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Date: Monday November 11 2024

Dear Parents & Families,

Our Year 5/6 students had a fabulous time on camp last week. They were blessed with great weather and some amazing and fun activities that ensured everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, staff included! Some photos and videos of the camp have been posted in the school app for anyone who is interested in checking out the great time had by all. Thank you to Mrs. Mithen, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Tormey, Miss Rosemary and Miss Leanne for ensuring that the camp was such a success.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

As today is Remembrance Day, our SRC will be leading a Service at 11.00am to remember the ultimate sacrifice that many have made in order to make Australia a free country.

STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Mingchen and Oliver who represented OLW in the State Athletics Championships last Wednesday at Albert Park. Mingchen finished 2nd in the Long Jump and Oliver finished 6th in the 200m final. It was an outstanding effort by both boys to achieve so well at such a high level of competition.



PREP – 2 SWIMMING

Our Prep – Year 2 Swimming Program continues this Monday and Tuesday. Parents are welcome to attend and watch their child. Under child safety protocols, only parents who hold a current WWCC and are registered with the school can assist in the change rooms if required by

staff. The classroom teacher will request your assistance if any help is required.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next School Advisory Council Meeting will be held this Tuesday, November 12, at 4.30pm. This is our final meeting for 2024 and Minutes and Agenda are in the school app.

OLW SPORTS CARNIVAL

Our School Sports Carnival will take place this Friday, November 29, weather permitting. The day will commence at 10.00am and finish approximately at 3.00pm and families are most welcome to join us throughout the day. Track events and relays will be taking place between 11.30am and 1.00pm. We will be setting up events and equipment from 9.00am – 10.00am, so if any parents are available to assist with setting up the marquees etc. from 9.00am, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Please leave a message at the office or just see Mrs Van Ballegooy on the oval in the morning.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that '**longshot**' means '*an attempt or guess that has only the slightest chance of succeeding or being accurate*'.

Our Review words for this week are:

'affirmation' and **'anticipate'**

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

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

MON 11	Swimming Years P – 2
TUE 12	Swimming Years P – 2
	School Advisory Council Meeting
FRI 15	Prep 2025 PE/Art/Storytime
MON 18	Swimming Years P – 2
TUE 19	Swimming Years P – 2
WED 20	NIDO Kinder Visit
THUR 21	P&F Meeting – 9.10am
	Prep 2025 Orientation Session
	9.30am – 11.00am

[OLW 2024 Calendar](#)



Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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

Our Parish Primary Schools and churches:

♦ Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury (Principal- Kevin Burke): 03 9460 6684

♦ Holy Name East Preston (Principal –Caroline Galea): 03 9471 0883

♦ Holy Name Preston East: 28 Rob St, Reservoir - 03 9471 0832

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Date: 9th and 10th of November: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

FAITH REFLECTION: PART 8: WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?

We are the body of Christ

St Paul was speaking to early Christian communities who were very much like us when we consider the problems and difficulties that were present among them. But Paul referred to these communities of very real human beings as the body of Christ.

This is an extraordinary image for him to use but an image which he not only repeats but develops. In the Letters to the Romans and the Corinthians, Paul uses the image in one way and in the Letters to the Colossians and Ephesians in another. His first use of the image, he portrays Christ's relationship to his disciples as being like the person who inhabits a body and in the later use, Christ is spoken of as the head and the Church as the body of which he is the head. In both cases, the image supposes a living relationship between Christ and the members of his body, the Church. And he links this to the Eucharist. In I Corinthians, he says "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a fellowship in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break is it not a fellowship in the body of Christ? As there is one bread, so we, though many, are one body, for we all share the one bread" (10:16-18). There is a sharing of life between Christ and his Church, his gathered people. Paul also uses the image as a way of speaking about the Church as a community of people with different talents and spiritual gifts to give to the whole body. He explains this at length in chapters 12, 13 and 14 of the First Letter to the Corinthians. Another aspect to this image is that Christ himself embodies himself in the community of his disciples. During his life on earth, people had contact with him in a bodily manner, that is they could hear him, see him, speak to him and touch him, but that is not possible with the risen Lord, he is beyond hearing, seeing and touching. People can come to know him only through his 'new body', the Church. It is within the community of faith that he can be recognised and responded to: through his word in the scriptures, through the faith of those who believe, through the witness of Christian faith which has found expression in many ways through the ages. God is at work through Christ in all of our created world to which he is always giving life. However, that presence is given more concrete and intense expression in the community of believers who have had the presence of the Lord clarified for them and to which they 'give a body' in our real world. The coming of God among us in the person of Jesus is the translation of God into a language we can understand – human flesh and blood.

