

OLW NEWS 2022

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Dear Parents & Families,

Our Year 5/6 Camp takes place this Monday - Wednesday at Forest Edge CYC at Neerim East. We are hoping for good weather so that we can enjoy some of the outdoor activities such as flying fox, ropes courses, archery, river sledding and raft building. It promises to be a great time for everyone!

2023 ORGANISATIONL STRUCTURES

As we currently finalizing our classes for 2023, it is timely to remind parents that the staff are very aware of the needs of all students, and that classes are constructed to develop the optimum learning environment for all students at their level taking into account gender balance and academic, behavioural, social/emotional and special learning needs. Therefore, we do not take requests for particular teachers from parents as this goes against our belief of the value and importance of each individual child and may unfairly imbalance a class.

Our only change in staffing for 2023 is for our Futurescapes Program. Nick Agathos, who had taken over the program in Term 2 whilst Mrs Lamont was on Maternity Leave. has accepted a position in private enterprise. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Nick back on staff this year, and wish him well in his future endeavours. Our structure for our Classes and Specialist Programs will be:

Prep – Jessica Penzo

Year 1/2M - Lisa Micomonaco

Year 1/2S - Shirley Schroeder

Year 3/4K - Melanie Kent

Year 3/4L – Catherine Lavcock

Year 5/6W - Hannah Walsh

Year 5/6EJ - Jacqui Driscoll (0.4) & Erin

Mithen (0.6)

Art & Library - Lisa Hrisikos

Italian - Grace Ciorciari

Phys. Ed. – Lucy Van Ballegooy

Futurescapes - Rachael Lorkin

Music – Deb Mvers

Intervention Year P – 2 – Alicia Burchfield

Intervention Year 3 – 6 – Deb Myers

School Counsellor – Matthew Jones

Learning Support Officers - Rosemary Keppel, Kathy Pullen, Leanne Pulic &

Claudia Sanchez

Deputy Principal – Learning & Diversity –

Allison Luff

Deputy Principal - Curriculum & Innovation -

Huong Nguyen

P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F Mega Christmas Raffle is well underway. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each



or \$20 for the book of tickets which went home MEGA with each child last week. All 25 prizes are currently on display in the school office and the draw takes

place on the last day of school, Friday December 16. Additional raffle books are available from the school office. All tickets. sold or unsold must be returned by December 13.

2023 FAMILY & LEVY FEES

The School Fee for 2023 will be \$1800 per family and the levy will be \$400 per child. (\$50.00 will be refunded if families attend one working bee during the year). The annual rise in fees is kept to a minimum and in line with, or just below CPI, to ensure that OLW remains accessible for all families.

Please remember that if you ever have any concerns over the payment of school fees, you should contact the office so that we can assist you with managing your situation.

Student Book Orders will be managed by the school again this year. Families will not be required to order any classroom books or equipment for 2023. ΑII books and requirements for your child will be billed to vour 2023 school fee account.

However, there will be some optional items that you will be able to provide or purchase such as pencils/ textas etc. This will enable families to carry over some items from this year rather than purchase more of the same things. A list of goods required to be brought from home will be sent home once class arrangements have been finalised in December.

PREP 2023 ORIENTATION

Our final Prep 2023 Orientation Session will be held tomorrow from 9.30am – 11.00am. Our new Preps for next year have been fantastic throughout the seven sessions are really looking forward to commencing school next year.

SUMMER SPORT INTERSCHOOL FINALS

The District Interschool Sport Program for 2023 is now complete. Our teams performed exceptionally well in the Summer Sports with Cricket finishing 2nd, Bat Tennis finishing 4th, Rounders A finishing 1st and Rounders B finishing 3rd. Well done to all teams and coaches.

OLW SPORTS CARNIVAL

Our School Sports Carnival will take place on Wednesday December 14, weather permitting. This change in dates is due to the change in the Interschool Sports Summer Program which had to modified due to weather and bus availability. The day will 10.00am commence at and approximately at 3.00pm and families are most welcome to join us throughout the day. We will be setting up events and equipment from 9.00am - 10.00am, so if any parents are available to assist with setting up the marquees etc. from 9.00am, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Please just see Mrs Van Ballegooy or myself on the oval in the morning.

