

OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents & Families,

In Sunday's gospel, the third Sunday of Lent, we heard about a story where Jesus was talking to a Samaritan woman at a well. This story reminded us that God loves all people no matter where they are from. God asks us to be like Jesus and to respect and care for all people no matter who they are. Jesus was a teacher, he taught us about many of life's lessons, how to care for and respect all people. He was kind and a healer. What can we do this week to show we care for people in need and all people? This might be a timely reminder that we have our Caritas – Compassion Boxes. The generosity of kind everyday people is what makes a difference to the lives of vulnerable communities, globally.

A prayer for the week:

God of peace, you care for all people in our world. Move us to do the same and to do all that we can to help others, no matter where in the world they are.

Amen

ASSEMBLY

Due to the long weekend and our school closure day, there will be NO assembly this week. We will see you all at our next school assembly on Monday 20th March.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY



Our School Closure Day is today. There is no school for our students Tuesday 14th March. Our staff is attending a conference with the staff from St Francis of Assisi Mill Park, St Clement of Rome, Bulleen and

Our Lady's, Cragieburn. We are all on this exciting journey of learning about the Cognitive Science of Learning. It is a special opportunity to listen and learn from Associate Professor Lorraine Hammond AM from Edith Cowan University. Lorraine has worked tirelessly in the schools in the Kimberleys and the Canberra Diocese schools to improve student data for all students. Today I will speak about, 'The Cognitive Load Theory' by John Sweller. This is a theory about how the human brain learns and stores knowledge. Dylan William has described, the

cognitive load theory as the single most important theory for teachers to know. The human brain can only process a small amount of new information at once, but it can process very large amounts of stored information. Grounded in a robust evidence base, cognitive load theory provides support for explicit models of instruction.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins on Wednesday 15th March to Monday 27th March. Please be mindful of our students in Year 3 and 5 who will be completing NAPLAN over the next couple of weeks. As NAPLAN is an online test now, if a student is unwell on the day that a test is scheduled, there is opportunity for students to complete tests on makeup days. To support your child with NAPLAN you can reassure them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding your child to simply do their best.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023



Our Lady of the Way Primary School Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Wednesday 5th April 2023. Please put this date in your

diary. As our school photos are on a Wednesday this year, our students will wear their Sports uniform.

EASTER RAFFLE



Please remember to return sold tickets to the office. You can get extra booklets from the office if you need.

Please send all chocolate egg donations to the office by

Wednesday 29th March, so the P&F can make up the Easter prizes. Our Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April, Holy Thursday after our Easter Paraliturgies that focus on the number 40 in the Bible stories. Our Easter Paraliturgies will begin at 11:30am on Holy Thursday 6th April in the church.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teachers Interviews will take place on Monday 3rd April 2023 from 9:00am to 7:00pm and students will not attend school on this day for formal classes. We will inform you next week on how to book an interview time using 'School Interviews Online'.

ZOOPER DOOPER DONATIONS

As mentioned at assembly last week the P&F are looking for donations of Zooper Doopers for icy pole days at school. If you are able to donate a packet of Zooper Doopers, especially the flavours of *Cosmic* and *Lemonade*, as these are the most popular flavours of our students.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Last month the Kingsbury Primary School Council took the decision to transfer management of the OSHC Program from 'School Councils' governance to TheirCare. This will be effective from the start of Term 2. There will also be a Parent Information Night held on Tuesday March 14 at 6pm in the Kingsbury Primary Staffroom. We encourage our OLW families to go along and learn more about TheirCare as this is an opportunity to ask them questions. The existing staff will be continuing and there will be no change to the fee structure. Please see the attached flyer to this newsletter about the parent information evening. https://theircare.com.au/

SPORTING SCHOOLS



Our Sporting Schools Program this term has been very successful. Just a reminder that due to our school closure day today there is no golf, Tuesday 14th March. Golf will run for 3 more sessions on,

Tuesday 21/3, 28/3 and 4/4. If your child has expressed an interest in learning how to play golf.

Please visit the website of Bundoora Golf Club where they run junior clinics and lessons as well as lessons for anyone wanting to learn and play the game of golf. Website link below:

https://bundooraparkpublicgolfcourse.com.au/learn/

PREP 2023 INFORMATION EVENING

Thankyou to our school captains, Sadie, Kavindu, Ivy and Sean for being spectacular in taking tours for our prospective families on our open evening last Wednesday. Hearing how our current students feel in belonging to our OLW community and the impact that our exceptional teachers have had on their learning was something to be proud of. Well done!

