



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



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 31st July, 2014

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Sunday, 3rd Aug 2014

A Reflection on Sunday's Gospel: 'The Loaves and the Fishes'

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs*. The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.



As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he *took* the bread and fish, *gave thanks*, *broke* the bread, and *gave* it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

Scriptural context – Food for all

This miraculous feeding is the first of two such accounts in the gospel of Matthew. (It also appears twice in Mark and once in both Luke and John.) In this account, there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one who provides nourishment and satisfaction for the entire Jewish population. The imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and satisfies the gentile people. Between them, the two accounts present Jesus as the one who provides spiritual food for all.

Living the Gospel – Grieving John

The passage begins with Jesus receiving the news that his cousin, John the Baptist's death. In response, Jesus immediately withdraws to a lonely place where he can be alone with his disciples. His response to this terrible news is to take time out. He wants to go away to a quiet, lonely place to pray and grieve. He doesn't just take the news in his stride and carry on regardless; he steps back from the busy-ness of life to mourn. It's a lesson for us in times of stress and grief: the response Jesus models is to take time to grieve the loss.

Different View – A different miracle



A very different interpretation of this miraculous feeding suggests that what Jesus did was actually shame people into pulling out from under their cloaks the little bits of food that each of them were carrying. The scripture tells us that the event takes place in a 'lonely place'. People didn't tend to travel very far at all from home without taking with them a bit of food. This interpretation suggests that by his own generosity and willingness to share what little he had, Jesus shamed the crowd into sharing their own morsels of food and produce enough to feed the multitude that were gathered there.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Dear Parents,

- To Buttons Powell for transporting our Years 5 & 6 students to the Bogan Shire's 'Tree Planting' activity last Friday, 25th July. We are very grateful for Buttons' generosity.
- To Wendy Robb for supervising and caring for our many competitors in last Friday's Cluster Athletics Carnival in Cobar.
- To the parents who transported their children to Cobar for the carnival.
- To our parents for making themselves available for their parent/teacher interviews and to the Years 5 & 6 students who attended their interviews.
- To Nicole Donnelly for coordinating today's 'Fun Run' and to Anita Smith and Jodie O'Neill for helping Nicole with preparing the fruit for the students.
- To our staff for setting-up the course for the 'Fun Run' and transporting the necessary equipment to Frank Smith Oval.
- To the students of St Joseph's for entering into the spirit of the 'Adidas Fun Run' and for their huge efforts in fund-raising. You all looked fantastic today!!
- To the children who have already handed in their 'Fun Run' monies. A reminder that the final date for monies to be return is Friday, 15th August, however, the sooner the better!

Thank You!

Thank You!

THIS FRIDAY'S (1ST AUGUST) YEAR 4 CLASS MASS POSTPONED

Due to Fr Line having to attend a meeting in Sydney this week, the Year 4 Class Mass has been postponed. Year 4 will join Year 3 on Friday, 29th August to celebrate Mass with the Year 3 students.

FEEDBACK FROM PRINCIPALS'/SECRETARIES MEETINGS IN FORBES THIS WEEK

Mim and I attended two days of training regarding school procedures and accountability in Forbes on Tuesday and Wednesday with Diocesan Auditors and CEO Personnel. We have been advised to bring the following to your attention:-

ABSENCES

****If a child is ill for longer than two days, parents must provide a doctor's certificate as well as notification in writing.**

****Phone messages are acceptable, however, if your child is absent for more than one day, the child must return to school with a parental note explaining the dates and reason for the absence.**

SCHOOL FEES

****Principals have been instructed that they must monitor the collection of school fees more diligently and make timely contact with any family who may have long term outstanding fees.**

EXCURSION/PERFORMANCE/FUN RUN MONIES

****All class monies must be sent to the school in an envelope with the following clearly marked on the envelope:- Child's Name/Amount Enclosed/Activity Name, e.g., Year 1 Excursion.**

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3

A big thank you to those who have contacted the school to sign up for this term's roster since our last plea for help. Your support in keeping our canteen operating for two dates each week is sincerely appreciated. If you are able to help during the term, please select a suitable day and let us know via telephone on 68321588 or email to admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au.

TERM 3 ACCOUNTS FOR FEES

Shortly you will receive accounts for Term 3 Fees. My sincere appreciation to the families who pay their fees by the due date, those who make regular payments via direct debit and those who have paid the year in advance. By contributing \$30/\$40 per week, it is amazing how quickly accounts end up with a credit balance. From time to time, circumstances may change for families, e.g., drought, illness, job loss, etc., therefore, if hardship prevents paying fees in full, please make an appointment to discuss your situation with me so that payment arrangements can be made.

