

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS – 11 th October, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

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Information for special parish events (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)

Please contact Anne Beer on 5349 2168 or 0417 369 322

Parish Support:

A reminder that if anyone needs help with anything, please get in touch with one of our members below:

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Welcome to 'Our Community News' for 11th October, 2020

Note: Today's Community News email has two other attachments: copy of 'The Saving Word' and a flyer to advertise the latest edition of e-News.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

We have a new Diocesan website, so by following the above link, you can check out the updates as well as familiarise yourself with the many features of the website.

FATHER JUSTIN'S ONLINE MASSES FROM ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL:

Reminder: Daily Mass at 11.30 am from St John of God Hospital Chapel.

The Cathedral Facebook page is Patrick's Cathedral

<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9> but the Masses can also be reached via the Cathedral website where the Masses are posted each day after the Mass has concluded so for those who don't have a Facebook account they can go to <https://stpatscathedral.weebly.com/>

(We recommend this link may work best Beaufort Parish)

RECENT DEATHS:

Joan Cushing..... We continue to pray for all victims of Coronavirus throughout the world.

This week we are very mindful that we have 3 local families who have buried their loved ones. We continue to think of the Cushing Family, the Roxburgh Family and the O'Brien Family.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John & Eileen Flannagen, Rosalie Gilbert & Terance McManus, Jim Briody, Rosina Sullivan, Kevin O'Loughlan, William (Bill) Fay, Wendy Perkins, Carmel Mitchell, Jim Harney, John Dridan, Andrew Agterhuis & Shane Ferrari.

PRAY FOR ALL THESE FRIENDS OF OURS WHO ARE ILL:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr. Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Maria Large (Judy O'Connor's sister) and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTERS:

Please consider volunteering for any roles that may interest you and let Anne Beer know.

Anne's mobile number is 0417 369 322 or email: bigmac09@bigpond.com

NEWSLETTER:

Any contributions for the newsletter will be greatly appreciated. This is a great way to keep our little community in touch.

Just simply email: beaufort@ballarat.catholic.org.au or for the month of October call

Bernadette on 0427 678830

Diocesan eNews

Please check out the link below to access the latest edition of e-News. There is also a flyer attached in the email for this week.

<https://mailchi.mp/7f15ce35c51c/edition-93-october-8-2020?e=7abc235d4c>

The Rosary

The **month** of **October** each year is dedicated to the Most Holy **Rosary**. ... This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the **Rosary** is celebrated annually on **October 7**.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO....

Why do we hold Our Lady in such high esteem?

Of all the saints, prophets and holy people who have gone before us in faith, Catholics honour Mary in a special way because of her unique role in the story of Christianity. As the mother of Jesus, she was the first to bear the Good News of salvation to the world. Mary's life is the most perfect example we have of a life lived under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Her feminine presence opens us up to essential dimensions of the Gospel and draws us closer to the heart of Christ.

Why do we pray the rosary?

One might look upon the rosary as a precious heirloom passed down through generations of our faith family. Essentially, it is a simple, repetitive prayer by which we reflect upon the life, death and glorification of Christ through the 'eyes' and heart of his mother. According to a tradition that dates back to the 15th century, St Dominic founded the devotion to the rosary; however other evidence suggests that it developed gradually, especially under the influence of the Cistercian and Dominican religious orders. The rosary is one way in which we can prayerfully contemplate the mysteries of our faith.

Why do we make the sign of the cross?

Do you rush through the sign of the cross as if you're swatting a fly? Don't! This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected with the trinity and with your baptism. Indeed, it can be viewed as a prayer in itself. By making this sign you are declaring: I am completely under the power of the risen Christ, our Redeemer. You are identifying yourself with generations of Christians, for the common usage of this familiar formula ('In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen') can be traced back to the second century.

[Thank you to Fr Marcello for suggesting that we can use snippets from his Parish's newsletter as follows:-](#)

Focus on the Scriptures

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none. One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer for the Week:

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my enemies. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (Psalm 32:5)