



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



## **NEWSLETTER**

*Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2014*



### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Sunday, 17th August, 2014**

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

##### **Gospel Reflection**

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

##### **From the perspective of ... A disciple.**

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!

##### **Historical Context ... Who were the Canaanites?**

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the 'Promised Land' they sought was the land of Canaan (approximately the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria and Lebanon). Here they were commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land. (Exodus 23:23-24) The Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By the time of Jesus, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been 'squeezed out' – predominantly to the north. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites and it is easy to see why there was tension between them.

##### **Scriptural Context**

This passage sits in the middle of a group of three stories that make up Chapter 15 of Matthew's Gospel. The first story deals with Jesus challenging traditional views of cleanliness and uncleanness – one of the great separators between Jews and Gentiles. The story of this week's gospel follows with its account of the Canaanite woman's great faith being recognised. Finally, Matthew's gospel relates the story of the feeding of the four thousand – a dramatic sign by Jesus of the open invitation to receive his message and ministry. The three stories, taken together, form a powerful chapter that makes clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the Jews.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

Dear Parents,

Thank You!

Thank You!

- To Geoff Gibbons for supervising and caring for our many competitors in last Friday's Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Parkes.
- To the parents who transported their children to Parkes for the carnival.
- To Karen and Peter Vernon for providing us with the opportunity to cater for their clearing sale last Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August.
- To Jodie O'Neill for coordinating the catering for the sale and to Ken Whaley for his wonderful assistance and barbecue cooking skills. Sincere appreciation to Jodie, Michael and Ken, to Maryanne Bourke and Fiorina Gibbons who helped on the day and to our parents who supplied cakes/slices, etc.
- To Nichole Jenkins and Anita Smith who worked on the gate at the Bogan Bulls' home game last Saturday and many thanks to Bernie Bourke who has volunteered for the last home game on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August.
- To Geoff Gibbons for organising the ceremony for this evening Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **WELCOME**

A warm welcome to Anna and Terry Dowling, Lucy, Ted and Sid to St Joseph's School Community. Lucy is a new student in Year 2. We hope you enjoy your time at St Joseph's.

### **CLUSTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Following their great success at the Cluster Athletics Carnival in Cobar on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, the following 26 students from St Joseph's competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Parkes on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August:- Isabella Rufus, Sophie Yabsley, Lucy McLaughlin, Anastasia Walsh, Mia Taylor, Phoebe Yabsley, Alex McLaughlin, Holly Stokes, Molly Smith, Lucy Jenkins, Jade Wye, Mason Rope, Cooper Black, Will Black, Toby Smith, Jed O'Neill, Tait Gibbons, Will Boag, Lachlan Donnelly, Hamish Donnelly, Stirling Carter, Jack Gadsby, Rory Quarmby, Xander Wood, Roy Herbert and Shannon Bourke.

### **DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to the following students who were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Parkes last Friday. These children are now eligible to participate in the Polding Athletics Carnival in Newcastle on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September:-

Sophie Yabsley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls 9 Yrs 100m;

Lucy McLaughlin - 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls 9 Yrs 100m; 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls Jun 800m;

Anastasia Walsh - 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls 10 Yrs 100m; 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls Jun 200m;

Phoebe Yabsley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls 11 Yrs 200m; 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls 11 Yrs High Jump;

Mia Taylor - 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls Jun High Jump; 1<sup>st</sup> - Girls Jun Long Jump; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Girls Jun Shot Put;

3<sup>rd</sup> - Girls Jun Discus;

Molly Smith - 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls Jun Long Jump;

Toby Smith - 1<sup>st</sup> Boys 10 Yrs 100m; 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Jun 200m; 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Jun High Jump; 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Jun Long Jump;

2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Jun Shot Put;

Jed O'Neill - 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys 10 Yrs 100m; 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys Jun 200m;

Stirling Carter - 1st Boys 11 Yrs 800m;

Hamish Donnelly - 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys Sen 800m;

Tait Gibbons - 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys 11 Yrs Long Jump;

Roy Herbert - 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys 11 Yrs Discus;

St Joseph's Boys Jun Relay - 1<sup>st</sup> (Jack Gadsby, Jed O'Neill, Rory Quarmby, Toby Smith)

St Joseph's Girls Jun Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup> (Lucy McLaughlin, Anastasia Walsh, Molly Smith, Sophie Yabsley)

## **WHOLE-SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**

A reminder that there will be Whole-School Professional Development Day on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August with teachers from St Joseph's and surrounding schools meeting in Nyngan to participate in an inservice on the new Mathematics Curriculum. Children do not attend school on this day.

