



*St Joseph's School, Nyngan*  
The Educational Ministry of St Patrick's Catholic Parish in Nyngan



**NEWSLETTER**

*Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2014*

## **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Year A - Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

### **A Reflection on Sunday's Gospel:**

A theme that runs throughout the gospel of John is that Jesus seeks to break down the institutions of the Jewish Temple and the gospel writer presents Jesus as the fulfilment and replacement of the Temple. This theology actually harkens back to an earlier Jewish tradition, evident in the scriptures of the Old Testament, where the community itself is described as a 'holy building' or 'temple'. This image may have arisen from the fact that for so long the Israelites had no 'home' and they believed that God travelled with them wherever they went. Furthermore, once they did construct a Temple in Jerusalem in the 10th Century BCE, it was destroyed at the time the Jews were taken into exile in Babylon (587 BCE) and rebuilt later in the 6th Century BCE. So, for many years, the Jewish people were familiar with the idea that the travelling community itself constituted the 'holy place' where God was present.

The gospel of John was written 20 to 30 years after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in the year 70 CE. For both the Jewish community and the early Christian community, the destruction of the Temple challenged the theology and the religious practice that had been centred around the Temple for the best part of 600 years. They had to think about a different way in which God was present in their midst. In the gospel of John, Jesus is presented as the one who fulfils and replaces the Temple tradition. Today's gospel, featuring Jesus 'cleansing' the Temple and making reference to the sanctuary being destroyed and raised up again in three days, is a crucial element of the gospel writer's development of this theme.

### **Gospel Focus – The Temple**

Jesus' attack on the misuse of the Temple is often interpreted as an attack on the entire Temple system that operated at his time. The Temple was the centre of Jewish faith and there was an entire hierarchy and politicised structure that surrounded and supported the Temple. This elite Temple class effectively ruled the manner in which people could pray and offer sacrifice. It is this distancing of everyday people from the opportunity to worship that Jesus was seeking to 'cleanse' from the Temple. The gospel makes clear that people do not need this structure to enter into a prayerful relationship with God.

### **Historical Context – The Lateran Basilica**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the *Cathedra Romana*, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

### **Have you thought? – Basilica?**

What is a Basilica, and how does it differ from a cathedral or church? The Latin word originally simply described a public building. Once the Roman Empire adopted Christianity, the name came to mean a large, important church. So the term has both architectural and ecclesial meanings. Only the pope can declare a particular church to be a basilica. When this happens the basilica is given specific symbols and insignia that identify it as a basilica and of greater importance as a church building. There are approximately 1500 basilicas around the world, some identified as major basilicas and others as minor basilicas.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

Dear Parents,

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- . To all who attended 'Grandparents Day' on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. The children absolutely appreciated you being at school to participate in the day's activities and to join them for lunch.
- . To the staff of St Joseph's who prepared the day's activities - thanks one and all.
- . To the SRC and to those who supported our special 'Socktober' Mufti Day last Friday for Catholic Missions Australia. The amount of \$245.00 was raised for the Missions - thank you to our students.
- . To Geoff Gibbons for preparing the Masses for the Bishop's visit to Nyngan last weekend and to all who helped in any way to make his visit enjoyable.
- . To Cecilia Swift - we are so fortunate to have you share your time and expertise with us at St Joseph's. The children's choir was absolutely magnificent on Sunday. Thank you so much for the many rehearsals you attended to help our children prepare for the occasion.

### **PLEASE NOTE - CANTEEN CLOSED TOMORROW - THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Student lunch orders will be taken to Arandale's Shop tomorrow if required.

### **SWIMMING FOR SPORT**

Due to new Government Swimming Guidelines, we have been advised that teachers who conduct swimming supervision/lessons with non-swimmers must possess an AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety qualification. Also for us to take non-swimmers to the pool we would need 5/6 qualified teachers for the Infants classes alone. Unfortunately we do not have any qualified staff members at the moment which means that we are not in a position to offer swimming for sport. The usual pool break-up party at the end of the year has also had to be abandoned!!

At the recent Principals' Meeting in Forbes, I inquired as to what other schools were able to offer as far as swimming is concerned and received a variety of responses. However, it appears that most schools are not in a position to offer swimming as part of their sports program. I need to look into this matter further and will keep you updated.

### **REMINDER - MASSES IN MACKILLOP HALL**

A reminder that Friday, Saturday & Sunday Masses will be held in MacKillop until Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

### **FAREWELL TO SR PETRA**

We are sad to inform you that Sr Petra will be leaving our parish at the end of the year to take up a position in Ungarie. We wish Sr Petra all the very best in her new endeavours and thank her most sincerely for all she has contributed to our parish and the Nyngan community. There will be a 'Farewell Luncheon' for Sr Petra on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00 pm in MacKillop Hall to which all are invited. This is the same day as our 'Thank You Morning Tea' which will be held at 10:30 am. For catering purposes, you are asked to contact:-

Anne Waterhouse 68321579; Di Thenberg 68321558 or Leonie Kennedy 68337579 by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## HEAD LICE

I have been informed by a parent of a recent incidence of head lice. This is a timely reminder to check your child's hair frequently and to watch for the tell-tale sign of continual scratching of the head. There is a new treatment available from Khan's IGA - 'Full Marks' - which apparently works - and costs around \$20.00 for the pack.