WESTERN CLUSTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - COBAR

What fantastic results for St Joseph's School, Nyngan following the Cluster Athletics Carnival in Cobar last Friday with some 30 students now eligible to compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Parkes on Friday, 8th August. I will include the Cluster Carnival results in next week's newsletter. Please make sure that all notes and levies for the Diocesan Carnival are returned to school as soon as possible.

BOGAN BULLS' HOME GAMES GATE ROSTER

Appreciation once again to those who have kindly volunteered to take admissions at the Bogan Bulls' home games. A reminder that helpers need to be at the gate by 12:30 pm on the day you are rostered. **There is still just one more date to fill - SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST.** Please let us know if you can help on this day.

WHOLE-SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST

A reminder that there will be Whole-School Professional Development Day on Friday, 22nd 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.

CLAIMING THE DATES

****KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS**

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

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 2014 - Second Orientation Day for children.

****ST JOSEPH'S ANNUAL FETE SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2014.**

CATERING FOR CLEARING SALE - WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST

Our P. & F. will be catering for the clearing sale at Karen and Peter Vernon's property, 'Seaford', Nyngan next Wednesday, 6th August starting at 10:00 am. We are inviting parents to assist on the day. If you are able to help please email the school on admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 68321588. Many thanks in anticipation.

UNSW SCIENCE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who sat the Science Assessment during Term 2.

Participation Certificates - Clare Kennedy, Riley Wood, Anastasia Walsh, Doclan Jackson,
Lucy Jenkins

Credit Certificates - Tim Yeo, Serenity Sheather

Distinction Certificate - Jack Buchanan, Tom Yeo, Xander Wood

YR 1 EXCURSION TO DUBBO/TICKETS TO WOMBAT STEW - MONDAY, 4TH AUGUST

There are 2 children's tickets and 1 adult's ticket available for 'Wombat Stew' at the cost \$70 if there is anyone who would like to take their littlies to see this performance with Miss Moody and Year 1 students. The show commences at 11:30 am at the Dubbo Regional Centre. Please contact the school on 68321588 or email to admin.nyngan@wf.catholic.edu.au tomorrow at the latest as the excursion will be held on Monday.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Grimmond
Principal

COMING UP!!

Thursday, 31st July

Monday, 4th August

Wednesday, 6th August

Thursday, 7th August

Friday, 8th August

Tuesday, 12th August

Wednesday, 13th August

Thursday, 14th August

Friday, 15th August

Friday, 22nd August

- School Fun Run Frank Smith Oval 2:00 pm

- Year 1 Excursion to Dubbo

- P. & F. Catering for Clearing Sale

- **Whole-School Mass Mary MacKillop 9:15 am**
Green & Gold Mufti - Gold Coin Donation for the MacKillop Foundation

- Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Parkes

- P. & F. Meeting - MacKillop Hall 6:00 pm

- First Reconciliation - Year 4

- Year 1 Excursion Assembly

- Feast of the Assumption

Whole-School Mass 9:30 am

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

LOST PROPERTY!!!!!!

We are accumulating more and more school jumpers and school hats every day!! None of these items has a name!! They must belong to our students. If you are missing one of these 9 school jumpers or 6 school hats, please ask your child to collect from the school office.

LABELLING OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS/LUNCH BOXES/DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder to check if your child's uniform items, lunch boxes and drink bottles have been labelled and/or still have readable name labels.

RE News Term 3 Week 3 2014

Whole School Mass/Liturgies Term 3

St Mary of the Cross - Thursday, 7th August 9:15 am

First Reconciliation/Year 4 - Wednesday, 13th August 6:00 pm

Feast of the Assumption – Friday, 15th August 9:30 am

Father's Day Liturgy – Friday, 5th September 2:50 pm

Term 3 Class Masses

Change: Year 4 will celebrate their Class Mass with Year 3 on 29th August.

Years 3 & 4 - Friday, 29th August 9:30 am

Year 2 - Friday, 12th September 9:30 am

Years K & 6 – Friday, 19th September 9:30 am

Making Jesus Real (MJR)

Happiness Comes From Doing The Right Thing!

We all want happiness and we tend to think that things like toys, computer games, sports gear, etc. will give us happiness. If we are doing the right thing by our peers, parents and teachers, we will be happy as our consciences are clear. As soon as we do negative things we feel guilty.

Sometimes we think we will be happy when we get “this” for our birthday or “that” for Christmas. “I’ll be happy when I get to Secondary School.” “I’ll be happy when I get a new car.” Etc.

We Should Live for NOW.

Remember that NOW is when you live not last week or next week.