## **CATERING FOR THE INSERVICE ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**

This is a fund-raising opportunity for our P. & F. Association as there will be approximately 50 teachers in attendance at the inservice. We are calling on your generosity once again in the form of cakes, slices or a monetary donation if you prefer. Please complete the slip provided today and return to school as soon as possible or email [admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au) with your response. Many thanks in anticipation.

## **MONTHLY 'CUPPA' AFTER SUNDAY MASS - SUNDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST - P. & F. ASSOCIATION**

Fr Line and the Parish Council would like each parish group to host morning tea in MacKillop Hall after Sunday Mass on a monthly basis to build parish community support and friendship. Sr Petra and the Josephite Associates and St Vincent de Paul Society have hosted morning teas over the past two months. **St Joseph's P. & F. Association have been asked to host the morning tea after Mass on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.** It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could attend this Mass and bring along a plate to share for morning tea.

## **CLAIMING THE DATES**

**\*\*NEXT P. & F. MEETING -TUESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6:00 PM - MACKILLOP HALL**

**\*\*KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS**

**THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2014** - First Orientation Day and Parent Meeting at 9:30 am in MacKillop Hall.

**THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2014** - Second Orientation Day for children.

## **ST JOSEPH'S ANNUAL FETE SATURDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014**

At last night's P. & F. Association Meeting, preliminary discussions took place concerning this year's annual fete. A big thank you to Kate Yabsley who will continue as one of our fete coordinators in 2014. Kate assisted Joanne Deebank last year and now we need an assistant for Kate to help organise the fete. The role of coordinator is not a difficult one as the stall holders generally order their merchandise and look after their own stall - it is mainly to oversee the preparations so they are carried out in readiness for the big night. If you are able to help as a fete coordinator, we look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible via the slip provided or email [admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au).

## **ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN RUN MONIES**

Thank you to the students of St Joseph's School who have worked so hard to gain sponsorship for this great event. Most of our children have returned their forms and money - **THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RETURN OF MONIES IS THIS FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.** Don't forget to include your chosen prize that corresponds to the amount raised. Completed forms and monies need to be forwarded to the Adidas Fun Run Coordinator as soon as possible so that prizes can be claimed.

## **CEO SYDNEY YEAR 6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST**

Congratulations to the following students who sat for the CEO Sydney Religious Education Test in June:-

Participation Certificates - Paul Beetson, Abbey Carter, Hamish Donnelly, Lachlan Donnelly, Phoenix Nincics, Christian Steer, Caroline Walsh.

Credit Certificates - Will Boag, Katie Boland, Max Hoare, Naite Holmes, Lucy Jenkins, Bailey McBrien, Cody Thomas-Rope, Bill Quarmby, Phoebe Yabsley.

Distinction Certificate - Alex McLaughlin, Xander Wood.

### **MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM**

Congratulations to the children from St Joseph's School who will take part in the Moorambilla Voices Program in Baradine over the next few weeks. Tom Yeo and Phoenix Nincsics are attending the Regional Boys' Choir Camp from 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August. Lucy Dedman and Anastasia Walsh will participate in the Regional Girls' Choir Camp from the 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August. We hope this is an enjoyable and worthwhile opportunity for our children and we look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return.

### **NAIDOC WEEK - 1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

As in previous years, our local Aboriginal Community will be celebrating NAIDOC Week between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Bogan Shire Council building at 10:00 am on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September with the Community Day taking place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

This year at St Joseph's we will welcome Ricky Powell, Aboriginal Artist from Narromine, to our school. Ricky will work with our students from Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. He will be conducting sessions on storytelling, boomerang and totem painting, drama and music. On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30 pm we will hold a special ceremony to raise the Aboriginal Flag followed by a barbecue lunch to celebrate NAIDOC Week. More details closer to the date.

