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In Our Prayers

We pray for the wellbeing of all our parishioners who are currently in ill health. We pray for the recently deceased & also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Stan Beattie . May they rest in peace.

PARISH/COLUMBAN PROJECT

Last September, Sr Claire Griffin spoke at all Masses inviting our parish to be in partnership with the Columban Order supporting those in poverty in the Philippines. Since then a group of about 14 parishioners has met regularly with Fr Gerry and developed a focus for our activities.

We will financially support the Grameen Bank, which gives low interest loans to women in poverty, to develop opportunities that will enable them to be financially self-sufficient. It is hoped some members will visit communities in the Philippines next year, to establish ongoing personal relationships.

We are in the very early days of this project, but we have high hopes that through our parish and parish schools we can make a difference in the lives of many disadvantaged families. If you have any interest, or wish to financially support, or join our group, email philliz@bigpond.com for more information, or ring Liz O'Donnell on 9744 3710.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July



General prayer intention: 'That in every nation of the world the election of officials may be carried out with justice, transparency and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens.'

Mission intention: 'That Christians may strive to offer everywhere, but especially in great urban centres, an effective contribution to the promotion of education, justice, solidarity and peace.'

The Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

There are many ways of making people welcome - and today we meet two women who welcomed Jesus to their home in very different ways.

Martha welcomes Him by offering hospitality - good food - good wine and a comfortable place to stay.

Her sister Mary welcomes Him by sitting with Him and listening to all that He has to say.

As is so often the case, different ways of doing things leads to annoyance and argument. Martha is so preoccupied with organising the meal that she forgets her role as friend and listener. Mary is so preoccupied with her role as friend and listener that she forgets that Jesus might need something to eat!

They must have known Jesus well for Martha has no qualms about telling Jesus off for encouraging Mary to sit around and listen rather than helping. Jesus does not take offence - but reminds her that there is a difference in making someone welcome - and getting into a fuss and frazzle about it. Mary, He says, has chosen the better part - where better than at the feet of her Lord, listening to His words?

This, in fact, would have been quite radical at the time. The women would have been expected to prepare the meals and serve them They would not have expected to be part of any discussion - let alone being praised for being there.

Luke is highlighting the fact that Jesus takes women seriously - His words are for them too. Their role is not to win salvation solely by looking after home and family or - but also by listening to His words and acting on them.

This short conversation has been used to suggest that the vocation to a contemplative life of prayer and study is somehow better than living in the world. This is a shame - and is probably not what Jesus was getting at.

He is not telling Martha off for preparing a meal for Him - He had a reputation for enjoying good hospitality! He is, in fact, urging her to keep it in proportion - to balance the role of food-preparer with that of friend and listener. He does not want her rushing around preparing food - He wants her with Him. All the things that she worries about will sort themselves out - His time with her is short enough - why waste it?



Departing Parishioners - We'll miss you.
Please notify the presbytery.



New Parishioners - Welcome to St Brigid's Parish.
Please register at the Parish Office.





Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses:

6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: Frank Murone
Offertory: Chosen on the day
Eucharist: Marie Clifford, Maree Morris



8.00am mass: St Ambrose's

Welcomer: Max McMahon
Readers: Paul Lawry
Eucharist: Lisa Wilson



9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

Readers: Gaye Tooley, Br Jack
Offertory: Chosen on the day
Eucharist: R Fisher, Br John
Children's Liturgy: Commitment Mass. No Liturgy.

11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: Trish Armstrong, Michael O'Connor
Offertory: Laetitia Porcher
Eucharist: Anne Earley, Kevin Sleigh
Children's Liturgy: Commitment Mass. No Liturgy.
Flowers: Janice Shumack



Counters: Lorraine O'Brien, Pauline & Jim White
Please keep both sides of envelopes together.

Sacred Heart College presents

Scrooge,

The stingiest man in town

A musical play based on Charles Dickens'
'A Christmas Carol'



Sacred Heart College—Mary Moloney Theatre
22, 23 July at 7.30pm, 24 July at 2 pm & 7.30pm

Bookings online — www.trybooking.com/3963



FREE mobile phone workshops



The Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House will be facilitating a series of workshops that helps seniors to familiarise themselves with mobile phones. This is part of Telstra's \$3 million, 3 year Telstra Connected Seniors Program which helps older Australians make the most of new communications technology.

Sessions are FREE, fun and interactive and refreshments will be provided.

Call the Neighbourhood House on 5428 7836 or e-mail rcnh@westnet.com.au for further information.

Children's Liturgy Support Group

Friday 23 July, 10am - 1pm

In collaboration with the Catholic Education Office Melbourne, this morning session is a practical workshop for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word. It will be held at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

For further information, contact the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne, on 9267-0228 or email: mavano@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au

Weekday Masses: Tue 20 July - Fri 23 July 2010

Tues: 5.00pm
Wed: 9.15am
Thur: 8.00am
Fri: 9.00am at Holy Cross



Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction: Saturday 9.00-10.00am

"MARY MACKILLOP WALKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS"

MacKillop Young Adult Community (MacYAC) invites young adults to visit significant sites in the life of Mary MacKillop here in Melbourne. Leave Flagstaff Gardens at 2pm on the 4th Saturday of the month - visit the birth site, Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre & site of the First Providence. Come & be inspired by the person of Mary MacKillop in this year of Canonisation.

For bookings phone : 9926 9300 or

macyac@sosj.org.au

Mary MacKillop Young Adult Community (MacYAC) - a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart of the Victorian Prov-

Food item collection each week

Please try and bring a non perishable food item to Mass each week and place in the box at the door. We are collecting donations to support the Helping Hand Ministries (Foodbank) run by Riverside Christian Church in Kyneton who need help to meet the increasing demand for food for people in the Macedon Ranges Shire who are in need.

Thank you - Anne Earley (St Brigid's), Mae Smith (St Patrick's), Carolyn Peterson (St Ambrose's)

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, with plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-kg potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there for a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-kg potato sacks.

Then try 25-kg potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 50-kg potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident, put a potato in each sack.



St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving

Total Amount Received \$ 1,044.50
Total Amount Pledged \$ 2,028.00
Presbytery Collection \$ 582.00



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all.