



OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last school newsletter of the year. This newsletter has an abundance of information in regards to our last week of school and news for the beginning of the school year 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, students and families for being a support to me as Acting Principal this year. It has been wonderful to work closely with the students and parents and to work together for the students in our care. I will take with me the cherished memories that I have made at OLW to my new school. OLW is a unique and special school and you will all hold a special place in my heart always. The Our Lady of the Way Community welcomes back Mr Kevin Burke as Principal in 2024. I know Mr Burke is very much looking forward to being back leading you all to bigger and better things in 2024.

Thank you to our brilliant students, your results and achievements on a school and personal level has been nothing short of amazing. You should be very proud of all your achievements.

This year some of our schools and student's achievements are:

- Highest Yr 5 Naplan Achievements in OLW history.
- FIRE Carrier writing award – Zara Henderson.
- OLW finished 1st in District Cross County.
- 1st in District Soccer in Interschool Sports.
- 1st in 5/6 Boys Indoor Soccer Tournament.
- 1st for 3/4 Girls Basketball Tournament.
- 1st for 3/4 Boys Indoor Soccer Tournament.
- Highest number of students moving through to District and Regional Athletics with Mingchen making it to State in Long Jump.
- Recognition of being a high-performing school and becoming part of the Demonstration Classes in MACs where other schools come to visit us and observe our teachers.
- Organisation of Professional Development of staff with some of Australia's leading educators in Dr. Lorraine Hammond.

- Building of our parent partnerships and community with the introduction of our school picnic at Carols.
- The remarkable fundraising for the school through the P&F. The hardworking and dedication of our P&F members to continue to support the school tirelessly.
- The building of our highly successful Second Hand Uniform Stall.
- Building of cupboards in our Brennan Room.
- Our Mother's Day Liturgy and afternoon tea which saw a full and lively church to celebrate our mums in May.
- Our Father's Day breakfast cooked by staff which was a bustling morning of fun and laughter to thank our dads.
- Our successful Working Bee on a cold and rainy afternoon, to fill the sandpit and to remove the furniture out of the hall.
- The achievements of our students both academically and socially. Our students are amazing with supportive families.

I sincerely wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas. May there be peace, laughter and wonderful family memories made. I wish you all the best for 2024 and beyond.

*With Thanks and Warm Regards,
Allison Luff*

STAFF & STUDENTS FAREWELL

Across the school, we are saying goodbye and good luck to some students who are moving on for various reasons. We are sad to say goodbye and wish them all the best.

- Marianna H
- Charlotte M
- Isabella T
- Annie N
- Elizabeth N

We farewell Mrs Rachael Lorkin at the end of this year. Rachael has been our Futurescapes teacher this year and she has decided to work in a full time capacity at Marymeade College as a Yr 7 Maths teacher. We wish Rachael all the best for the future.

YEAR 6 2023 GRADUATION

This week we also bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 2023 students. This group of 18 may have been small in numbers but big with heart. Each and every one of the Year 6's has been a source of strength and leadership for all of our students. Thank you for being an amazing cohort of students and best wishes for the next phase of your schooling journey.

Our Year 6 Graduation is on this Wednesday 13th December - a school event we look forward to every year. It is a lovely celebration of our Year 6 students recognising their Primary Schools years and celebrating their achievements.

Year 6 students can be dropped off to school at 5:30pm for a dinner with their Year 6 teachers. Following this, the students will walk over to the Church for our Graduation Mass at 7pm. The students will sit with their fellow Year 6 students and if parents and families can be seated by 6:55pm so Mass can be ready to start at 7:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Father John O'Connor.

At the conclusion of Mass, students and families will walk over to the school hall for supper, awards and speeches.

Parents are asked to bring a plate for supper to be shared in our school hall. We look forward to celebrating our Year 6 students who are graduating in 2023 and wish them well as they embark on their secondary education.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

What a glorious night our Christmas Carols were last Monday. Thank you to the staff who prepared the students to sing and to our wonderfully talented students who sang so vibrantly. It really was a lovely event for our school.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to the P&F for wrapping all the donated items into hampers. There are so many hampers for prizes. Please return all raffle tickets, whether sold or unsold, to the school by Tuesday, December 12th. We kindly ask that you complete the buyer's contact details on the tickets before submitting them to the school office. The drawing for the Christmas raffle is scheduled for the final day of this term, Friday, December 15th at 11:30am.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to the families that generously donated presents for children who are doing it tough this Christmas. All presents have been collected and St Vincent De Paul are very grateful for your donations.



