



OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents,



Advent – a precious time of waiting. Maranatha!

As the end of another school year approaches, we are gifted with the precious season of Advent, as we prepare, yet again, to welcome Jesus into our world. This prayer centres around the word, *Maranatha* מְרַנְּאָתָא, which is an Aramaic word meaning ‘Come, Lord’. This language was used in the region of Galilee at the time of Jesus and would have been spoken by him. So we pray...

Maranatha!

Open our eyes to the dignity of all people
And our ears to the cries of the earth.

Maranatha!

Let us walk in solidarity with the poor
And cleanse our world from oppression.

Maranatha!

Let us shout out for justice for all
And renew our hope for change.

Maranatha!

The Lord is coming

Let us share the Good News!

Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Carols tonight. Due to the wonderful weather predicted, the students will sing their carols on the deck and parents and families can sit on the basketball courts on their picnic blankets and chairs. We ask that families with chairs to please sit at the back and the families with picnic blankets only to sit at the front.

We have organised a sound technician to supply outdoor speakers, microphones and to run the music on the night.

The picnic begins at 5pm and we will call for the students only to assemble in their classes at 5:50pm with the carols beginning at 6:00pm. Please adhere to the school, MACs and government rules that there is to be NO ALCOHOL at the school event. The student toilets are for students only and adults can use the hall toilets. Teachers will be available to guide parents to the appropriate toilets. The oval and playground will be open from 5pm, however, we ask that children do not play on the oval or the playground from 6pm while the students are singing. The students have been busy rehearsing and they deserve our full attention.



When the carols begin, the students will be sitting with their class and teacher to watch the carols, a designated area will be set aside for the classes.

We encourage students and families to wear Christmas headbands, t-shirts or any Christmas accessories. The order of the night will go in class order from Prep to Year 6 and we will conclude with the Choir performing a medley of Christmas songs.



Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend as I have Covid. Mrs Melanie Thomson will be organising the evening.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & DONATIONS

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.



SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Annual Sports Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 6th December. We look forward to cheering on Kelly, Bates and LaTrobe students to run their fastest and perform their best. The Athletics Carnival is a great day to continue building School Community and Team Spirit. Parents are welcome to attend the day. Students can wear colour in their hair or ribbons to support their team. A timetable of the day is attached to the newsletter.



STAFFING 2024

In next week's newsletter I will announce the classes for 2024. However, I can announce that we will welcome Mrs Christine Moore back to our school and we also welcome Mr Chris Tormey who will be joining our classroom teaching staff in 2024.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to take up a position at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in Epping North for 2024 as the Science of Learning Leader/Literacy Leader.

I have had 8 wonderful years at OLW supported by the community. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Kevin Burke for being a guide and mentor to me over the past 8 years. I have had amazing opportunities to improve my practice. The growth of the staff and students, in particular the increase in student results and to witness the improvements as the cognitive science research was transferred into classroom

practice has been my highlight. Thank you to the staff, students and parents who have supported OLW in making the pedagogical change to improve results. I will miss the wonderful OLW community and I wish everyone the best for the future.

YEAR 6 2023 GRADUATION

Our Year 6 Graduation is on Wednesday 13th December. 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 6pm. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITY: DONATION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

As the holiday season approaches, our SRC is excited to lead an initiative that embodies the true spirit of giving and compassion. This year, we are partnering with St. Vincent De Paul's Charity to bring joy to families in our community who are facing challenging times.

Christmas is a time of warmth, togetherness, and generosity, but for some families, the ongoing cost-of-living crisis has made it difficult to even consider celebrating. Our goal is to make a positive impact by collecting gifts for those who may otherwise wake up on Christmas morning without the joy of exchanging presents with their loved ones.

We believe in the strength of our school community, and we are reaching out to you with a humble request for support. Your generosity can make a significant difference in someone's holiday experience. Whether you are able to contribute a small or large gift, every donation is a step toward creating a brighter Christmas for a family in need.

To streamline the donation process, we have set up a Christmas tree in the front office where you can leave your wrapped gifts. Please make sure to label each gift with the age and gender it is intended for, as we are collecting items for children aged 0 to 16 years.

Your kindness and support will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate in our community. Please see the attached flyer for gift ideas.

The SRC will be collecting gift donations until Thursday 8th December.



FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL

Next week marks the final week of the school year. The week has many opportunities for students to celebrate the end of the 2024 school year. Some highlights of the week that you may like to put in your calendar are:

Tuesday 12th December: 2:15pm Dream Team Christmas Show- whole school to attend in the hall.

Wednesday 13th December: 7:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass followed by Supper in the Hall.

Thursday 14th December: Year 5/6 Funfields

Friday 15th December: (Last day of school)

10:00am End of Year School Mass.