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS & CAROLS EVENING

On Thursday December 8 at 5.00pm

all students will be involved in the telling of the story of the first Christmas. We will be gathering in the Church, where



selected students from each class will act out the story, whilst all other students will lead the singing of the songs that make up the different parts of the Christmas story. Specific information about dress will be sent home with each individual grade, but essentially, it is to wear something Christmassy. Students who are acting in the dramatization have received costume instructions from Mrs Myers.

Our choir will conclude the evening by leading everyone in some caroling!

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home on Tuesday December 13. For families who have commenced holidays early, a copy of your child's report will be posted out on Friday December 16 with your child's 2023 class placement letter.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS & SUPPER

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper is being held on Wednesday, December 14, commencing with Mass at 7.00pm. We look forward to celebrating with the students and their families.

YEAR 5/6 EXCURSION TO FUNFIELDS

Our Year 5/6 students have their end of year excursion to Funfields in Whittlesea on Thursday December 15. It is an outstanding venue and will provide for an action packed day! The permission form is now live through Operoo.

END OF YEAR MASS

Our End of Year Mass will be held on Friday December 16 at 10.00am. We will be joining the Parish 10.00am Mass for this celebration. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

2023 CLASSES

Year 1 – Year 6 students will spend a session with their 2023 class on Friday December 16. On this day the students will spend about an hour working with their new cohort and will also bring home booking information for the Beginning of Year Testing.

END OF YEAR DISMISSAL

The 2022 school year closes on Friday December 16 at 2.30pm. Our farewell and guard of honour for our Year 6 students will commence around 2.10pm.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that 'tis the season to be jolly' means 'to indicate that it's a particular time of year to celebrate.'

Our phrase for this week is:

'lit up like a Christmas tree'

Find out its meaning and see if you can add this phrase to your vocabulary over the next week.

Our Lady of the Way presents it's

Christmas Raffle Fundraiser

Cost: \$1.00 per ticket

Please return by Tuesday 13th December

Raffle drawn Friday 16th
December

Over \$5,000 in prizes!

Prizes include ...

Please remember to include your name and phone number on the tickets!

Nintendo Switch Lite, Coles Myer gift cards, Latrobe school holiday program vouchers, Restaurant vouchers, Entertainment vouchers, Goodyear Tyres voucher, Basic car service, Homewares, Lego sets, Stationary, Boardgames, Toys and so much more!

Thank you to the following businesses who have generously donated to our Christmas Raffle

Tonda Italian restaurant
Vorea Polaris restaurant
Cheecake Shop Kingsbury
Goodyear Tyres Kingsbury
Reservoir RSL
Bundoora Park Golf
Kingsbury Golf
La Trobe Sports
HBM Hair Kingsbury

We Meet Again Butcher Polaris
Flowers on Plenty Florist
Red Door Cafe
Colour Hair Kingsbury
Family donations of Coles Myer gift cards,
cinema vouchers, gifts & more!



SERVICING OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRIMARY

AVAILABLE on WEDNESDAY!

Order ONLINE until 8.30am on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
Mexican Inspired Salad (V, GF)
Tuna Mix with Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes (V, GF)

SUSHI

Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2) Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2) Avocado Hand Rolls (2) Cucumber Hand Rolls (2) Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

Cheese and Bacon Roll
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
Semi Dried Tomato and Olive ROLL
Topped with Only Cheese Roll

BAKED FRESH PIZZAS

(Thin & Crisp, Served at room temp)

Margherita Pizza Ham and Pineapple Pizza Fresh Tomato, with Italian Herbs Pizza Spinach and Feta Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
Simple Salad Roll (V)
Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
Vegemite Sandwich (2)
Mild Salami and Salad Roll
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)
Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
Cheese and Salad Roll
Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
WRAP (GF, DF) Ham and Salad
Wholegrain Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Chicken and Salad Roll
Garden Salad Wrap (GF,DF,V)

