

Issue: 27

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thanks you to everyone who got into the spirit of 'Reading is Magic' for our Book Week celebration last week. It was wonderful to see the effort that so many went to for our dress up day last Friday, showing the joy that books, reading and imagination can bring. Some photos of the day are included in today's newsletter.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council currently has the opportunity to add two additional members to the group. If you are interested in applying, please read the abbreviated information below or head to our [website](#) for further information.

The School Advisory Council provides a forum for discussion and discernment, where parent voice and community perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest as the custodian of mission for the good of school and parish, where students' wellbeing and outcomes are paramount.

It is important that School Advisory Council members understand that their primary role is to provide assistance and advice on school matters to support the principal in their leadership role.

School Advisory Councils do not have a legal identity and do not become involved in the day-to-day management of the school. The School Advisory Council must act within the parameters of this Terms of Reference. The MACS board, as the governing body of MACS schools, is responsible for the common good of Catholic education in MACS schools in the Archdiocese.

The following is a list of some of the key qualities and skills for members of the School Advisory Council:

- commitment to the MACS Statement of Mission
- commitment to Catholic education in the parish and school
- commitment to the vision and mission of the parish and school
- understanding of the role of parish priest as the custodian of mission, principal as the leader of the school and council members
- ability to think strategically

- willingness to support the contributions of other council members
- to listen in an active and meaningful way
- willingness to work cooperatively with others
- commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times

The OLW School Advisory Council currently meets six times during the year and may call extraordinary meetings if required.

Expressions of interest to become a council member are to be made in writing and forwarded to the Principal. Applications close this Wednesday, August 28, at 4.00pm.

Our next SAC Meeting is Tuesday September 3 at 4.30pm. Minutes and agenda will be posted this week.

TERM 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Yesterday we held our first Closure Day focussing on improving educational outcomes and building our understandings in Religious Education.

Our next Closure Day will be held on Monday September 16. This day is the last Monday of Term 3 and is for Parent-Teacher Interviews. Interview booking details will be released this week.

P & F NEWS

Congratulations to our Prep class who won the 2024 Spare Coin Challenge. We raised almost \$1,200 with the challenge. Preps will receive their free hot chip lunch this Friday.

The next P & F Meeting is this Thursday at 9.10am in the staffroom.

PREP 2025

Our Prep 2025 Information Night for those who have accepted a place at OLW will be held on Tuesday September 10 at 7.00pm. Information will be emailed to families this week.

FATHER'S DAY STALL & BREAKFAST

All dads are warmly invited to our Father's Day Breakfast to be held this Friday, August 30, commencing at 8.00am.

Our P & F will also be holding a Father's Day Stall on Thursday August 29, giving students the opportunity to buy a gift for their dad or granddad. Gifts range from \$2.00 - \$8.00.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that '*kindness is contagious*' means 'If someone does something kind for you, you feel better and are more likely to help out someone else. So that person's kindness has been contagious in that it has infected you. Similarly, each time you do something kind for anyone, whether it's a family member, friend or a stranger, your kindness is also contagious'.

Our Review words for this week are:
'acknowledgement' and **'nonchalant'**

Find out their meaning and see if you can add these words to your vocabulary over the next week.

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

MON 26 School Closure Day
THUR 29 Father's Day Stall
FRI 30 Father's Day Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

TUE 3 School Advisory Council Meeting
THUR 5 P & F Meeting – 9.10am
First Eucharist Preparation Session
FRI 6 Principals Meeting
SUN 8 First Eucharist – 1.00pm

[OLW 2024 Calendar](#)



When:
Thursday
29 August 2024

Gifts are priced
between
\$2 – \$8

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The stall will be open at 9am with each classroom to attend the stall up until recess. During the classroom visit, students will be able to buy up to 2 gifts. Students will then have the opportunity to purchase additional gifts during recess.