10:45am – Presentation of Year 6 jumpers and 2024 School Leaders

11:30am: School Raffle draw and Santa Visit

2:30pm: Year 6 Guard of Honour

3:30pm: School concludes.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that the phrase of the week, ‘**a season of peace**’, is a reference to the beginning of advent and the lead up to Christmas.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Our word of the week this week is: ‘**tidings**’. Find out its meaning and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

Monday December 4th

Lunchtime Social Club 1:10 – 1:35

3:00pm - School Assembly

5:00pm – Family Picnic

6:00pm – School Carols

Tuesday December 5th

1:10pm - Zooper Dooper Icy Pole Sales

Lunchtime Chess Club 1:10 – 1:35

Wednesday December 6th

9:30am -OLW Sport Athletics Carnival

Thursday December 7th

Years 3 – 6 Art Lessons

1:10pm - Zooper Dooper Icy Pole Sales

Lunchtime ART Club 1:10 – 1:35

Friday December 8th

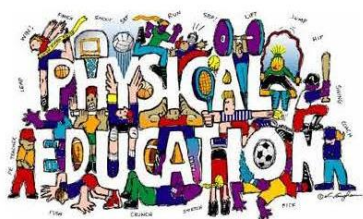
10am – 1/2M Class Mass

Years P - 2 Art Lessons

Lunchtime Gardening Club 1:10 – 1:35

Enjoy your week!

Allison Luff & Huong Lamont



2023 OLW Whole School Carnival Day!

Wednesday the 6th of December



Time	Event																
9:35-10:50am	<p>Field events</p> <p>No Ribbons just house points</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Latrobe</th> <th>Kelly</th> <th>Bates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9:45-10:05</td> <td>Long Jump</td> <td>Vortex Throw</td> <td>Tail Ball Throw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:05-10:25</td> <td>Tail Ball Throw</td> <td>Long Jump</td> <td>Vortex Throw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:25-10:45</td> <td>Vortex Throw</td> <td>Tail Ball Throw</td> <td>Long Jump</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Latrobe	Kelly	Bates	9:45-10:05	Long Jump	Vortex Throw	Tail Ball Throw	10:05-10:25	Tail Ball Throw	Long Jump	Vortex Throw	10:25-10:45	Vortex Throw	Tail Ball Throw	Long Jump
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11:30-12:00	<p>Organisation and Novelty relay races - all students to receive a ribbon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Egg and spoon 2) Hoola hoop bean bag 3) Hoola Hoop Race 4) Tunnel ball races 5) Sack races 																
12:00-1:00	3-6 Senior 100m sprints																
	F-2 Junior 50m sprints																
2:00-3:00	Senior long distance (optional)																
	Mixed Shuttle relays																
	Circular Relays																
3:00pm	FINAL PRESENTATION / CUP																



Join Us in Spreading Holiday Joy: Donation Drive for St. Vincent De Paul's Charity

Christmas Gift Ideas

Babies and Toddlers

- Rattles
- Blankets/Comforters
- Building Blocks Bath
- Toys
- Soft Toys
- Musical Toys
- Storybooks

Young Children (4-8years)

- Sports equipment
- Books
- Dolls
- Outdoor games
- Board games
- Toy cars or trains
- Stationery
- Colouring-on books/textas
- Dress-up costumes
- Christmas stockings

Older Children (9-16 years)

- Lego
- Card games
- Board games
- Magic Trick set
- Electronic games
- Activity books
- Puzzles
- Hair accesories
- Outdoor equipment
- Shopping/gift cards
- Christmas stockings
- Movie Vouchers
- Body lotions
- Accessories (e.g. caps, jewellery)
- Deodorant packs
- Perfume/spray packs
- Make-up (e.g. lip gloss, nail polish)
- Beach towels
- Bags, back packs



Please remember to label your donated gift with the age and gender the gift is intended for. Last day to donate is Thursday 8th December.





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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



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LADY OF THE WAY'S 2023



RAFFLE DONATION DRIVE

**ITEMS WILL BE
COLLECTED UNTIL
6th DECEMBER**

Ideas of Donations:

Kids toys	Stationary	Lego
Candles	Jewellery	Books
Video gaming	Beauty products	

Gift cards / vouchers for:

Hair	Beauty	Café
Restaurant	Retail	Movies
Entertainment/Experiences		Gaming

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF MONDAY-FRIDAY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING SCHOOL TERM.

*DONATED GOODS WILL MAKE UP
THE PRIZES FOR THE SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.*

*MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS NEW IPADS*

Questions?

PLEASE CONTACT SALLY

ON 0488552301





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• *is solely dedicated to supplying school uniform and school related accessories.*

• *has been recently renovated and designed for a comfortable shopping experience.*



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Summer Dress



Polo Short Sleeve



School Hat



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Elastic back



Skort Navy



WORN
WITH
DRESS

Sock Anklet White 2 pkt



WORN
WITH
SHORTS

Sock Crew Navy 3 pkt

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Polo Top Long Sleeve



Navy Double Knee Trouser



Trackpants with emb crest



Zipped Hoodie Jacket



Collared Windcheater



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SCHOOL BAGS



School Backpack

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SPORT UNIFORM



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Bates House Polo - Red



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Sports Sock White 2 pkt



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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