Compared to 80% of school age children around the world St Joseph’s, students are extremely fortunate to have the opportunities available to them. Education, organised sports, healthy food, clean water, electricity, more than one set of clothes, shoes, etc.

Part of being happy is being grateful for what you have - not dwelling on what you haven’t got.

Wherever You Go There You Are! We need to find happiness wherever life takes us!

Mitch, P. D. (2013). Catholic Education Office Hobart. P.51-2.

St Vincent de Paul in Nyngan

The St Vincent de Paul Centre in your town is there to benefit the people of the town.

St Vincent de Paul is broken down into two bodies. Firstly, the face of St Vincent de Paul that everyone sees is the Commercial Centre that sells various items to generate funds. Secondly, and just as importantly, there is the Conference.

The Conference is there to help people when they are having trouble juggling their bills, have no food or need clothing and bedding. There is also a friendly person to talk to if all they need is a cuppa and a friendly chat.

Money generated from the community through the Commercial Centre goes back to the community via the Conference.

St Vincent de Paul is there to the people of the community.

Donna Beetson

Nyngan Centre president

Volunteers Needed:- Volunteers are always needed to support the important work that the St Vincent de Paul Centre does for our local community. Please contact the Nyngan Centre if you are able to help. Students and their parents or grandparents are very welcome. Ph: 0268 322090

Geoff Gibbons

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CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2014

<u>MONDAY</u> <u>14/7/14</u> <u>CANTEEN CLOSED</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>17/7/14</u> <u>CANTEEN CLOSED</u>
<u>21/7/14</u> <u>CANTEEN CLOSED</u>	<u>24/7/14</u> <u>CANTEEN CLOSED</u>
<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>
<u>11/8/14</u>	<u>14/8/14</u> Anita Smith Alison Kennedy
<u>18/8/14</u> Karen Francis Wen Yao	<u>21/8/14</u>
<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>
<u>15/9/14</u>	<u>18/9/14</u>

Thumbs Up for Year 2 Excursion!

My favourite part of the excursion was the 13 Storey Treehouse when the monkey came and squashed the dog because the monkey was very big. **Kayne**

My favourite part was the show. I liked the big gorilla's eye, the big phone, and the machine. **Alex**

My favourite part of the excursion was when we made the clay faces because some look cool. When I made my face it looked cool too, it was really fun. I also got to look at everyone else's. **Isabella**

My favourite part of the Dubbo excursion was the 13 Storey Treehouse Play because Andy & Terry were really funny. **Grace**

My favourite part was when the gorilla eye popped out because it had a red eye. **Jeremy**

The best part was when we went to the 13 Storey Treehouse Play. I liked it when they kissed and when they flushed Val down the toilet. It was mad. **Cooper**

My favourite part of the excursion was the clay art because I love doing art. It was fun, I made a giraffe. **Meg R**

My favourite part was the show because Andy wacked Terry with the ginormous banana. I also like it when the gorilla said "Banana, banana, banana". **Clare**

My favourite part of the excursion was the show because there was a toilet on the treehouse. It was funny and it was in a big theatre. **Gus**

My favourite part was the 13 Storey Treehouse play. My favourite character was Val, she was funny. **Brie**

My favourite part was sitting up the back of the bus with Jet B. We could see the movie the best where we were sitting. **Jet G**

My favourite part was the show. I liked the flying cats and the gorilla when it yelled "Banana, banana, banana". Clay making was fun too. **Meg M**

The show was my favourite part of the excursion because it was very, very funny. I also liked the show as we got to pretend to be monkeys. We said "Monkey, monkey, monkey, monkey, ah, ah, ah, ah". **Jasmine**

My favourite part was when we went on the bus because we watched Rio and I had a little sleep. **Jada**

My favourite part was the show because they kissed. It was funny, good and the characters were very good. **Victoria**

I liked how we got to watch movies on the bus trip and the clay house. **Travis**

My favourite part was making clay. I liked the 13 Storey Treehouse because it was so funny and weird. **Ludovica**

My favourite part of the excursion was when we went to the clay making course. We made all different stuff, it was so much fun. **Bella**

My favourite part of the excursion was when Jet G and I sat up the back of the bus because we could see the movie. **Jet B**

My favourite part of the excursion was the show because it was funny and exciting. **Giaan**

My favourite part of the excursion was the clay making, it was my first time. Mum kept saying "Give it a nose" so I gave it a nose which gave it character. **Mason**

I liked the 13 Storey Treehouse Play.

I liked when the cats went flying because it was funny. **Paris**

My favourite bit on the excursion was on the way because we got to watch some movies. **Tim**

On the excursion my favourite part was watching the play because it was fun and we got to relax. **Michael**