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Prep



Year 1/2M



Year 1/2S



Year 3/4L



Year 3/4HT



Year 5/6M



Year 5/6T

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Weekend Mass Times:

- Saturday Night: 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 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 9:00 am mass
- Our Lady of the Way: Saturday 5:15-5:45pm

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Welcome to Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury!

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 103:13-15

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

Newsletter information for 24th and 25th of August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sunday gospels in August are encouraging us to rediscover the meaning of the Eucharist through chapter 6 of St John's Gospel. This chapter mainly challenges us on Jesus as 'Bread of Life'. The bread that actually gives life, the bread that brings peace and comfort. The important question that is placed in front of us is whether we decide to receive this bread of life or do we prefer the bread of violence, hatred and war?

In the gospel, Jesus had just completed His discourse on the Eucharist and the fact that he is the very life of God coming down from heaven and no one can live this life or eternal life without him. Moreover, the gospel presents us with an option: we need to decide whether to follow Jesus and his teachings or to ignore and return to our former lives without Jesus.

In our gospel today there is a real challenge; the difficult realities that many of His disciples left Him and returned to their former lives and no longer accompanied Him. Remembering, the Jews were so impressed by Jesus' words and actions. Wherever he went, they were looking for Him and listening to His teachings. But Jesus started talking about "eating His flesh and drinking His blood" as food for eternal life. They started to leave or run away from this crazy man, they could not accept this type of teaching, because they did not receive what they wanted to hear.

Jesus has so many sayings which could make His disciples leave Him like: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," "Forgive your enemies not only seven times but seventy times seven times," "those who want to be the first must serve the rest," "if you want to inherit eternal life sell everything, give to the poor and follow," and so on and so forth. It is easy to accept the teachings or rules of Jesus as long as they don't go against us or as long as we are not hit by it. However, what are we going to do if the teachings or rules are confronting us? Are we going to leave the church or to break the rules? Or are we going to be patient with the church? What is the good spirit inspiring us to do now?

Coincidentally, the readings and gospel today somehow run parallel with the current situation of our lives, there are rules and regulations that impose on our lives which none of us really like. The challenge for us – followers of Christ – what is the good spirit telling us to do for ourselves and for each other at this time?

Let us reflect more frequently on the Word of God and let it penetrate into the deepest part of our hearts. Let us have some time to listen to the Holy Spirit who is always stirring our hearts with many good decisions.

<https://www.cbdparish.org.au/blog/homily-21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

Congratulations to Bishop Joe Caddy

On the 15th of August, our former Vicar General Fr Joseph Caddy was ordained and installed as Bishop of Cairns. We give thanks for his gifts and his willingness to say 'yes'. As Bishop Caddy and the people of Cairns Diocese embark on this exciting new phase in their journey, let's keep them in our prayers.

- **Recorded live stream of Ordination- You'll see a familiar face: Fr Trac as Master of Ceremony.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0y8twEy-l&t=7s>

Parish Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Winter Roast Lunch! It was wonderful to celebrate our Kingsbury parish community together. A big thank you to all who helped make the event a success- it was an afternoon of laughter and hospitality. If you enjoyed this gathering and would like to see more events like this, please let Fr John or a member of the PLT know.

Father's Day Mass and Morning Tea (1st of September)

Please join us on Sunday 1st of September at 9am, as we celebrate and give thanks to all the fathers and father figures in our lives. Join us for Morning Tea and hospitality after mass. All Welcome so please come along! Father's day prayer cards will be available to take.

Upcoming Anniversary- Bruce Kingsbury

Did you know that the suburb of Kingsbury was named after Bruce Kingsbury, an Australian soldier who served in World War I? The first serviceman to receive the VC for actions on Australian territory, Kingsbury was a member of the 2/14th Infantry Battalion. Known for his bravery and leadership, Kingsbury played a crucial role in several battles. His death anniversary is approaching on the **29th of August**, a time to honour his memory and the sacrifices. A short biography will be published in next week's newsletter.

