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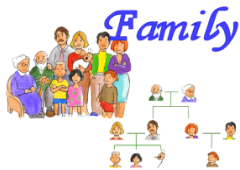


Dear Friends,

John the Baptist calls Jesus the 'Lamb of God'. The term Lamb of God, signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. Here, the Lamb is referred in the Old Testament idea of the blood of the Passover Lamb, which delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. John was a son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people. So John would have seen that, the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from the bondage of sin was Jesus' sacrifice. The Holy Spirit revealed to John the Baptist the true nature of Jesus so that he could bear witness to Jesus.

Here we see that John was fully aware of Jesus' nature. Let us ask ourselves, who is Jesus for us? This was the question of the two of John the Baptist's disciples too. They want to know more about Jesus. Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He approached them and asked them a fundamental question of life. What are you looking for? And invited them to come and see. In the same way Jesus invites us to draw near to himself and wants us to know him personally. Like the disciples of John the Baptist let us take this invitation seriously and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth and the nature of the gospel so that we may understand the nature of Jesus and love him dearly in our life

Fr Neville



Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next **World Meeting of Families** from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Catechesis Pre-World Meeting of Families

This important and joyful international gathering will be preceded by a period of catechesis/faith education, which has been prepared by the Church in Ireland for use by local parishes and across the world. The Amoris: Let's talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme is an interactive multimedia platform of catechetical resources that will be available through our website and a dedicated app. An official prayer, logo, icon and hymn have also been especially prepared for WMOF2018, as key elements of the journey of preparing for the event.acmfc.org.au

Feast Days January 17 (St. Anthony Abbot) January 20 (St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr)

Lenten Booklets Please let Katrina Currell know 5598 3443 if you will participate in the Lenten programme so she can place an order:

PROCLAIM Conference 2018 - Sponsorship Opportunity

This exciting conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. This conversation will draw together over 500 participants from across Australia for keynote presentations, facilitated conversation sessions, peer learning, expert discussion panels and future visionary planning. Key-note speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). The Diocesan Foundation has offered sponsorship for six people from the diocese (two from each zone) to attend the PROCLAIM 2018 Conference in Brisbane from July 12-14 (www.proclaimconference.com.au). If you are interested in attending, please complete the application form (here), addressing the selection criteria, and return this to the Pastoral Ministry Office by Friday, February 16, 2018. For any enquiries, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Timboon	Jan 14th 10am Assembly W & C	Jan 21st 9:00 a.m. Mass	Jan 28th 10am Assembly W & C
Welcome	P Martin	A McMeel	K Currell
Leaders	K Currell, M Van Nieuwkerk		J McNerney E O'Connor
Statue	M Turner	B Moloney	T & E O'Connor
Reader	E O'Connor	N McKinnon	A Denny
P.O.F.	R Hoffmann	C Martin	D Denny
Gifts		D & N Denny	
M of C	A McMeel	E Roberts C Bullen	P Martin
Church Cleaning	R Hoffmann P Thornton i\\	R Hoffmann P Thornton i\\	R Hoffmann P Thornton i\\
Bulletin	No Bulletin	No Bulletin	No Bulletin
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels
Simpson	9 a.m. Assembly	Closed	9 a.m. Assembly
Statue	N O'Connor	K & L Robertson	J Wetemans