By Fr Frank O'Loughlin

♦ PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Anniversary: We pray for all anniversaries about this time especially: Rukumain Nair, Teresa Peters.

♦ HOLY SOULS MASS OFFERINGS

As part of month of Remembrance, parishioners are welcomed to place names of deceased loved ones in the prayer book. Envelopes for Mass Offerings for all Holy Souls can be collected from the foyer. Please speak to Fr John or place envelopes at the front of church.

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.

Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday Evening:

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 East Preston

Sunday Afternoon:

4:00pm at Holy Name East Preston (Vietnamese)

WEEKDAY

Our Lady of the Way:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am

Holy Name East Preston:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00am

Prayer Groups

Rosary

Before morning Masses:

Our Lady of the Way:

9:20am

Holy Name East Preston:

8:30am

Morning Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady of the Way:

Friday at 9:15am to 9:45 am before 10am Mass

Confession Times

Holy Name East Preston:

Saturday:

after 9:00 am mass

Our Lady of the Way:

Saturday 5:15-5:45pm before 6pm Mass

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	PARISH SUGGESTIONS
Would you like to serve as a Special Minister, a Reader, Alter Server, or be a part of the Welcome Party? Do you have musical talent or would like to be part of cleaning roster? Please let Fr John know.	Do you see a need in the community? Thank you for your on-going suggestions and comments. We value your voice and feedback. If parishioners have any suggestions, please forward suggestions to PLT. Next meeting Wednesday 20 th November

♦ PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Charity Drive for YMCA WRAP Basketball

We are asking for donations towards a 'Lolly and Christmas drive' - all contributions go towards 'YMCA Wrap Basketball Program' and their Christmas celebrations. Run by volunteers, and organised by one of our parishioners Felicity Hardy, this program supports adults living with disability. For many this is the highlight to end the basketball year. We thank you for your generosity - A copy of a letter from Felicity is in the foyer - please take one.

- Donations for lolly bags: all sorts: snakes, musk sticks and soft lollies, chocolates in wrappers (Kit Kats, Freddo frogs), Christmas chocolates, and lollies.
- Door price items for bowling nights & dinner dance: Boxes of chocolates, gift vouchers, coffee cards, hampers filled with Christmas items and treats, items for Christmas celebrations.

Parish Luncheon

The next Parish luncheon will be on the 27th of November, Wednesday at 12.00pm at the Summerhill hotel. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. All are welcome!

Piety Store

The piety store, located in the foyer cabinet near the fridge, has been restocked with Christmas gifts and items. If any parishioner is looking for a particular item to purchase, please let any PLT member know and we will try to procure. 2025 Columban calendars (\$10) and Advents books (\$5) are also available in the foyer.

♦ RETREATS AND TALKS

Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre- Awakening to the Divine in Nature

Experiencing Wonder and Awe: Connecting with Nature. This interactive seminar will enable you to deepen your spirituality through interconnection with all of life. Includes input, sharing of ideas and a reflective experience in Fitzroy Gardens.

Date: Thursday 21 November, 5:30- 7:30pm. Cost \$40 pp. Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1309295>

Theology of the body retreat

Join the Truth Goodness Beauty Project for a full-day retreat exploring St John Paul II's Theology of the Body and discovering how faith shapes our understanding of relationships, sexuality and our sense of self. Open to both singles and those in relationships, this day will provide insights into building healthier connections rooted in Catholic teaching. Registrations close 18 November. Date: Saturday 30 November at 9.00am–5.00pm at St Paul's Retreat Centre Wantirna South. *Flyer in the foyer.*

♦ ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

A helping hand in darkness: Catholic Prison Ministry

On Sunday, 10 November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work of prison chaplains. *CatholicCare* Victoria's (CCV) Prison Ministry supports thousands of vulnerable, isolated and marginalised people in every prison and correctional centre in Victoria. In the Archdiocese of Melbourne, under the leadership of Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS, the prison chaplaincy team brings hope and courage each day to more than 5,000 people across 10 prisons within the region. Chaplains listen to the men and women in prison who are worried about their situation, and to those who just want to talk to someone who will show compassion. Religious services, including Reconciliation and Mass, are regularly celebrated in prisons, and chaplains can help people in prison get access to Bibles, religious books and other religious items like rosaries.