We have a Prep 2024 Information Night on Wednesday 5th April at 7pm in the school hall to hear from the teachers about our learning at OLW.

YEAR 5/6 INCURSION

Last week, James and Barron from the Parliament of Victoria visited our Year 5 and 6 students to speak about how a law is made in our current society. The students learnt about the 3 levels of government that exist in Australia and participated in a role-play where they took on the part of members and officers of the Parliament. The program allowed students to experience the law-making process first-hand by acting out the debate and following the passage of a bill through the House of Representatives. Attached are some student reflections and photos from the incursion.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that the phrase 'going the extra mile' means putting extra effort into something.

Our word of the week this week is: 'transfiguration'

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

Enjoy the week! Allison Luff

YEAR 5/6 INCURSION



We learnt about the 3 levels of government and the responsibilities: Federal government looks after the Army and Navy, funding and national issues, the State government controls health and education, emergency services, and roads, etc. and the Local government is responsible for community centres such as parks and libraries, kindergartens, gyms, pools, rubbish dump and roads.

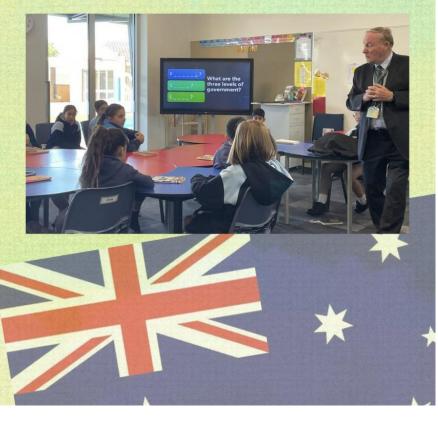
- Sai and Yana



What I found interesting was that the process of passing a law in Parliament can go for as long as 27 hours! - Mae



We really enjoyed role playing. Some of the roles in Parliament are: a Speaker, a Sergeant-of-Arms and a Premier. The speaker is in charge of the Lower House. The Sergeant-of-Arms acts like a guard for the Speaker and carries the Mace into the House and places it on the central table. The Premier just needs to be present and speak when they have something to say. - Sadie



Our Lady of the Way



KINGSBURY



PREP 2024 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

APRIL 5 at 7.00PM

For further information, please contact the Principal

Mr. Kevin Burke

Phone: 9460 6684

Or visit http://www.olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

Our Lady of the Way Primary School

Wednesday 5th April 2023

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2023 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to <u>order.arphotos.com.au</u> and enter your child's **2023 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

- Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads
 - Order on any mobile device
 Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- ** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 **





Parent Information Session

You are invited to learn about TheirCare!

Exceptional Before and After School Care Programs coming in Term 2 2023 to Kingsbury Primary School.



Where: Onsite in the Staff Room at Kingsbury PS

When: Tuesday the 14th of March 2023 at 6:00pm

The session runtime will be brief - please allow up to 30mins

Learn more at theircare.com.au or call 1300 072 410



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FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL NETBALL

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Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury. VIC. 3083



Parish Administrator: Fr Trac Nguyen Ph: 0488 020 364

School Tel: 9460 6684 Email: Kingsbury@cam.org.au

Parish Website: http://www.olwkingsbury.org.au/

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: Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Newsletter Information on 3rd Sunday of Lent – 11 and 12 March 2023 Pope Francis on Discernment: The elements of discernment – Desire

In these catechesis we are reviewing the elements of discernment. After prayer and self-knowledge, that is, praying and knowing oneself, today I would like to talk about another indispensable, so to speak, "ingredient": today I would like to talk about desire. In fact, discernment is a form of searching, and searching always stems from something which we lack but which we somehow know — we have intuition.

What kind of knowledge is this? Spiritual teachers refer to it as using the term "desire", which, fundamentally, is a nostalgia for fullness that never finds complete fulfilment and is the sign of God's presence in us. Desire is not the craving of the moment, no. The Italian word, [desiderio], comes from a very beautiful Latin term, this is curious: de-sidus, literally "lack of the star". Desire is the lack of the star, the lack of the reference point that orients the path of life; it evokes a suffering, a lack, and at the same time a tension to reach the good that we are missing. Desire, then, is the compass to understand where I am and where I am going; or rather, it is the compass to understand if I am still or if I am moving; a person who never desires is a static person, perhaps ill, almost dead. It is the compass to know if I am moving or if I am standing still. And how is it possible to recognize it?

