes for the final vowel, this impression becomes even stronger.

"Alleluia" does, of course, have a meaning. It is a Hebrew word, and down the centuries the church has brought it with her, untranslated (like "Amen"), as a product of the Jewish soil from which she herself sprang and as a reminder of her earliest days. The word is a cry of jubilation meaning "Praise the Lord," and occurs frequently in the psalms.....

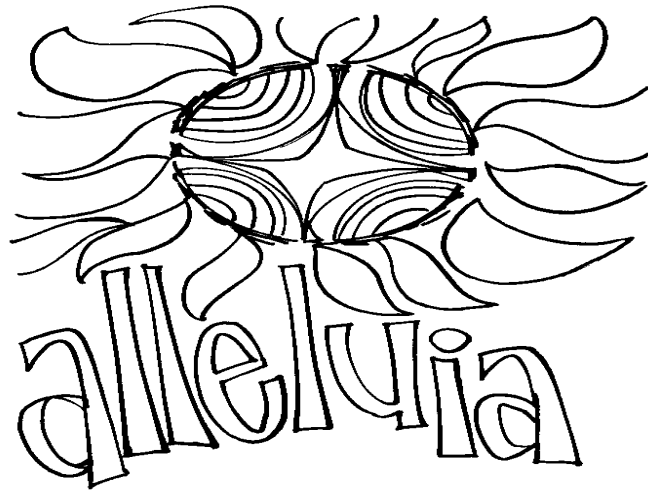
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"ALLELUIA' *cont.*

But the translation does not explain why the church chose and retained this word from the Hebrew language of prayer in order to express her Easter jubilation, even though in later centuries her own children did not understand the meaning. I think the church meant to say: "In the presence of the mystery that we celebrate on Easter, the mystery of our redemption, our usual intelligible vocabulary is inadequate; when faced with the superabundant mercy of God we can only stammer in amazement like children."

That is how it is with Christians: As we gaze at the Sun that has risen high over the darkness and cold of our Good Friday, all well-chosen words are useless. We can only stammer out our Alleluia of wonder and jubilation.

Balthasar Fischer



CATECHUMENATE:

The next meeting will be Wednesday
April 13th at 7.30pm the Presbytery.

FUNERAL for PETER ARBON :

Will be on Tuesday, March 29th at
10.30am at All Hallows Church,
Brenbeal Street, Balwyn.

**FUNERAL for ALAN
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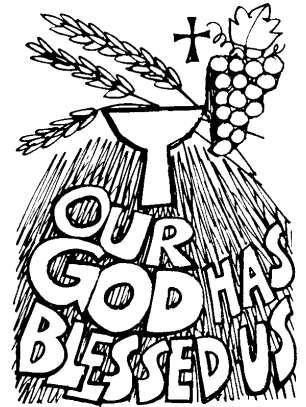
Will be on Thursday, March
31st at 11am.

FIRST CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

for children at schools other than Sacred Heart will begin on Wednesday, April 13th at 5pm in the Mangan Meeting Room.

Anyone with children to receive these sacraments, please hand their names to Fr Frank or at the Parish Office (9598 1511).

Anne Locco will be conducting these classes.



ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT

Recent events highlighting the plight of many asylum seekers and refugees provide an opportunity to put pressure on the government to change their policies in regard to these vulnerable people.

Change will not happen unless ordinary people, like us, speak up.

◇ To voice your support for refugees and asylum seekers you could :

Sign the **"Let Them Stay"** petition to pressure the government to let the refugees who are being threatened with return to Nauru stay in Australia.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/letthemstay>

◇ Join the campaign to close Manus Island and Nauru <http://capsa.org.au/>



STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 12 Nov—15 Dec 2016

Journey through Jordan, Turkey, Israel & Palestinian Territories with Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev Anthony Dean cm.

Contact Jenny Delahunt 9412 3314 or email jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

see notice board for further details

COLLECTION COUNTERS :

THIS WEEK: Team 4: P Thorp, R Clark, J McCartney, P Myers

NEXT WEEK: Team 5: M Cobal, M Holland, A Power, N Jencik, L Giacomini

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAM :

27/3 Sue Hanna : *EASTER Flowers*

3/4 S Hanna & S Crilly *Flowers: K Hardeman*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS :

27/3 *Volunteers as per lists for Easter Liturgies*

3/4 6pm H McGrath, S Bartl, V Langdon, P Sim

9am T Duggan, M Noonan, I Marshalk

11am C Hill, C O'Reilly, A Mandarino

LECTORS / COMMENTATORS :

27/3 *Volunteers as per lists for Easter Liturgies*

3/4 6pm J Sexton & G Glackin

9am J Smith & G Bevan

11am C Claffey-Ross & L Warner



THE SICK : Peter Roberts, Tony Cooper, John Lo Piccolo, Peter Gillon, Summer Hall, Julia Oppendsano, Ben Randles, Jean MacGregor, Madison O'Neill, Robyn Fenton, Diana Gillon, Stewart Ross, Trevor Harden, Rhonda Rigg, Martin Cassidy, Concetta Ferraro, Hayley Slatterby, Martin Donaldson, Basil Cervi, Joan Kirkham, Michela Rupena, Maria Rosa Daniela

RECENTLY DECEASED : Alan Stoppa, Peter Arbon

ANNIVERSARIES : Lino Zanatta, Micéal Prendergast, Frank Wisdom, Sybil Kennedy, Robin Cripps, Frank Sim, Wayne Casson

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