

Issue: 29

Date: Monday September 9 2024

Dear Parents & Families,

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who celebrated their First Eucharist yesterday. This is an important step in their faith journey and it was wonderful to see them share this special time with their family and friends yesterday.

PREP 2025

Our Prep 2025 Information Night for those who have accepted a place at OLW will be held this Tuesday, September 10 at 7.00pm. Orientation information has been emailed to families.

MACSSIS

Over the next two weeks, OLW will be participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings of students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

One of the main goals of the family survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our school. Our school believes it is important to encourage families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school. The family survey focuses on:

- Basic demographic details
- Family involvement
- Hurdles to engagement
- Alignment with the school environment
- Atmosphere within the school
- Safety of students
- Communication
- Catholic identity

Over the next week, a random selection of families will receive information via email on how to access and complete the survey. It takes 20 minutes and gives us valuable information following our School Review. Our staff and Year 4-6 students will also take part in the survey.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

The Division Athletics will be held this Thursday, September 12, at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. Permission forms for students who have made it through to this level of competition were released through Operoo last week.

SCHOOL DISCO

The P & F have organised a School Disco for this Friday, September 13, in the School Hall. Move & Dance Co. will be running the event.

Two sessions are scheduled: Years Prep - 2 will participate in the 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm session, while Years 3 - 6 will have the 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm session. Drop-off and pick-up of students must occur at the school entry gates during the designated start and finish times. It is important to note that this is a food-free event, and no food will be provided. However, each student will receive a bottle of water upon entry.

The event will be supervised by P&F members who hold a Working with Children Check. Information was sent home last Wednesday and confirmation of attendance must be returned by this Wednesday.

TERM 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Our next Closure Day for Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Monday, September 16. Interview booking details were posted on the school app last week and are included again in today's newsletter.

TEAM COLOURS & HOT LUNCH DAY

The SRC is organising our Wear Your Team Colours Day for Thursday, September 19. We will be asking all children to bring a gold coin donation. Money raised will be used to support Aussie Kids living with cancer.

Students will be able to come to school wearing their favourite sports team colours from any code (e.g. Collingwood- black and white, Melbourne City – blue and white, etc). Children can also wear their own sporting club uniform. The P & F are organising a Hot Lunch Day as part of the celebration. Ordering details will be going home with your child this week.

PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

I will be attending the Zone Principals Conference from Sunday September 29 until Saturday October 12 so I will be absent for the first week of Term 4. Our Principals group will be heading to Spain and walking the last section of the Camino, following the way St James.

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

Please mark in your diary that Term 3 concludes next Friday, September 20, at 1.00pm.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that 'consecrate' means 'to make or declare something, (typically a church) sacred; dedicate formally to a religious purpose; or in Christian belief to declare the bread and wine be, or represent, the body and blood of Christ.

Our Review words for this week are:
'olympic' and **'ancient'**

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

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

TUE 10	Prep 2025 Night – 7.00pm
WED 11	Year 3/4 Class Mass School Review Meeting
THUR 12	Division Athletics
FRI 13	School Disco
MON 16	Parent Teacher Interviews
THUR 19	Team Colours Day & Hot Food Lunch
FRI 20	Last Day of Term – Dismissal 1.00pm

[OLW 2024 Calendar](#)



Sacrament of First Eucharist

Our Lady of The Way Parish Church
Sunday 8th September, 2024



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for Term 3 will be held on Monday September 16 from 8.45am – 7.00pm. **Monday September 16 will be a School Closure Day for students but they are required to attend the interview with their parents.**

Bookings can be made via www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the School Event code shown below or through the school app under the 'Resources' tab and 'Links'.

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 at 3:30pm

School event code

xym8a Go

HOW TO BOOK:

Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> or through the school app. Enter the school event code **xym8a** then follow the 3 simple steps below:



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

All interviews are onsite at OLW and they are **strictly 15 minutes** and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 9460 6684.

Students are required to attend the Interview along with their parents

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury. VIC. 3083

Ph: 0488 020 364

School Tel: 9460 6684

Email: Kingsbury@cam.org.au

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



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: Psalm 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Newsletter information for 7th and 8th of September- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do we celebrate birthdays? A Reflection

The Catholic Church celebrates this Tuesday, 8 September, the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and this date is also traditionally fixed nine months after her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The birthday of Mary makes me reflect on what I should do on her birthday. As I will normally reach out to my family and friends on their birthdays, I thought of spending some time visiting the Lady's Chapel of Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell where I reside.