## SCHOOL FETE - CHILDREN'S ARTWORK FOR SALE

This year at the fete, you will have the opportunity to purchase a framed piece of art lovingly put together by your child. Each class has produced some excellent artworks which will be on sale for \$10.00 each with a maximum of \$20.00 per family (2 or more children). These artworks have been sold in previous years at our Art & Craft Exhibitions - as there isn't an exhibition this year, they will be available from the Student Art Stall in our Art/Craft Room. If you are unable to make it to the fete, they will be available from the school.

Yours sincerely,  
Sharon Grimmond  
Principal

## COMING UP

THURSDAY, 6 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	- Yrs 3 & 4 Excursion Assembly 12:30 pm
FRIDAY, 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	- Yr 5 Class Mass - MacKillop Hall 9:30 am
TUESDAY, 11 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	- Remembrance Day
THURS/FRI 13 <sup>TH</sup> /14 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	- Yr 6 Retreat
SATURDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	- Annual School Fete
THURSDAY, 20 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	- Yr 6 Assembly 12:30 pm
FRIDAY, 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER	- Yr 4 Class Mass - MacKillop Hall 9:30 am

**\*\*ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**\*\*YEAR 6 GRADUATION - FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

## BISHOP COLUMBA'S VISIT TO NYNGAN

St Joseph's School and St Patrick's Parish welcomed Bishop Columba to Nyngan last weekend. Bishop Columba was ordained Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014. Born in Forbes, he was educated at Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes. Upon leaving school, he taught music and joined the Army Reserve as a Piper. Bishop Columba was ordained a Priest in 1997 and was the Vicar Provincial in Australia of the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit (Pauline Fathers) and Rector of the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra, Queensland. He was also the Police Chaplain for the South Eastern Region of Queensland from 2011.

Bishop Columba has been extremely busy over the last few weeks visiting parishes and schools in his vast diocese. It was Nyngan's turn to receive a visit from the Bishop on the weekend. On Saturday evening the Bishop celebrated Mass in MacKillop Hall then enjoyed a barbecue dinner with parishioners which was organised by St Patrick's Parish Council. The Bishop celebrated the Sunday morning Mass with the students of St Joseph's hosting this Mass. Mrs Cecilia Swift and St Joseph's School Choir sang beautifully which added a special touch to the morning's celebration. Bishop Columba's next stop was Mass and lunch at Nymagee before returning to share an evening meal with members of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, St Joseph's School community celebrated Mass with Bishop Columba followed by morning tea. The children were absolutely delighted when the Bishop appeared in the playground playing the bagpipes and entertaining them with renditions of 'Advance Australia Fair' and 'Waltzing Matilda'.

After many years of uncertainty about the continuation of the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, it is truly wonderful to not only have a Bishop but to have a dynamic, down to earth person who is passionate about our diocese and keen to see us flourish into the future.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENT** . Nyngan High School is pleased to welcome Nic Newling from the Black Dog Institute. Having lived through the personal experience of suffering with a mood disorder throughout high school and losing his brother to suicide, he has since dedicated himself to changing the way mental illness is addressed in schools, workplaces and communities. Nic Newling will be sharing with the students at Nyngan High School and the Nyngan community his personal story of surviving mood disorder in school. Nic will also run a wellbeing workshop with the Year 11 students to help discover some ways of getting the most out of life. Community members are invited to attend:  
Date/Time: Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm    Where: Nyngan High School Gymnasium  
Cost: Free    Contact: Richard Milligan 0401 612768  
To find out more about Nic Newling visit:- <http://www.nicnewling.com/speaking/>

### **St Joseph's School Fete - Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 - 6.30pm**

The fete is now fast approaching and we have a few reminders for you! Firstly thank you to everyone who has put their name down to help, we appreciate your support. We have a few spots left and we are hoping that some more people will put their hand up for these.

I have not heard from any stall coordinators so I am assuming that you are all busy and on track with the organisation of your stall. Remember to hand in any receipts for expenses you may have had to Wendy Robb before the fete so you can be reimbursed. Wendy will hand you the float for you stall on the night and has quite a few tins for your stall takings. Remember tablecloths, price tags, price sign and any other items you will need for your stalls. You will have to have your stall ready for selling by 6:30 pm so you will need to get there a little bit early to prepare.

We are hoping that all families may be able to donate items for our plant and produce stall and the handicraft stall. I am sure there are some clever people out there that can make a few things!