### **KEN WHALEY!!!!**

I have been informed that the COAG Funding used to employ Ken will come to an end in December, 2014. As Ken has become such a valuable member of our staff, we need to find some way to fund his employment at St Joseph's School. Deb Fryer, our Educational Consultant, has suggested that our school put together a presentation to be shown to the funding committee at the Diocesan Office in Forbes which will outline the thousands of reasons why we need to keep Ken employed at our school. Parental input would add a great deal to our presentation and so I am wondering if some of you might like to write something about why you think Ken's position should be ongoing. Unfortunately, I need your responses by Friday morning at the latest. An email from you or a written response would be very much appreciated.

### **LUNCH TIME AT ST JOSEPH'S**

I realise that on some occasions parents need to bring lunch to their children at school. These children **ONLY** may ask permission from the teacher on duty to go to the fence to collect their lunch. Friends are discouraged from joining them!!!! It is starting to get out of hand as more and more children are at the fence instead of sitting under the COLA and eating their own lunch. I have spoken to our students about what is expected of them at lunch time and I ask that you might support the teacher on duty who is trying to supervise the children in their care.

Yours sincerely,  
Sharon Grimmond  
Principal

**LOST PROPERTY!!!!!!**We still have quite a few unclaimed school jumpers (mainly Size 6) as well as 1 x Size 6 Track Top and 1 x Size 10 Track Pants. These items have do not have names on them. Please call in and check them out!!

### **COMING UP!!**

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September

Mon, 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri, 12<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 4 First Reconciliation 6:00 pm

- Year 1 Excursion Assembly

- Feast of the Assumption

Whole-School Mass 9:30 am

- Whole-School Professional Development Day  
(Students do not attend school)

- Year 6 Transition Day

- **PLEASE NOTE**

**Year 5 Assembly 12:30 pm**

- Ridley/Trudgett Netball Carnival in Warren

- Years 3 & 4 Class Mass 9:30 am

- P. & F. Host Morning Tea after Mass

- NAIDOC Week Opening Ceremony at Bogan Shire

- NAIDOC Community Day

- Fathers' Day Liturgy

- Polding Athletics Carnival in Newcastle

- Year 6 Transition Day

- Years 5 & 6 Excursion to Sydney

- Kinder Assembly 12:30 pm

- Year 2 Class Mass 9:30 am

- Kinder Excursion to Dubbo Zoo

- CWA International Day

- Kinder & Year 6 Class Mass 9:30 am

- Last day of Term 3

- Long Weekend

- School resumes for Term 4

- Grandparents' Day at St Joseph's

**CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2014**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
<u>14/7/14</u> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	<u>17/7/14</u> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
<u>21/7/14</u> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	<u>24/7/14</u> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
<u>28/7/14</u> Damian Smith Jody Smith	<u>31/7/14</u> Lesla Boland Karen Francis
<u>4/8/14</u> Anne Waterhouse Maryanne Bourke	<u>7/8/14</u> Katie Sinclair Rata English
<u>11/8/14</u> Kate Yabsley Nicole Donnelly	<u>14/8/14</u> Anita Smith Alison Kennedy
<u>18/8/14</u> Karen Francis Wen Yao	<u>21/8/14</u> Amie Taylor Lesla Boland
<u>25/8/14</u>	<u>28/8/14</u> Sonia Black Bec Smith
<u>1/9/14</u> Anne Waterhouse Maryanne Bourke	<u>4/9/14</u>
<u>8/9/14</u>	<u>11/9/14</u> Kate Yabsley Kim Stokes
<u>15/9/14</u>	<u>18/9/14</u>



**CATERING FOR THE INSERVICE ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**

I am able to donate a cake/slice: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a monetary donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**P. & F. ANNUAL FETE COORDINATOR**

I am willing to assist as Fete Coordinator for the 2014 Annual Fete.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_