Media release: Australian Catholic Bishops: Social Justice Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released the Social Justice Statement for 2024–25, entitled *Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*. Every year, in time for Social Justice Sunday—marked this year on 25 August—the bishops seek to make a comment on a key social issue. This year the focus is on the promotion of peace and the need for truth in public life. Available in the foyer.

Archbishop Campaign: Come Follow Me

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is underway, and we continue to ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Brochures available in the Foyer. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. You can also make a gift online at: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Aged Care and Home Care Services

Sanjeevani Fernando, a qualified nurse with experience working as an aged care assistant in Sri Lanka is seeking opportunities for working as an aged care assistant/home care provider in and around Kingsbury for anyone who wishes to avail themselves of such services or knows of opportunities in the area. Please contact Sanjee 0494 197 786.

Piety Store

The piety store located in the foyer cabinet near the fridge, is being restocked with Communion gifts. If any parishioner is looking for a particular item to purchase, please let any PLT member know and we will try to procure.

Parish Luncheon

The next Parish luncheon will be on the 28th of August, Wednesday at 12.00pm at the Summerhill hotel. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. All are welcome!

Parish Suggestion Box

Thank you for your on-going suggestions and comments - we value your voice and feedback. If parishioners have any suggestions, please write a message, and place it in the white box. The next PLT tbc.

Eucharistic Ministers:

24th Aug: 6pm – K Zanini & Special Minister

31st Aug: 6pm – G Tombs & J Vandenberg

25th Aug: 9am – Di Austin & J Vandenberg

1st Sep: 9am - G Dowling & Special Minister

Readers:

24th Aug: 6pm – Bill Tombs

31st Aug: 6pm – Frank Williams

25th Aug: 9am – Gerard Dowling

1st Sep: 9am – Angelina Crupi or volunteer

Fr John

Online Donation

1st Collection: 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: 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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

25 August 2024

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and

sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But *our* ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

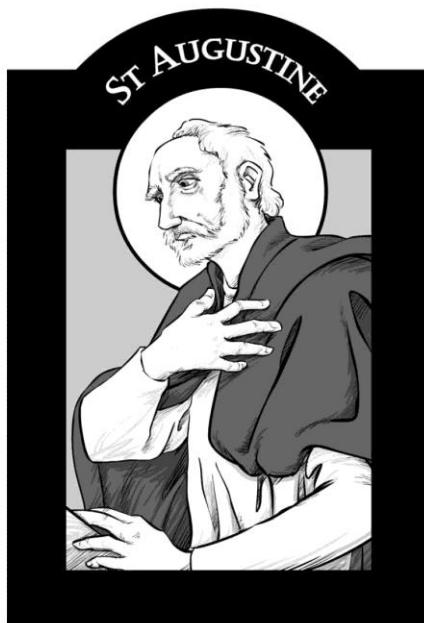
Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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St Augustine was born in 354 in Thagaste (now known as Algeria) to a pagan father and a Christian mother – St Monica. In a search for truth he explored many philosophies and theologies, though he rejected Christianity. In Milan, he heard Bishop Ambrose preach and in 387 he and his son were baptised by him. He returned to Northern Africa and established a monastic community and in 391 was ordained a priest. Five years later, Ambrose was chosen bishop of Hippo and for thirty-four years he served his diocese with authority and compassion. His vast writings (more than one-hundred books and five-hundred sermons) earned him the title, doctor of the church.