As I sit and I look at the Chapel with fresh eyes, I realize its beauty. This Lady's Chapel is located on the south transept of the Church, and the Altar of Our Lady is set against the back wall of the Chapel. The base of the altar is a white marble slab topped with four pairs of equally spaced smooth terracotta-coloured marble columns. The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is placed in an alcove above the altar, and she is dressed in a white long sleeve robe with a small gold star on the lower edge. There is a mosaic floor in front of the altar, and the altar was erected over the remains of Fr Robinson, the priest who commissioned and oversaw the designs, building and funding of the Church. The Chapel is adorned with the stained-glass window of 'Mary at Lourdes' on the west wall, and 'St. John's vision of the Glorious Woman' (Revelations 12: 1-9) on the east wall. There is also a stunning stained-glass semi-circular window of the 'Coronation of Mary' on top of the Chapel.

While reflecting all these devotional and architectural beauties I imagine having a conversation with the Blessed Virgin. I imagine Mary as a young girl who says 'yes' at the Annunciation, as a mother who witnesses her son's crucifixion and death, and a widow whose life was transformed by the Resurrection of her Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As I listen to what Mary will say in response, Mary's intercession to Jesus at the Wedding at Cana comes to my mind: "They have no wine" (John 2:4).

Mary realises that there will not be enough wine as the wedding feast continues. As wine means 'happiness, love and patience' in the spiritual sense, we may be running out of this spiritual virtue as we tackle various global issues and crisis. Mary at the wedding at Cana encourages us to believe that there is always the best wine to come if we 'Do whatever he [Christ] tells us' (cf. John 2: 8). As Jesus changes the ordinary [water] into extraordinary [wine] at the intercession of Mary, let us also ask Mary to intercede once again, that Jesus will turn our 'low wine' with overflowing rich wine at this extraordinary time.

When this extraordinary time is changed into ordinary, the time we return to normal, you too might take a visit to the Marian Chapel or Prayer room of your Church and see what you might find there.

Volunteers needed

We are in need of volunteers: Special Minsters and basket collectors for Saturday and Special Ministers for Sunday. If you can help, please let Fr John or PLT know.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE –Expressions of interests now open!

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will run two pilgrimages to Rome next year as we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025. The first pilgrimage will be held in May and June 2025, coinciding with the Jubilee for Families, Grandparents and the Elderly. The second pilgrimage will be for young adults (18-35 years), journeying to the Jubilee of Youth July and August 2025. These graced and hope-filled pilgrimages will journey through the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and Clare before walking through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. Be the first to receive the latest updates, including booking information and itineraries, by submitting an expression of interest: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ST83H75>



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Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Stop and Read: Pope praises spiritual value of literature and poetry.

In a letter '*On the Role of Literature in Formation*', published by the Vatican on 4 August, Pope Francis said 'reading is important for 'the formation of all those engaged in pastoral work, indeed of all Christians'. In moments of weariness, anger, disappointment or failure, when prayer itself does not help us find inner serenity, a good book can help us weather the storm. Reading, the Pope said, is a healthy form of relaxation, an important way to increase one's vocabulary and an essential exercise in learning to listen to the experiences of other people and other cultures. Literature, he said, is 'listening to another person's voice.' Literature and poetry, like other arts, also help hone a reader's ability to be in awe—of others, of the world and, ultimately, of God, the Pope said.

New book: 'Into the Future' by Fr Frank O'Loughlin

Into the future explores the necessity of change for the Catholic Church's well-being and growth, especially in the context of our increasingly secular society. It reflects on how the church in its history has responded to similar changes and calls present-day Catholic disciples to remain faithful to the heart of the gospel message and new ways of proclaiming the kingdom of God in our own time. Free copies available in foyer. Please write your name if you would like a copy.

There is one more evening of discussion: **Thursday, 12th September- *Changes today and into the future***

This will take place from **7.00 pm in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 10 Whitehorse Road, Deepdene**. Let us know if you would like to attend.