SPORTS CARNIVAL DAY 2023

Congratulations to all students who participated in the sports carnival last Wednesday. The enthusiasm, energy and determination of our students was so amazing to see! It was such a great day filled with sporting events, enjoyment and a "go for it" attitude by so many. All students were able to participate in long jump, a vortex/bean bag throw and a tail ball throwing event, where their throw or jump contributed to house points. All students participated in a novelty relay event which included activities such as tunnel ball or egg and spoon races to receive a ribbon.

Prep – Yr 2 students had optional 75m sprints and a long distance running event and it was amazing to see so many participate in this! Year 3 - 6 students had an optional 100m race and 800m race as well as shuttle relay and circular relay events. Again, the enthusiasm and participation was outstanding here!

The team chants were so fun to watch and so many moments of sportsmanship and sporting leadership. House points were divided by the number of athletes on the day to ensure it was a level playing field and Bates ended up taking home the house cup!

Congratulations to all students involved on such a fun and enjoyable carnival!

Mrs Van Ballegooy, Physical Education Teacher

STAFFING 2024

Attached to the newsletter is the OLW staff list and planned structure for 2024. There is a current shortage of teachers throughout Australia and we are very fortunate that we have been able to ensure that we have excellent teachers at our school.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we welcome back Mrs Christine Moore who will be the Futurescapes teacher and the 5/6 teacher with Mrs Erin Mithen.

Mr Chris Tormey completed his final teaching round in 3/4HK earlier this year. He was excellent and I am so thrilled he will be teaching in the 5/6 level in 2024.

Both Christine and Chris have been so eager to learn more about the Science of Learning and they have completed professional development with our staff and on their own to ensure cognitive science research is transferred into their classroom practice. A testament to the dedication to learning that they are bringing to our staff.

Students will meet their 2024 teacher and classes on Friday 15th December 2024.

REPORTS

Reports will be handed out on Wednesday 13th December. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's classroom teacher to discuss.

In your school reports will also find the School Interview Code to book the day you prefer your child to attend school for testing.

THE RESILIENT PROJECT 2024

Dear OLW Community,
As your Wellbeing Coordinator, I am thrilled to announce our partnership with The Resilience Project—a beacon of hope and empowerment in cultivating positive mental health strategies for our school community.

The Resilience Project is dedicated to imparting invaluable lessons in resilience, offering both teachers and students a toolkit to navigate life's challenges with confidence. Through weekly lessons and interactive activities, we'll explore the transformative power of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM), and Emotional Literacy, essential pillars for building resilience.

I invite each of you to explore TRP@HOME—a haven brimming with inspiration and activities tailored to the entire family. Strengthen your well-being and resilience through engaging content designed for all ages.

Let's embark on this journey together toward nurturing resilience and fostering mental well-being. Visit TRP@HOME and join us in our commitment to thriving as a resilient community.



Warm regards,
Bradley Hall, Wellbeing Coordinator

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024

At the beginning of next year, please see the following details for week 1.

- Monday 29th January: Staff resume
- Tuesday 30th January: Testing Day for students Yr 1-6. 9:00am – 12:30pm
- Wednesday 31st January: Testing Day for students Yr 1-6 9:00am – 12:30pm
- Thursday 1st February: Prep 2024 Begin & All students begin school.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that the word of the week, **'tidings'**, means news and information.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Our phrase of the week this week is: **'Christmas is the season'**. Find out its meaning and see if you can add this phrase to your vocabulary over the next week.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday December 11th

Lunchtime Social Club 1:10 – 1:35

3:00pm - School Assembly

Tuesday December 12th

Return all Christmas raffle tickets

1:10pm - Zooper Dooper Icy Pole Sales

Lunchtime Chess Club 1:10 – 1:35

2:15pm – Team Dream Christmas Show in the hall.

Wednesday December 13th

5:30pm – Grade 6 dinner at school

7:00pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass followed by Awards and Supper in the Hall.

Thursday December 14th

Year 5/6 Funfields Excursion

1:10pm - Zooper Dooper Icy Pole Sales

Friday December 15th

10am – End of Year Mass – followed by

Presentation of Year 6 2024 School Jumpers and Leaders

11:30am – Santa Visit and Christmas Raffle Draw in the hall

3:00pm – Year 6 Guard of Honour

3:30pm – End of Year School Finish for students.