We are asking each class to make a food donation towards the barbecue and the cake stall as follows:-

Kinder and Year 1	Pasta or Rice Salad
Years 2, 3 and 4	Cakes for our Cake Stall
Year 5 and 6	Green Salad or Potato Salad

We would really appreciate large salads as we usually have about 150 people for our barbecue. Please remember to clearly mark with your name salad bowls and servers.

Thank you to the people who are helping with setting-up on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. We will begin at 3:00 pm.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again

Kate Yabsley

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**ANNUAL FETE - SATURDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014**

<p><b><u>DRINKS</u></b>          Coordinator: Jenny Lane          Helper: Shelley Lane</p>	<p><b><u>SHOW BAGS</u></b>          Coordinator: Rachelle Rope          Helper: Alex Toole</p>	<p><b><u>MILK SHAKES/TEA &amp; COFFEE</u></b>          Coordinator: Maryanne Bourke          Wen Yao          Kate Yabsley          1 more helper required</p>
<p><b><u>HOT DOGS</u></b>          Coordinator: Stuart Rufus          Helpers: Mim Pateman          Petra Ramsay          Brad Toole</p>	<p><b><u>CAKES</u></b>          Coordinator: Donna Smith          Helpers: Sonia Black          Kirsty Burley</p>	<p><b><u>MAJOR RAFFLE</u></b>          Coordinator: Wendy Robb          Jemeil Wallis          Marina Kennedy          Jayne Jackson</p>
<p><b><u>PRE-LOVED BOOKS &amp; TREASURES</u></b>          Coordinator: Steph Carter          Helper: _____</p>	<p><b><u>PLANTS &amp; PRODUCE</u></b>          Coordinator: Ken Whaley          Helpers: St Joseph's SRC</p>	<p><b><u>HELIUM BALLOONS/LUCKY DIPS</u></b>          Coordinator: Karen Francis          Helper: Lesa Boland</p>
<p><b><u>BOTTLE STALL</u></b>          Coordinator: Rebecca Smith          Helper: Leah McClelland          Tiffany Daly</p>	<p><b><u>TEMPORARY TATTOOS</u></b>          Coordinator: Jody Smith          Helper: Chantelle Finlay</p>	<p><b><u>PHOTO BOOTH</u></b>          Coordinators: Monique Wye &amp;          Kelley Bodycott</p>
<p><b><u>BARBECUE</u></b>          Coordinator: Victoria Boag          Cashier: Victoria &amp; James Boag          Helpers: Joanne Deebank          Nicole Jenkins          Barbecue Cooks: Bernie Bourke          Damian Smith, Ron Finlay,          Robert Kennedy, Richie Deebank</p>	<p><b><u>HAM WHEEL</u></b>          Coordinator/Recorder:          Angela Kennedy          Announcer: Steve Eckart          Ticket Sellers: Katie Vernon          Dave Buchanan          Darren Stokes          2 more ticket sellers required</p>	<p><b><u>HAIR SPRAY &amp; FACE PAINTING</u></b>          Coordinators: Nicole Donnelly &amp;          Abigail McLaughlin          Student helpers: Alex McLaughlin          Lucy Jenkins          Phoebe Yabsley          1 more student helper required</p>
<p><b><u>DONATION OF SHEEP FOR BARBECUE</u></b>          Anita &amp; Kieran Smith          Rachelle &amp; Todd Rope          Robert &amp; Andrew Kennedy</p>	<p><b><u>HANDICRAFTS/GLOW PRODUCTS</u></b>          Coordinator: Rata English          2 more helpers required</p>	<p><b><u>NOVELTY GAMES</u></b>          Coordinator: Salty Taylor          Helper: Amie Taylor</p>
<p><b><u>STUDENT ART</u></b>          Coordinator: Sharon Grimmond          Helpers: Helen Johnston          Angela Tonkin</p>	<p><b><u>SELLING TICKETS AT IGA</u></b>          Helpers choose day &amp; time          Alison Kennedy 7/11/2014          Rebecca Smith</p>	<p><b><u>TREASURER/OFFICE</u></b>          Wendy Robb          Katie Moody          Alison Kennedy</p>
<p><b><u>FETE COORDINATOR:</u></b>          Kate Yabsley          Assistant: Fiorina Gibbons</p>	<p><b><u>SETTING UP TABLES (3 PM)</u></b>          Skye Dedman, Anita Smith,          Maryanne &amp; Bernie Bourke,          Geoff Gibbons, Buchanan family          As many helpers as possible          would be greatly appreciated.</p>	<p><b><u>NYNGAN LIONS CLUB</u></b> would be grateful for assistance with their merry-go-round, jumping castle, pop-corn &amp; flavoured ice-cups          2 helpers required</p>
<p><b><u>SETTING UP LIGHTING</u></b>          Coordinator: _____</p>	<p>It would be fantastic if stall coordinators could supply their email address for easy communication for this year's fete.          Thank you - Kate and Fiorina</p>	
<p><b><u>WE WOULD WELCOME ANY NEW IDEAS!!!</u></b></p>		

