Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome on my return from Leave. It was great to have the opportunity to catch up with extended family overseas and briefly enjoy some warmer weather.

I would like to sincerely thank the staff, led by Tony Mizzi, for the way they maintained the smooth running of the school during my absence, and for the way they willingly took on extra responsibilities. It has enabled my return to be very easy. I now look forward to a very exciting last 4 weeks of term.

CONFIRMATION

Yesterday we had a wonderful celebration where a group of our Year 6 students were confirmed by Bishop Terry Curtin.

This Wednesday we welcome Archbishop Denis Hart to our Parish. The Archbishop will spend some time in the Parish and visit the classrooms and meet the children. He will also offer Mass this Saturday at 6.00pm in the church. Everyone is most welcome to attend the Mass.

BOOK WEEK

This week we join schools around Australia in celebrating Book Week. As part of our celebration, we are holding a Dress Up Book Parade in the Hall tomorrow from 9.00am – 9.20am. The students can come to school dressed up as any character in a book, it does not have to relate to the theme. They can remain in their dress up costume for the remainder of the school day or put on their school uniform if they wish. Parents are welcome to the parade. You can also refer to https://cbca.org.au/ for additional Book Week ideas and information.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

All dads are warmly invited to our Father’s Day Breakfast to be held at school on Friday 2nd September commencing 8.00am. More details will be sent home later in the week.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Unfortunately our Sports Day that was planned for last Friday to coincide with the Olympics had to be postponed due to wet weather. Our planned backup day is in Term 4 on Friday October 28. We will confirm this date in early Term 4.

Kevin Burke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

As a school and parish community we wish to congratulate our Grade 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday, Sunday 21st August. It was a wonderful ceremony and our newly confirmed participated fully and reverently throughout the Mass. Thank you to Mrs Myers, the Year 6 teacher, who prepared the students so well for their Confirmation. Thank you Mrs Myers and Mrs Micomonaco for providing the beautiful music and singing that accompanied the ceremony. The attendance and support of many staff members was much appreciated by the newly confirmed and their families. Finally, a huge thank you to both Bishop Terry Curtin and Fr Terry Bergin for leading us in this special liturgy.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All Grade 2 students who have been baptised in the Catholic Church are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on Tuesday, 8th November at 7:00pm in the Parish Church. A Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will take place on Sunday 9th October as part of the 10:00am Parish Mass.

Catherine Laycock
(Religious Education Leader)
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### PARENTS OF SONS WITH AUTISM/ASPERGER’S

**Information Sharing Evening**

PARADE COLLEGE

**Thursday, 1 September 2016**

7.00pm

High school can be a challenging time for all students, but for those with high functioning autism (also known as Asperger’s), it can be a real struggle – socially, academically, or both.

Parents can find themselves wondering:

- What can I do?
- What can the school do?
- What will my son’s future hold?

If your son is starting high school next year, and you have asked yourself these questions, you are invited to a special evening at Parade College. Come along and meet other parents as well as staff from Parade’s Student Support Services and Counselling Services. Over a light supper you will have a chance to ask questions as well as share any information and advice you have from your own experience of being a parent of a son on the autism spectrum.

*For further information please contact the Student Support Services Department on 9468 3344*
Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Readers for Sunday Mass
21st Aug 6pm J Conway 8am K McGrath 10am A Walsh
28th Aug 6pm L Lipson 8am B Bowlen 10am R Cicognini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
21st Aug 6pm E Gleeson 10am N George Swamy
28th Aug 6pm M Martin 10am J Aroquianadin

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
27th Aug Professional Cleaners
10th Sept J O’Mahony, Freddie & Laura, Christina Sant, Judy

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
21st Aug Lan
28th Aug Phil Tobey

10th Aug Church Account $
Presbytery Account $684.00

20th Aug 6pm mass. Today we remember the 1st anniversary of Ada Gemin.

Pat Hearity:
Pat Hearity has an educational and theological background, is a qualified Spiritual Director, a giver of Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, a member of Campion Outreach team, and is a Supervisor having been formed in both the Arrupe Program at Campion Kew and Siloam at heart of Life Melbourne. She gives retreats, reflection days of prayer and leads prayer and meditation groups. Pat’s resume has been posted on the notice board in the foyer.

Collection: A leaving collection will be held today for Catholic Care.
Stella Maris Seafarers’ Centre Inc. Calling all past members and volunteers. A reunion is being held on Sunday 21st August 2016 at 2.00pm. Reminisce with friends & get an update on current Centre operations. Bring along any photos you might have of your time at Stella Maria. RSVP a must. Please call 9629 7494. Christina Siciliano.

Archbishops’ visit: Archbishop Denis Hart will be visiting our parish this Wed 24th Aug to meet with parishioners. He will offer mass on Wed 24th Aug at 10am and will have morning tea with us. He will be back on Sat 27th Aug to offer the 6pm mass with the parish. All are welcome to attend both celebrations.

St. Monica’s Epping: Inviting past students and teachers of St. Monica’s College Epping, who attended between Year 7 1981 – Year 12 1986, to our 30 year anniversary at Stolberg Café, Preston on Sat 27th Aug. Please contact Isabelle Oliveri at isabelle@studid.com.au

Father’s Day Raffle: Raffle tickets available, only 50c each. All funds raised go to parish costs.

A conversation together about spirituality is being offered to those interested on Thursday 8th Sept. following 10am mass (10.45-11.30) at OLW church, 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury. The morning will be led by Mrs Pat Hearity. All welcome.

Spiritual Direction: Pat Hearity, who shared a reflection at last Sundays mass, is available for Spiritual Direction in the prayer room of the church, by appointment. Her contact details are pathearity@gmail.com or phone 0409958365. Her contact cards are available in the foyer of the church for those wanting one.

Confirmation: Congratulations to the Year 6 students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 11.30. We also welcome Bishop Terry Curtin to our parish.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: with Fr David Callaghan MGL. Ph 8562 2246. Further details on notice board.

Loyola College invites you to: Philippine Immersion Dinner on Sat 3rd Sept at Loyola Companion Hall, to support our students who will experience immersion in the Philippines on 18th–28th Sept. Tickets $10.00ea available from Reception or Youth Ministry office OL126 or email Sr Nelia at llanton@loyola.vic.edu.au. Proceeds will be used for the Feeding Program of 200 children and other expenses incurred. Donations of gifts to be raffled are most welcome.

Reflection: The struggle to love our neighbour, by Ron Rolheiser. Will be continued shortly...