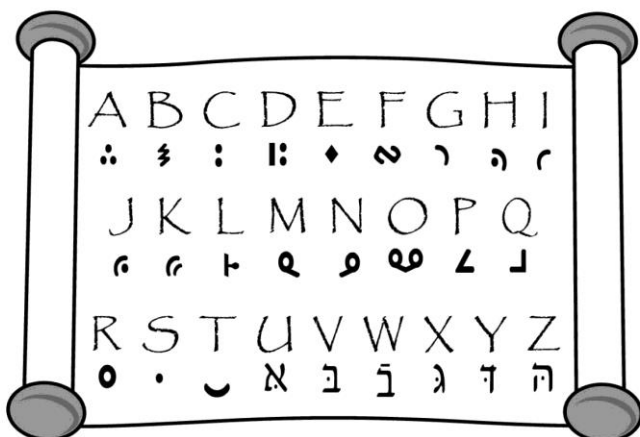
Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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beginning	faith	Spirit
betray	one	twelve
bread	Simon Peter	understand

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Jesus spoke to his disciples about the bread of life. It was hard to understand, but those who had faith continued to follow him. Crack the code to find out what Simon Peter said to Jesus.



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Term 3 / Week 6 at..



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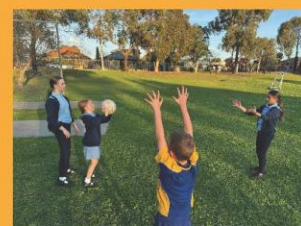


WEEK 6 – 'BOOK WEEK'

We have absolutely loved delving into the world of books, stories and creativity this week, learning about new characters and their stories, and seeing so many faces light up with the power of reading! We enjoyed highlighting classic stories like the Twits and Roald Dahl, and also using old books to create beautiful artworks!

ACTIVITIES

- Origami Butterflies (reusing old books!) we absolutely loved reusing old books and creating them into beautiful origami butterflies! We chose a book from our shelf that hadn't been used very often, and we pulled out pages to use as our butterfly wings! They bring life to our OSHC room and are always fluttering around!
- Mr Twit Beard Art – this is a classic Kingsbury activity, where we read a disgusting chapter from the Twits novel, and get inspired to create our own disgusting beards to wear around! We thought about different foods and objects that may get stuck in a hairy beard like Mr Twit's, such as cheese, anchovies and even broccoli! Getting creative in a silly way is always so much fun, we loved seeing goofy sides to the children and seeing their imaginations come to life!
- The Lorax Grass Pots – this was so much fun! We loved decorating grass pots to look like the Lorax, and planting grass seeds into the pots to eventually grow into his long hair! We had so many little Lorax pots go home, and we are excited to hear about the progress of them as weeks go by!



NOTICE

When possible, please ensure you are booking as early as you can! Booking in advance supports us to staff the program adequately in line with our 1:15 ratio.

Also, if your child is away from school or if plans change, a friendly reminder to give us the heads up via a text or call!

FEEDBACK!

We would love to hear what you think of our program! If you can spare 5 minutes, please fill out this Feedback Form and give us your feedback/suggestions!

<https://forms.gle/tVqQnmnYcDGPbZSQ6>

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phone: 0417333851



Do you have
school uniform
items you no
longer need that
are still in good
condition?

Donations
Welcome

The P & F Second Hand Uniform Collection and Sale

\$5 Items

Polo Tops
Shorts
Pants

\$10 Items

Summer Dresses
Jumpers
Backpacks

**CASH
ONLY**

The Parents and Friends committee will hold a pop up store on the first Monday of each month straight after School Assembly.

*School branded uniforms donated will only be accepted if purchased from an official uniform store.

*Donations can be dropped off at the school office.



Red Door Cafe Lunch orders

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Order Before 11am

Ph: 9078 9725

Toasties \$7

Cheese
Cheese & Ham
Cheese & Tomato
Cheese, Ham & Tomato

Wraps

Chicken schnitzel \$9.90
{Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo}
Ham \$7.90
{Ham, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato}

Hot Food

5 Nuggets & Chips \$9.50
Pizza {Margarita} \$6.50
Lasagne \$9.90
Penne bolognese \$9.90
1/2 Sausage Roll \$6.00
Whole Sausage Roll \$10.90
Chips \$6.00