Please support CCV's upcoming appeal: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/article/pastoral-care-appeal/>

♦ ROSTER:

Eucharistic Ministers:

9th Nov: 6pm – G Tombs & J Vandenberg

16th Nov: 6pm – K Zanini & Special Minister

Readers:

9th Nov: 6pm – Joan Vandenberg

16th Nov: 6pm – Louise Barber

Cleaning:

10th Nov: Cleaners

10th Nov: 9am – A Crupi & M Leonard

17th Nov: 9am – Di Austin & J Vandenberg

10th Nov: 9am – Wendy Theunissen

17th Nov: 9am – Evelyn Ginger

24th Nov: Jason C and Joseph S

CHURCH OFFERINGS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?	FORTNIGHTLY OFFERINGS
1st Collection Thanks-giving offering: 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	Weekend of 27th Oct and 3rd Nov: 1st collection: \$1717.50 2nd collection: \$1023.00
2nd Collection- Presbytery offering 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	Catholic Mission Special Collection on the 27th Oct: \$283.50 <i>We appreciate your generous support to the parish and priest of Our Lady of the Way.</i>

The Living Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

10 November 2024

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever 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 bowed down.
It is 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 Heb 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:38-44

or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

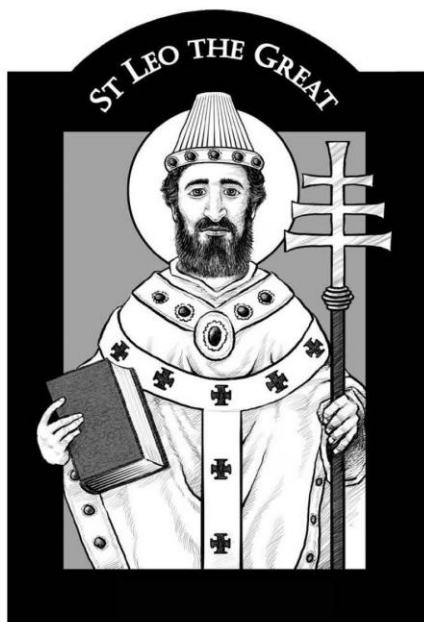
Reflection by Rev T Nguyen

In the book, *Woman Wisdom: Women of the Hebrew Scriptures*, Merriam T. Winter described widows in ancient Israelite society during biblical times, "Widowhood was an extremely vulnerable state in ancient Israelite society. No provision was made for women whose husbands died before them. Considered inferior to other women, they had no recourse under the law and were solely dependent on the providence of God and the charity of others...."

This is exactly the case presented to us in today's gospel. Jesus does not mix words in teaching us the meaning of true giving. He first warns those in positions of authority, whether secular or ecclesiastic, that we are called to serve, not to be served. The scribes were guilty of using their positions of authority to 'put themselves on a pedestal.' Unfortunately, church history has shown that we too are guilty of such behaviour. Even today, this becomes a great temptation for us.

More importantly, Jesus in today's gospel praises the poor widow who drops her remaining two small coins in the collection basket - different from the others who put in extra money. In other words, the poor woman gave away everything that she had rather than giving away what was not needed. The simple story or small action of this widow invites us to think about ourselves and our neighbours. What are our actions? Sometimes, we do believe that we can only give away money. Actually, there are many more things that we can give away rather than money. We are encouraged to share our time, our care, our thoughtfulness and our talents with one another. We experience this where people need our physical presence more than money. We realise that time is short and things can happen unexpectedly; our care and thoughtfulness are always needed more than money. Even more, our talents can be shared and will be appreciated within our communities.

There is wisdom in these simple acts of giving. It brings beautiful meaning to our lives, even more than what we give. Let us reflect on the image of the widow who gave away everything she had, inspiring us so that we do not hesitate to share with those in need.