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Important Information: Year 6 Graduation Night Wednesday December 13th

Dear Year 6 Families,

As we approach the much-anticipated Year 6 Graduation Night on Wednesday 13th of December, we would like to provide you with some essential details to ensure the evening runs smoothly for both you and your child.

Event Schedule:

5:30 pm: Drop off your child at the school gates. They will enjoy a dinner provided by the school in the hall with their fellow Year 6 students and teachers.

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Graduation Mass will take place in the school church. Parents to return to school by 6:50pm and meet your child in the church foyer.

8:00 pm onwards: After the Mass, we will gather in the school hall for Year 6 presentations and have supper together.

Supper Contributions:

We encourage each family to bring a plate of food to share for supper. There will be a designated table on the hall deck where you can drop off your contribution. You have two options for dropping off your food:

- Drop it off at 5:30 pm when you initially drop off your child.
- Drop it off at 6:50 pm when you return for the Graduation Mass.

This shared supper is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 students.

Dress Code: Smart Casual and Appropriate Attire

We encourage all graduating Year 6 students to attend the Graduation Mass dressed in smart casual and appropriate attire. Smart casual attire implies a neat and polished look that is comfortable yet respectful of the significance of the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Erin Mithen, Jacqui Driscoll & Christine Moore
Year 6 Teachers



Our Lady of the Way Primary School

STAFF LIST 2024

School Leadership Team

Principal	Mr Kevin Burke
Deputy Principal	Mrs Huong Lamont (Tuesday-Friday)
Religious Education Leader	Mrs Melanie Thomson
Literacy Leader	Mrs Melanie Thomson
Maths Leader	Mrs Huong Lamont
Student Wellbeing Leader	Mr Bradley Hall
Learning Diversity Leader	Mrs Jacqui Driscoll

Classroom Teachers

Prep	Mr Bradley Hall
12M	Mrs Lisa Micomonaco
12S	Mrs Shirley Schroeder
34HT	Mrs Melanie Thomson Mon/Tues/Wed Ms. Lisa Hrisikos Thurs/Fri
34L	Mrs Catherine Laycock
56M	Mrs Christine Moore Mon/Tues Mrs Erin Mithen Wed/Thurs/Fri
56T	Mr Chris Tormey

Specialist Teachers

Art	Ms. Lisa Hrisikos – Monday/Tuesday
Sport Teacher	Mrs. Lucy VanBallegooy Wednesday & Friday
Fire Carrier/ SRC	Ms. Lisa Hrisikos
Futurescapes	Mrs. Christine Moore – Thursday/Friday
Library Teacher	Ms. Lisa Hrisikos - Wednesday
LOTE (Italian)	Signora Grace Corciari - Wednesday

Learning Support Officers

Learning Support Officer	Leanne Pulic (Prep)
Learning Support Officer	Claudia Sanchez (1/2)
Learning Support Officer	Kathy Pullen (3/4)
Learning Support Officer	Rosemary Keppel (5/6) Mon-Thurs

Administration

Admin Officer	Mrs Jacinta Cashen
Office Manager	Mrs Kathryn Zammit

Library Officer	Mrs Elaine Jeffree
Counsellor	Mr. Matthew Jones Monday & Tuesday

Reading Intervention Teachers

MiniLit Teacher Yrs 1/2	Mrs Alicia Burchfield Monday-Thursday
MacqLit Teacher Yr 3-6	Mrs Jacqui Driscoll Mon/Tues & Thurs

Classroom Release

Classroom Teacher Release	Mrs Moira Willitts
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FAMILY SCHOOL FEE FOR 2024 - \$1850 (per family)

THE BREAKDOWN OF FEES IS:-

FAMILY FEE	\$ 1500.00
CAPITAL FEE	\$ 300.00
WORKING BEE	\$ 50.00

(\$50.00 WILL BE REFUNDED IF FAMILIES ATTEND
ONE WORKING BEE DURING THE YEAR)

PLUS

STUDENT LEVY FEE FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING - \$450 (per child)

This covers the cost of all excursions and swimming programs,
visiting groups, sports programs, IT equipment and software,
Phys. Ed equipment, Art materials etc.