Let us think, a sincere desire knows how to deeply touch the chords of our being, which is why it is not extinguished in the face of difficulties or setbacks. It is like when we are thirsty: if we do not find something to drink, we do not give up; on the contrary, the yearning increasingly occupies our thoughts and actions, until we become willing to make any sacrifice in order to quench it — almost obsessed. Obstacles and failures do not stifle desire, no; on the contrary, they make it even more alive in us.

Unlike a momentary craving or emotion, desire lasts through time, even a long time, and tends to materialize. If, for example, a young person wishes to become a doctor, he or she will have to embark on a course of study and work that will occupy several years of his or her life, and consequently will have to set limits, say "no" first of all to other courses of study, but also to possible diversions and distractions, especially during the most intense periods of study. However, the desire to give his or her life a direction and to reach that goal — to become a doctor was the example — enables him or her to overcome these difficulties. Desire makes you strong, it makes you courageous, it makes you keep going forward, because you want to arrive at that: "I desire that".

In effect, a value becomes beautiful and more easily achievable when it is attractive. As someone said, "more important than being good is having the desire to become good". Being good is something attractive, we all want to be good, but do we have the wish to become good?

To be continued....

Sacraments 2023

The OLW School have now set our Sacrament dates for 2023. The following dates for our Sacraments are:

- 1. First Reconciliation Year 2 Tuesday 9th May at 2:30pm
- 2. First Eucharist Year 3 Sunday 27th August at 11:30am
- 3. Confirmation Year 6 Thursday 8th June at 5pm

For those students around our areas who would like to join our parish school for these Sacraments. Please give a call to parish office: 0488 020 364 or email: kingsbury@cam.org.au

Ageing and Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts.

We have been welcoming so many people around our parish's areas including 2 persons from Ballarat to the talk on the experience of ageing by Sr Kerin Caldwell, who will lead the day with discussions and Scripture reflections. You are most welcome to join us if you are free from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on the following dates:

March 24; April 14 and 28

Parish Lunch:

OLW Parish monthly lunch will be back on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at Summerhill Hotel - 840 Plenty Rd, Reservoir VIC 3073. You are welcome to join our parishioners for lunch at 12:00pm. There will be a list in the foyer of the church, please put your name down.

Holy Week Timetable:

Reconciliation Evening - Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 7:00 pm Holy Thursday (The Lord's Supper) - 6 April at 7:00 pm Good Friday (Passion of the Lord) – 7 April at 2:30 pm Easter Vigil – 8 April at 6:00 pm Easter Sunday – 9 April at 8:00 am and 10 am

Parish Volunteers needed:

1. Parish life Team:

Working together to create opportunities to help our newcomers feel like they belong to our parish family by greeting them at Church's foyer and responding to their requests, what ministries we offer, the people in our parish, and where they can go to ask questions. 2 people required at each Weekend Masses.

2. Eucharist and Reader Ministers:

We would love to have you to join us in proclaiming the Word of God and helping out with the Eucharist. If you would love to join us, please do not hesitate to talk to Fr Trac or give the parish a call 0488 020 364.

Eucharistic Ministers:

11th Mar: 6pm Jim Conway
 12th Mar: 8am Martina Dowling
 10am Ashlie
 18th Mar: 6pm Kath Zanini
 19th Mar: 8am Gerard Dowling
 10am Sharon

Readers:

11th Mar: 6pm Helen Mills 12th Mar: Jason Cassar 10am Pia

18th Mar: 6pm Jim Conway 19th Mar: Maureen Brown 10am Evelyn Ginger

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

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

12 March 2023

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
- Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
- O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel shorter form Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall
give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to
eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said.'

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as our sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy. by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, the bowing. before Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

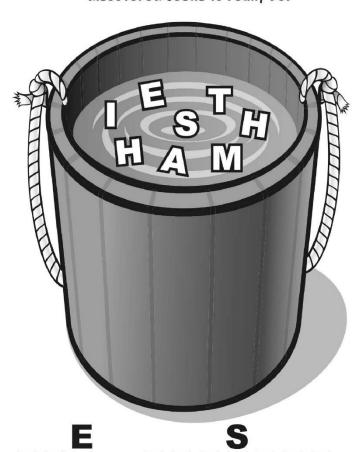
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t Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.435 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monastacism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland.

Unscramble the letters in the bucket to reveal who the Samaritan woman discovered Jesus to really be.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



ancestor
bucket
drink
food
Jacob
Messiah
Samaritan
Sychar
town
two
well
woman

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