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

Fresh Fruit Combo
Freshly chopped Strawberries & Grapes
Lightly Steamed Corn wheels & Broccoli pieces
Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
Apple pieces with Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces
Edamame (Lightly Salted)
Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
Freshly chopped Orange Segments
Whole Fruit — Banana OR Mandarin

YOGHURT

Strawberry Chobani Yoghurt Blueberry Chobani Yoghurt Passionfruit Chobani Yoghurt Plain Chobani Yoghurt

BAKED GOODS

Choc Chip Cookie Cornflake Cookie Finger Bun with Sprinkles Hedgehog Slice Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF) Blueberry Muffin

DIPS & CRACKERS

Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

Dried Fruit Medley with a Yoghurt Frog Popcorn - Lightly Salted Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Lightly salted Fav'va Beans Chickpeas with Lime & Black Pepper Balsamic & Sea Salt Fav'va Beans



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Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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Mass Timetable

Saturday – Vigil Mass: 6.00PM

Sunday: 8.00AM and 10.00AM

Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 10.00AM Rosary: Tuesday - Friday 9.30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 5.15 to 5.45PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday from 9.15 to 9.45AM

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Welcome to you all.

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Second Sunday of Advent – 03 and 04 December 2022 The Advent of Hope.

I grew up with parents whose main behaviour management tool was the sentence: 'If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.' It didn't always work – but it did often prevent the mean words that tend to slip out on the home front. And it schooled in us, I suspect, a care in how we used our words with one another. A gentling of the spirit, perhaps.

I've been reminded of this phrase over the last few weeks listening to the way our politicians locally and internationally relate to each other. There's a sharpness. They are necessarily negative about their opponents and their policies, of course, but in some cases, there is also a deep antipathy that is hard to listen to. It's a different sort of way – one that uses words as weapon and works out of a hermeneutic of mistrust. And I can't help but observe that if we are unable to be at peace with another and be a voice of hope, there will never be real peace in the world.

Some of our leaders know that fear and uncertainty are the touch points for many. And we can choose to build upon the fear, sadness and uncertainty of another or we can inspire a world that is based on hope. I think this is one of the great reminders that Advent offers us.

It is always a challenge when we disagree with another. We want to convert the other to our point of view – because we are right! These are the 'yes, but' conversations. Developing a place for hope requires 'yes and' conversations. This is the world where we acknowledge the point of view of the other and we build on it rather than try to tear it down. But this is not an easy way to work and live!

In the prayer life of the Church, we have reached the season of Advent. It is a season that provokes in us a spirit of hope. It is a time that prompts us to beginnings. It is an opportunity to keep the season as a holy space before Christmas. It is an invitation to a time of preparation, reflection, and renewal. It is also a time where the past, present and future collide. People of faith commemorate the birth of the much longed for saviour in Bethlehem (past), prepare for one who is to come (future), and celebrate the one who is present in life today.

And throughout the Advent period the readings will encourage us along the way. We will once again reach back through the ages and rediscover the hopes and longings of the ancient people of God for someone to bring peace. The gospels will offer their reminders to be watchful and provide the beautiful details about the man John who – even in prison – saw something in Jesus. The one who is to come. And then, the final reveal on the fourth Sunday of Advent, that Mary, this young, faith filled woman, will conceive and give birth to the Emmanuel, God-with-us.

These stories, that we know so well, remind us again that in this world of faith it is possible to live as a 'yes and' people. It is possible to believe in the unimaginable. This is the people who walk the way of hope, of peace, and of kindness. But how do we do this? Pope Francis writes:

'Do we want to be heard? Let us listen. Do we need encouragement? Let us encourage. Do we want someone to care for us? Let us care for those who are alone. Do we need hope for tomorrow? Let us give hope today.' (A Gift of Joy and Hope, p. 39)

It is as simple and as difficult as that! May we in our own ways continue to build this world where hope, peace, joy and love are the way. May we be gentle with each other. May the hurts of the year, that inevitably rise, be soothed by the knowledge that the world is graced and shot through with hope. That we are not alone.