Parish Luncheon

The next Parish luncheon will be on the 25th of September, 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:

7th Sep: 6pm – K Zanini & Special Minister

14th Sep: 6pm- G Tombs & J Vandenberg

8th Sep: M Leonard & G Dowling

15th Sep: A Crupi & M Leonard

Readers:

7th Sep: 6pm – Joan Vandenberg

14th Sep – 6pm: Louise Barber

8th Sep: 9am – Jason Cassar

15th Sep: 9am – Wendy Theunissen

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

8 September 2024

First Reading Is 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are
bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and
orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes,

and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

One of the most important messages in today's Gospel is that right speech follows from clear hearing. When Jesus cures the man the signs of healing are that his ears open first, then his tongue starts working. As with everything Jesus said and did, this has wider implications for Christianity: a message needs to be heard before it can be proclaimed. Every preacher must be a listener first.

Jesus' vision of a listening Church is expressed many times in the Gospels and has endured throughout the centuries in diverse forms, from local synods to Ecumenical Councils. From long experience the Church learned that by listening to the signs of the times Christians could better proclaim Christ to each new generation.

In our own time, as Pope Francis puts it, the Church needs 'to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. Environmental and human degradation are everywhere, crying out for remedy. In this Season of Creation we might ask ourselves whether we are good listeners. Do we listen to the warnings of scientists about climatic change, to the stories of climate refugees, or do we block our ears in closed-minded self-interest and ignore Jesus' command, 'Ephphatha' – be open.

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a feast that commemorates the birthday of Jesus' mother. Even though Mary's birth is not recorded in the scriptures, it is mentioned in the Apocryphal writings from the second century, the Protoevangelium of James and is even mentioned in Islamic scripture. Her parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim and tradition places Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem. The feast has been celebrated since the fifth century – on September 8 in the Roman Calendar.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

amazed	deaf	fingers	heaven
begged	Decapolis	good	ten
crowd	Effatha	hear	tongue

I A J Z S G E F F A T H A F Z
V F I N G E R S D B G O X J C
T V U D S V C G E H E A R M C
C O Z C Q H H Y A L Q B A I B
Z U A R O H H P F H H N I W K
G C R O G H D O V B S M Q E I
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T M A J H I O A T O V R S E U
W U V E G P L L E I O C Z M E
Q J A B X O I M N L V N J D I
Z E T H E H S B E G G E D W A
M V J D D G O O D O G F Q X I

Finish the story of Jesus healing the deaf man by adding the missing words and pictures.

Jesus travelled to the land of Decapolis.

Draw Jesus walking along the road

A crowd of people _____ Jesus to heal a man who was _____ and could not speak properly.



Draw the deaf man

Jesus touched the man's _____ and tongue and said, 'Effatha!', meaning '_____ up'.



The man was very happy because now he could hear and talk! The people praised Jesus.



Term 3 / Week 8 at..



KINGSBURY THEIRCARE



WEEK 8 – 'D.I.Y WEEK'

This was an incredible week full of innovative minds and incredible creations! We had so many opportunities this week to make and create our own amazing things, such as our own bracelets, hama bead creations, fingerprint friends and so many more!

We loved reusing and recycling materials as well to recreate them into new amazing things!

ACTIVITIES

- Fingerprint painting – through the use of art we created our own amazing using the best paintbrush known to man, our hands! We loved getting our hands dirty in the colourful paint and creating colourful and creative designs, and turning our fingerprints into amazing masterpieces!
- Hama beads – this activity is always a hit here at After School Care, the children love creating their very own designs using the plastic beads, innovative minds and steady hands! Some made incredible keychains, others made gifts for their friends, and some even spelt out their own names to keep as decorations in their room! It was great!
- 4 square – this was a classic activity that took a long break from OSHC, but is now slowly returning in glory! 4 square was back on this week and our incredible athletes raised to the occasion to brush off the dust and bring back their amazing 4 square skills! Lots of cheering and supportive words were also a part of this amazing activity, we are excited to have this back at the program!



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/tVqQnmnYcDGPbZSQ>
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Contact us:

email: kingsbury@theircare.com.au

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.

HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAM



SEPTEMBER 23-24-25

9am to 3pm (EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE)

AGES 6-12 - BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

\$100/DAY OR \$250 FOR FULL 3 DAYS

(EARLYBIRD & FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)

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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