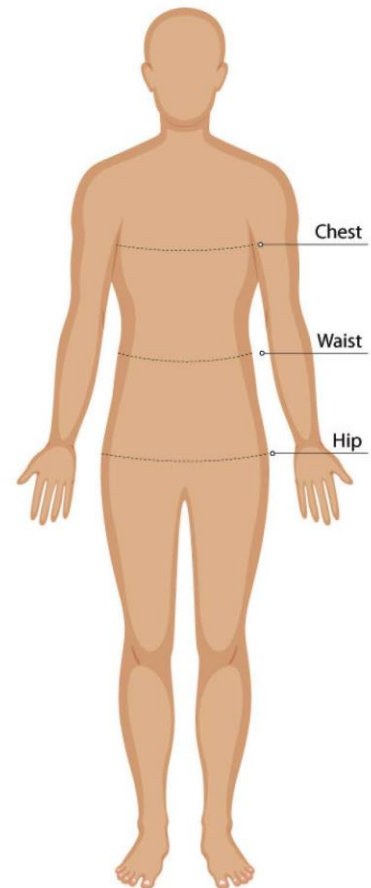
Measure around the fullest part of your chest. This is the key measurement for shirts/blouses & dresses. Make sure the measuring tape sits horizontally across your body.

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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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 Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

First Sunday of Advent year B: 2nd and 3rd December

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.

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 12th December at 7pm.

Anniversary notice:

On her first anniversary, 02nd December, please remember and pray for Ruth Gray and her family.

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! Hampers and raffle tickets will be available soon.

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.

A FULL – DAY ADVENT RETREAT

An invitation is extended to all for a full-day Advent Retreat taking place on December 9, 2023, right here in our parish of St Damian's Church, Address: 5 Settlement Road, Bundoora, Vic 3083. The retreat will run from 10 am to 4 pm and promises to be a day of spiritual enrichment and reflection.

Our theme for this special day is "Mary's Yes to God's Call." Led by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim Office, the retreat will encompass various elements such as Praise & Worship, insightful Talks, moments for Reflection, enriching Discussion, and an opportunity for Sharing.

The parish will be providing Morning Tea and Lunch. It would be wonderful to commence our Advent journey by spending precious time in the company of Mary, reflecting on her unwavering faith and willingness to answer God's call.

Your presence will truly enrich this event, fostering a sense of community and shared spiritual growth.

Vinnies – New Members Required

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingsbury or Vinnies as we are now known is one of 245 conferences in Victoria. We deliver food vouchers and Vinnies shop vouchers to people seeking help in Bundoora and Kingsbury. We also assist with the payment of utility bills.

It is very rewarding work as the people we assist are very appreciative of the help we give them. We are always looking for new members and if anyone is interested there are a number of pamphlets at the door of the church which can be taken and read.

Eucharistic Ministers:

02nd Dec: 6pm K Zanini & J Conway

03rd Dec: 9am M Leonard & Ashlie

09th Dec: 6pm K Zanini & J Vandenberg

10th Dec: 9am K Reyes/ C Olpenda

Readers:

02nd Dec: 6pm Frank Williams

03rd Dec: 9am Joan Vandenberg

09th Dec: 6pm Helen Mills

10th Dec: 9am Martina Dowling

Fr 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

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

First Sunday of Advent, Year B

3 December 2023

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your
ways
and harden our hearts against fearing
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens
open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains
would melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy
clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the
wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our
sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 R. v.4

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we
implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has
planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,
the man you have given your
strength.
And we shall never forsake you
again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through Jesus
Christ. I thank him that you have been
enriched in so many ways, especially
in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been
strong among you so that you will not
be without any of the gifts of the Spirit
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep
you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is like
a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in
charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he
must not find you asleep. And what I say
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord portrays himself as the
Master who goes away on a
journey. It is certain that he will
return, even if no-one in his
household knows exactly when.
That is *our* situation. What do we
do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we
have a choice. We can close our
eyes and enter into the world of
dreams where we create our own
fantasy futures, or we can stay
awake and alert to do what Our
Lord wants us to do: 'He left his
servants in charge, giving to each
his work.'

You and me – his servants – have
a particular role or work in and for
this phase of human history. A
deep down intuition, prompted by
the Holy Spirit, indicates what this
is. We must be true to this
assignment.

We could take a moment to pray
that, when the Lord returns, we
may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful*
servant, inherit the Kingdom
prepared for you since the
foundation of the world.'

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St Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506 and studied at the University of Paris. He met St Ignatius of Loyola and joined his group of disciples who would found a new religious order; the Jesuits. Preaching in foreign missions became a fundamental aim of the Jesuits and in 1541, he sailed to Goa in India. He worked and lived with the poor people in every place he visited; from India and Ceylon to Japan and the Malay peninsula. During his ten years as a missionary, he is believed to have converted many thousands to Christianity. He is recognised as the patron saint of foreign missions.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| dawn | know | servants |
| everything | master | sleep |
| guard | midnight | time |
| house | ready | watchmen |

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K B C P F Y S L E E P Z X V F Z E
R D L W D H B T N N N U A G Z Q P
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N B Q G F M I D N I G H T M F F S
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Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

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