BOOKLIST CHARGE - \$85 (per child)

Sample Cost for 2024:

- 1 Child – Family Fee (\$1850) + Student Levy (\$450) + Booklist (\$85) = \$2385
- 2 Children - Family Fee (\$1850) + 2 Student Levies (\$450x2) + 2 Booklists (\$85 x 2) = \$2920
- 3 Children - Family Fee (\$1850) + 3 Student Levies (\$450x3) + 3 Booklists (\$85 x 3) = \$3455

*Families with a current Health Care Card can apply for a
Concessional School Fee



Discover a World of Opportunities



PARADE COLLEGE Open Day

Sunday 25 February 10am - 2pm

1436 Plenty Rd Bundoora | www.parade.vic.edu.au

Congratulations



Graduation

CLASS OF
2023

Damien Beleski
Kara Dedman
Selinca Lin
Sadie McCallum
Sean Nakonesky
Verity North-Vanner
Candy Tu
Jagger Weston
Ivy Lin

Chesca Abejero
Kavindu De Alwis
Alexandria Dullavin
Marley Giorgio
Nicoleta Hrissanis
Audrey Leggiero
Evan Lin
Ivy Nguyen
Jackson Wells



Mini Beast Incursion



OLW CAROLS NIGHT



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OLW SPORTS CARNIVAL





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Welcome to Bob Stewart

A THIRD GENERATION FAMILY BUSINESS

At Bob Stewart we have a large number of highly experienced staff to ensure that you receive personalised service, even during the busiest of times.

Our team is well trained and knowledgeable and take the worry out of buying school uniforms.

Our senior staff members work closely with each supplier to provide quality uniforms at competitive prices and have specially negotiated supply arrangements to minimise any possible shortfalls, especially at the peak back to school and winter uniform seasons. We keep plenty of stock of our value for money uniforms.

We look forward to seeing you in store soon!



UNI HILL STORE

Bob Stewart Uni Hill

- *is conveniently located at University Hill Town Center, 5 Janefield Drive, Bundoora: less than 5km from Our Lady of the Way Primary School and has ample parking near the store.*
- *is solely dedicated to supplying school uniform and school related accessories.*
- *has been recently renovated and designed for a comfortable shopping experience.*



For current prices, please refer to

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SUMMER UNIFORM



Summer Dress



Polo Short Sleeve



School Hat



*Navy Primary Shorts with
Elastic back*



Skort Navy



WORN WITH DRESS

Sock Anklet White 2 pkt



WORN WITH SHORTS

Sock Crew Navy 3 pkt

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WINTER UNIFORM



Polo Top Long Sleeve



Navy Double Knee Trouser



Trackpants with emb crest



Zipped Hoodie Jacket



Collared Windcheater



Sock Crew Navy 3 pkt

SCHOOL BAGS



School Backpack

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SPORT UNIFORM



Latrobe House Polo -Yellow



Kelly House Polo - Green



Bates House Polo - Red



Sport Shorts with crest



Trackpants with emb crest



Sports Sock White 2 pkt



Zipped Hoodie Jacket

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GUIDELINES

- *Sports Uniform is worn on a Wednesday for PE lessons*
- *Year 5/6 students wear their sports uniforms on a Friday for Interschool Sports*
- *Single earring to each ear with a stud or sleeper*
- *Long Hair (below the collar) or in the eyes should be tied back at all times*
- *Hair scrunchies / headbands/ ribbons / etc in school colours only*
- *Children should not wear make-up, nail polish or hair colourings*
- *Black shoes may include black runners, but must be ALL black only.*
- *No Jiffy / ballet style shoes*
- *The school Backpack is compulsory.*



ON-LINE

We also offer the convenience of online ordering via the Bob Stewart website. There are 3 options when ordering

1. Click 'n' Collect service from our Kew store.
2. Posted to your home or office for \$ 10 flat rate.



IN STORE

BOB STEWART UNI HILL

Shop T25C Uni Hill Town Centre
 5 Janefield Drive Bundoora, Vic 3085
PH: 03 9036 7385
EMAIL: unihill@bobstewart.com.au

TRADING HOURS

Monday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

Holiday Trading Hours Apply - please refer to the Bob Stewart website for further details

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SIZE GUIDE

BODY MEASUREMENT TIPS

- *When measuring yourself keep the tape firm but not tight*
- *Measure over undergarments for more accurate measurements*
- *If you don't have a measuring tape, use a piece of string and measure it using a ruler*