St Leo the Great was the pope for twenty years from the year 440. During his pontificate he defended Rome from the barbarian conquerer, Atilla the Hun, by convincing him to accept tribute from the city rather than sacking it. St Leo's greatest triumph as pope came from the acceptance of his dogmatic letter, which taught that Jesus Christ is one Person, in whom both human and divine nature are permanently united. Almost one hundred of his letters and sermons still survive; he was declared a doctor of the church in 1754.

REMEMBERANCE DAY OBSERVATIONS

At the beginning of November we celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls Day and commemorate both the giant figures of our faith and the less known and unsung heroes. As time has gone on, the whole month of November has grown into a month when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. We pray for them. We remember them and tell their stories. In doing so we aid the healing process that each of us goes through when we lose someone we have loved. These moments also help us to think about what is important in our lives.

As well as remembering the saints and our own loved ones, November also coincides with the end of the Great War (1914-1918) and the commemorations that take place to mark that moment on 11th November. It is important to take time for this remembering as well. As the human family we must remember the atrocities of war, the tragedy of the thousands of young innocent lives lost, and the generational trauma experienced by thousands more. We remember because we never want this to happen again. We remember because like our own remembering of a loved one, it helps us to imagine a different future. We remember those who died in war and we honour their human dignity.
<https://www.cbdparish.org.au/blog/remembrance-day-observations/>



The following details are given in the London Gazette of February 5th, 1943;

In the Isavura area, New Guinea, in August 1942 the battalion to which Pte. Kingsbury belonged had been holding a position for two days against continuous and fierce attacks. On August 29th the enemy broke through on the right flank, creating a serious threat to the battalion and its headquarters. It was essential to regain the lost ground immediately, and Pte. Kingsbury, rushing through terrific machine-gun fire, and firing his bren gun from the hip, succeeded in clearing a path through the enemy, but was seen to fall, shot dead by a sniper. Pte. Kingsbury displayed a complete disregard for his own safety. His superb courage made possible the re-capture of the position, which undoubtedly saved battalion headquarters. His coolness, determination and devotion to duty in the face of great odds were an inspiration to his comrades.

The Melbourne suburb of Kingsbury was named in his honour.

Spot the difference Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?



OUR LADY OF THE WAY KINGSBURY PARISH

LOLLY AND XMAS DRIVE

DONATIONS FOR LOLLY BAGS

- All sorts and Soft lollies: snakes, musk sticks etc.
- Chocolates in wrappers to fill up bags
- Christmas chocolates, and lollies.

DONATIONS FOR PRIZES

- Boxes of chocolates
- Gift vouchers
- Coffee cards
- Hampers with Christmas items and treats
- Christmas items

Donations goes towards
'YMCA Wrap Basketball Program'
Christmas Celebrations:
Dinner Dance & Bowling Night.
Supporting a basketball program
for adults living with disability.

**Thank you for your
generosity and support!**





KINGSBURY THEIRCARE



WEEK 5 - 'MELBOURNE CUP'

This week was amazing! Although the public holiday was a small change to our routine, we had amazing week soaking up the sunshine and warm weather, and had so many activities that surrounding the Melbourne Cup!

We also loved hearing everyone's long weekend/public holiday stories and events, getting to know family traditions, celebrations and just generally building strong relationships with the children is always amazing!

ACTIVITIES

- We began the week with a Pupil Free Day for OLV students, and it just so happened to be Lucas' birthday! As it was super quiet, we decided to get baking and make delicious rainbow cupcakes, they were delicious!
- We had another cooking activity this week for our TC Tucker Initiative, where we made Fruit Tarts! We practiced our measuring, scooping, mixing and of course tasting skills, it was awesome!
- Kinetic sand was a major highlight of the week, this sensory activity is always one that keeps the children occupied for so long! They love being super creative and letting their imaginations run wild, building castles and houses for their toys, creating delicious replicas of foods and even making sculptures of themselves! It was great!

NO HAT NO PLAY

Now that it is Term 4, NO HAT NO PLAY, everyone must be wearing a hat at OSHC. We provide sunscreen for all children, but please ensure a hat is brought along in their bags!



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.

Additionally, 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.



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



Catholic
Ladies' College



Christmas
**MARKET
& CAROLS**

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER
5:00 PM- 8:00PM
CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE
19 DIAMOND STREET, ELTHAM

Scan here for more
event details



GOLD COIN DONATION ON ENTRY

As this is held on school grounds, this is a pet free event.