And may our hearts be ready once again to celebrate with great joy that Jesus, the Emmanuel, is God-with-us.

By Cathy Jenkins

Parish Leadership Meeting: on Thursday 8 December 2022, the parish leadership team will meet. If you do have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak to PLT members after weekend Masses.

- **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** the society is seeking our support in providing Christmas gifts for families or children around the area some ideas include:
- · Wrapped presents for children under 12 years old.
- · Credit gift cards for young adults. All gifts can be placed around the Christmas tree.
- · Groceries for families. All groceries can be placed on the table in the foyer.

Advent Penitential Service: will be held at 7:00 pm on 7th December 2022. This is the time for us to begin preparing ourselves for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve - 24 Dec 2022:	Christmas Day - 25 Dec 2022:	
5:30 pm: Christmas Carols	8:00 am: Mass	
6:00 pm: Family Mass	10:00am Mass	
8:30 pm: Christmas Eve Mass		

Eucharistic Ministers:

3 rd Dec:	6pm Jim Conway	4 th Dec:	8am Martina Dowling	10am Angelina Crupi
10 th Dec:	6pm Jenny Glover	11 th Dec:	8am Gerard Dowling	10am Sue

Readers:

3 rd Dec:	6pm Jim Conway	4th Dec:	8am Maureen Brown	10am Wendy Theuissen
10 th Dec:	6pm Bill Tombs	11 th Dec:	8am Carolyn Nguyen	10am Maureen Jones

Fr. Trac

Priest in Charge

Online Donation

1st Collection: is for the support of our parish, its welfare and maintenance. (Taken up after the homily).

Name: Kingsbury Parish Church BSB: 083 347 A/C: 68643 0901

2nd Collection: is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. (*Taken up after the prayers of the faithful*).

Name: Our Lady of the Way Parish Presbytery BSB: 083 347 A/C: 66765 5224

We appreciate your generous support to the parish and priest of Our Lady of the Way.

At Our Lady of the Way, Kingsbury Parish we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

4 December 2022

First Reading Is 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
 He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
- 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
- May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the *coming towards us* ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

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t Lucy was a young woman from a wealthy Sicilian family who lived during I the early fourth century. It is believed that her mother arranged for her to be married, but Lucy refused as she wanted to devote her life to serving Christ. She offered prayers at the tomb of St Agatha and her mother's illness was miraculously cured. She was eventually martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, but even in the face of death she showed great courage and faith in God. The name Lucy means 'light' and St Lucy is called upon as the patron saint of the blind.

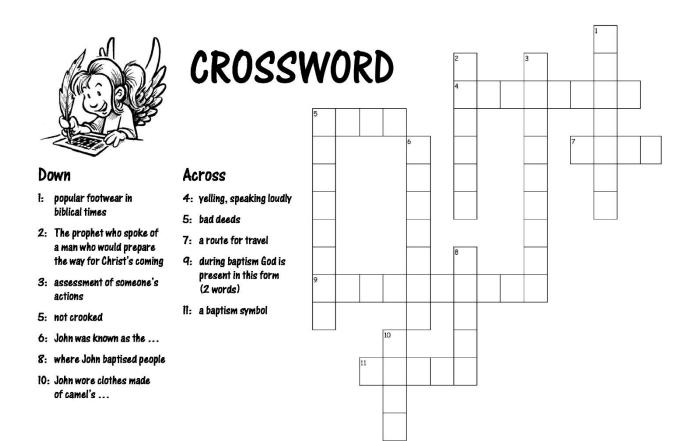
Use the words below to complete Isaiah's prophecy which tells of John the Baptist preaching in the desert. IN THE ___ SOMEONE IS READY FOR THE . MAKE A FOR HIM." **ROAD STRAIGHT**

LORD

SHOUTING

PATH

DESERT





n 1929 Sir J.M. Barrie bequeathed Peter Pan to GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN IN LONDON, which has benefited thousands of children since then. The producers are proud and happy that everyone who has bought a ticket for today's performance of Peter Pan is helping towards making the hospital the incredible center of hope it is today.