CHEST

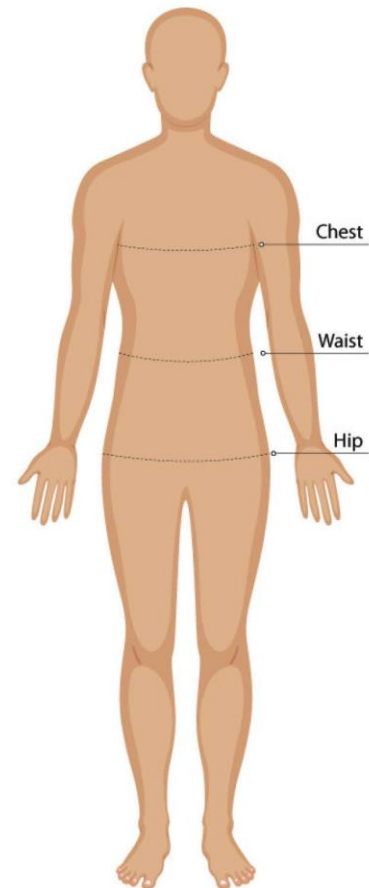
Measure around the fullest part of your chest. This is the key measurement for shirts/blouses & dresses. Make sure the measuring tape sits horizontally across your body.

WAIST

Measure around the natural waistline which is the narrowest part of your waist. This is an important measurement for trousers/pants/shorts & skirts

HIP

Measure around the fullest part of the hips



- *Our Size Charts are in **Finished Garment Measurements**.*
- *Size Charts are located on each individual garment on the website, under the **SIZE CHART** tab.*
- *To determine the size you need to **ADD** to your **Body Measurements** the following:*
- ***BLAZERS, DRESSES, TUNICS, SHIRTS, BLOUSES, POLOS** and other upper body garments **ADD 10 - 12 cm***
- ***TROUSERS, SHORTS, SKIRTS & TUNICS** - **ADD 5 - 8 cm** in the waist. These garments are often adjustable in the waist to allow for extra growth.*
- *A good way to check is to measure & compare a similar garment that is a comfortable fit.*

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Table Tennis Hope Star Group Training

Lesson details

There are **2 sessions** running every Friday for kids **6 to 12-years-old**.

- **Beginner level** at 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Intermediate level** at 6:00pm - 7:00pm

All skill levels are welcome.

\$200 for 1 term (1 session per week for 8 weeks)

Special offer for the **first 10 students** to sign up before the **12th of January 2024**

\$190 for 1 term (1 session per week for 8 weeks)

Enrolment details

Email: tabletennishopestar@gmail.com

Or contact Jian Fang Lay
0493 759 560



My name is **Jian Fang Lay** and I'm a **current Australian Table Tennis player**.

I've represented Australia in **6 Olympic Games** and **6 Commonwealth Games**.

My player profile can be found below:

- <https://www.olympics.com.au/olympians/jian-fang-lay/>
- <https://commonwealthgames.com.au/athletes/jian-fang-lay/>

I'm currently running **table tennis group training sessions**. I hope to share **my experience** and **inspire** more kids to play table tennis. Table tennis is a great sport to get kids **active**. It's excellent for **training kids' reflexes** and **hand-eye coordination**.

Location

Bundoora Secondary College

53 Balmoral Ave, Bundoora VIC 3083
(Basketball Hall)

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury. VIC. 3083



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Email: Kingsbury@cam.org.au

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

New Weekend Mass Time for both OLW and Holy Name

Both communities of OLW and Holy Name have supported the new weekend Mass Times. This change will be effected from *Saturday/Sunday 5th -6th August 2023*. Mass times will be as per roster, on the door and in the bulletin.

- Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm at Our Lady of the Way
- Sunday Morning: 9:00am at Our Lady of the Way
- Sunday Morning: 10:30am at Holy Name
- Sunday Afternoon: 4:00pm at Holy Name (Vietnamese)

Weekday Mass Times

The following mass times are as follows:

- Our Lady of the Way: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am
- Holy Name: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00am

Confession Times

- Holy Name: Saturday after 9:00am Mass
- Our Lady of the Way: Saturday 5:15-5:45pm.

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Welcome to you all.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Isaiah 30:19,30

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 Baruch 5:5; 4:36

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

Second Sunday of Advent year B: 9th and 10th December

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE					
Monday 18th December			Christmas Eve 24th December		
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	10.00am	<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	6.00pm
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Reconciliation	6-7pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	8.00 pm
Tuesday 19th December			<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass in Vietnamese	9.30pm
<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	9.00am	Christmas Day 25th December		
<i>Holy Name</i>	Reconciliation	9.30-10.00am	<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	9.00 am
<i>Holy Name</i>	Reconciliation	5.30-6.30pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	10.30 am
Wednesday 20th December			<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass in Vietnamese	4.00pm
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	10.00am	Tuesday 27th December		
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Reconciliation	6-7pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	10.00am
Thursday 21st December					
<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	9.00am			

<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	9.30-10.00am
<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	5.30-6.30pm
Friday 22nd December		
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	10.00am
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	6-7pm
Saturday 23rd December		
<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	9.00am
<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	9.30-10.00am
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	6-7pm
Sunday 24th December		
<i>Our Lady of the Way</i>	Mass	9.00am
<i>Holy Name</i>	Mass	10.30am

Second Rite Reconciliation to be celebrated this Tuesday 12th December at 7pm with communal preparation hearing the Word of God, proposals for Examination of Conscience and then individual confession of sins to a priest followed by concluding prayer and blessing. A number of priests will be available for individual confession.

Rites of Penance/Reconciliation

Rite 1

CCC 1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession.

CCC 1458 Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed, the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit.

Code of Canon Law: Can. 960 Individual and integral confession and absolution constitute the only ordinary means by which a member of the faithful conscious of grave sin is reconciled with God and the Church.

Rite 2

CCC 1482 The sacrament of Penance can also take place in the framework of a communal celebration in which we prepare ourselves together for confession and give thanks together for the forgiveness received. Here, the personal confession of sins and individual absolution are inserted into a liturgy of the word of God with readings and a homily, an examination of conscience conducted in common, a communal request for forgiveness, the Our Father and a thanksgiving in common.

Rite 3

CCC 1483 In case of grave necessity recourse may be had to a communal celebration of reconciliation with general confession and general absolution..... The diocesan bishop is the judge of whether or not the conditions required for general absolution exist. A large gathering of the faithful on the occasion of major feasts or pilgrimages does not constitute a case of grave necessity.

Volunteers needed: church washing

The community would like to thank Lan, who has for the last few years, given her time to wash and iron the linen and cloths each week. We are now in need of new volunteers – if you are able to and would like to help, please let Fr John know.

Vinnies Christmas Tree Donations

We are looking for donations and gifts for the wishing tree in the foyer. Every year our generous parishioners donate various goods that goes to help and bring Christmas cheer to the families and children in our community. Gifts for: children and teenagers are also needed. Tags are available on the tree. Please take one and nominate an age. For more information, please see Greg.

Christmas Raffle Donations

A sincere thank you to our parishioners for the wonderful and generous donations. We now have enough items for our Christmas Raffle! Tickets are available at \$1 each – thank you for your support.

Parish Suggestion Box

Thank you for your on-going suggestions and comments. A white suggestion box has been placed in the church foyer. If parishioners have any queries or questions, please write a message, and place it in the box.

Friday Morning Adoration

Please join us every Friday for ‘Morning Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament’ from 9:15am to 9:45 am before 10am mass.

Collections for the weekend of 26th of October and 3rd of December (fortnightly)

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generous support.

1st Collection: \$1739.50 2nd Collection: \$1072.50

A big thank you to our three fortnightly counters and weekly collectors.

Eucharistic Ministers:

09th Dec: 6pm K Zanini & J Vandenberg 10th Dec: 9am K Reyes/ C Olpenda

16th Dec: 6pm J Conway & K Zanini 17th Dec: 9am Martina & Gerard Dowling

Readers:

09th Dec: 6pm Helen Mills 10th Dec: 9am Martina Dowling

11th Dec: 6pm Jim Conway 17th Dec: 9am Angelina Crupi

Father John.

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

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The Living Word

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

10 December 2023

First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley, then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion, shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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 Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the past. But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates 'Someone' (not named!) who does have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit.

From the heading of St Mark's Gospel, we know that that 'Someone' is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God' who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new future for humanity.

That is why St Mark took the term 'gospel' (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor's birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the 'Kingdom of God', overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with water in the 'Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

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St Lucy was a young woman from a wealthy Sicilian family who lived during 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.



CROSSWORD

Down

- 1: John ate these insects
- 2: food made by bees
- 4: a person who speaks on behalf of God
- 6: a large group of people
- 8: bad deeds

Across

- 2: John told the people God would baptise them with the H ____ S ____
- 3: John the _____ baptised people in the Jordan River
- 5: people came from this place to see John
- 6: John's clothes were made of hair of this animal
- 7: what John used to baptise people
- 8: what we say when we apologise
- 9: John the Baptist baptised people in this river

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

"I am _____ my
 _____ ahead of you,
 who will _____ your way;
 the _____ of one _____ out
 in the _____:
 'Prepare the _____ of the _____,
 make his paths _____'"

crying
 straight
 way
 voice
 sending
 prepare
 wilderness
 messenger
 Lord