**Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Response**

**From the Archdiocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office**

We are encouraging all parishes to raise awareness and encourage a local response to the prospect of euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation in Victoria. There are four things we want to update you about.

**Petitions and visiting MPs**

Many parishes have been arranging meetings with their members of parliament and filling petitions. Petitions should be completed before the end of 31st July. Guidelines for meeting with local MPs are available from the parish office. Petitions are available in each church.

**Day of Prayer – Sunday 6th August**

Clearly, seeking God’s blessing and aid in our endeavours is essential. Archbishop Hart is asking every parish to mark Sunday 6th August as “A Day of Prayer for Care and Respect at the End of Life”.

**Letter Writing**

It is expected that the proposed law will come before the House of Representatives (Lower House) in August. We ask that parishes begin to prepare to do the large scale letter writing response on or before the weekend of Sunday 13th August. This will be a critical part of our campaign. Even if your parish has done petitions, we know from MPs that individual letters are most effective so ask that you do this as well. We will be sending more information and resources to assist with this soon.

Matthew MacDonald
Executive Officer
Life, Marriage and Family Office

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Saturday 6.00pm St. Bernadette’s
Sunday 9.00am Mary Immaculate
10.30am Mother of God

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Tuesday 9.15am Mother of God
Wednesday 9.15am Mary Immaculate
Thursday 9.15am Mary Immaculate
Friday 9.15am St. Bernadette’s

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

5.00pm each Saturday
♦ 1st & 3rd Saturdays at Mary Immaculate
♦ 2nd & 5th Saturdays at Mother of God
♦ 4th Saturday at St. Bernadette’s
or by appointment with the Parish Priest

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As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land upon which our parish resides, and commit ourselves to reconciliation and justice for all in our community and nation.
**PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2017**

**Saturday 15 July** (St Bonaventure)
- 5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
- 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette’s

**Sunday 16 July** (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate
- 10.30am Mass at Mother of God

**Monday 17 July** School Term 3 commences

**Tuesday 18 July**
- 9.15am Mass at Mother of God
- 4.15pm Christian Meditation in Mary Immaculate Hall

**Wednesday 19 July**
- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate with MI School
- 8.00pm Finance Committee at Parish Office

**Thursday 20 July**
- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate
- 10.00am Liturgy Group Meeting at Parish Office

**Friday 21 July**
- 9.15am Mass at Mother of God
- 4.15pm Christian Meditation in Mary Immaculate Hall

**Saturday 22 July** (St Mary Magdalene)
- 5.00pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette’s
- 6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 23 July** (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate
- 10.30am Mass at Mother of God

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**ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 15 - 16 July 2017**

**St B’s Church:**
- Sacristan: J. Gray
- Reader: K. Gillespie
- Special Ministers: B. Jowett, J. Gray
- Counters: P. Melvaine, M. Simpson

**MI Church:**
- Leader: M. Sibillin
- Reader: M. Napolitano
- Mass Coordinators: J. Costa
- Counters: P. & H. Nguyen

**MOG Church:**
- Sacristan: A. Patterson
- Reader: T. Barker
- Special Ministers: C. Bello, I. Chiera, M. Chin
- Counters: J. Curry, P. De Silva

**Altar Society:** I. Chiera
**Choir:** School holidays

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 22 - 23 July 2017**

**St B’s Church:**
- Sacristan: J. Gray
- Reader: J. Gray
- Special Ministers: A. Pellizzari, B. Jowett
- Counters: J. Manders, B. Jowett

**MI Church:**
- Leader: J. Wignall
- Reader: J. Wignall
- Mass Coordinators: S. & P. Kelly
- Counters: T. McKinley, E. Ballao

**MOG Church:**
- Sacristan: E. Mount
- Reader: L. Dal Pozzo
- Special Ministers: G. Crawford, MA Darcy, M/ De Silva
- Counters: J. Curry, P. De Silva

**Altar Society:** P. Caddy
**Choir:** P. Verrocchi

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**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SICK AND IN NEED:**
Frank Robb, Sr Jacquelyn Bender MSC, Ronnie Kozak, Brian Anderson, Lucy Cust, Ann Kuhn, Barry Townsin, Joe Markham, Maria Mascia, Sheila Kinden, Nazha Shamieh, Dan & Brenda McMahon

**RECENT DEATHS:** Brian Brister

**ANNIVERSARIES:**
Anna Lizio in Ali and Irma Sansone (6 mths)

**Next Week:**
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- Resp. Psalm: 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
- 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
- Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**Vocations Week awareness Week: Holy Hour:**
Thursday 3 August, 6.30–7.30pm. The Melbourne Vocations Office invites you to this special Six-30 Youth Holy Hour in St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. You are most welcome to join in praying for vocations and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life and priesthood to the Church.

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**Last Weekend’s Collections**

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**Special Collection:**
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Fancy ‘Christmas in July’ with Outreach?

Let's gather in Ivanhoe Hotel at noon on Wednesday, July 26, for a 2 or 3 course lunch featuring a choice of soup, roast dinner or grilled salmon accompanied by vegetables followed by a choice of either Christmas pudding or pavlova. The cost for 3 courses is $20, (seniors) and 2 courses is $17 (seniors). Drinks at bar prices. Non seniors also welcome at $30 or $25. We look forward to seeing you there. No need to book or reply.

E-Conference: In Times of Chaos - The Hope of Pope Francis:

The 13th Annual National 'e-Conference' will be broadcast live to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe and other selected venues in Australia and around the world on Thursday 10 August 10:30am - 2:45pm (AEST). All are invited and encouraged to participate in this important and very accessible event at Mary Immaculate Hall. A light lunch will be provided with donations invited to help cover costs.

As always there are outstanding speakers at this event Sponsored by The Australian Institute of Theological Education (formerly Broken Bay Institute) and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference: Mr Noel Deeben, Professor Massimo Faggioli, Mr Paul Kelly, Professor The Hon. Bob Carr, Ms Elizabeth Proust OA, Sr Clare Condon SGS, Rev. Dr Gerald A. Arbuckle SM, and Sr Ruth Durick OSU. Bookings are essential, via members of Liturgy and Outreach groups or the Parish Office. Further details on the parish website (EVENTS) or from John Costa.

Living with Dementia:

Three brave families shared their stories of living with dementia on Four Corners. A Community Forum and Q&A on Alzheimer's disease and dementia with The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health will be held on Friday 8th September Midday - 2.00pm at Ivanhoe Town Hall. Please contact 9459 1411

ACU Short Course on the Sacraments:

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 August, 6 - 8pm at Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. An opportunity to understand the sacraments and sacramentality in the Catholic tradition, with Assoc. Prof. Robyn Horner, Dr Drasko Dizdar, Dr Gemma Cruz and Dr Joel Hodge. ACU invites registrations for this upcoming short course, which is open to the public. Cost: $100 for those requiring a certificate of attendance. $50 for attendance only. Register: http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses. Click on the 'Melbourne' page.

From Patrina and Sarina Patti: CureMND

We thank those who have already offered to sponsor us on the walk of 5km as part of the ‘Run Melbourne’ event on Sunday 30th July. We hope to assist much-needed funds and raise awareness for CureMND. Further information about this charity available on: www.curemnd.org.au Support, positive thoughts, best wishes & contributions are much appreciated. If you wish to sponsor us you may still do so and make contact by the link: runmelbourne2017.everydayhero.com/au/pari-and-sari-patti

Mental Health Training:

A mental health training course for those taking Holy Communion to the sick and elderly. This course runs over two nights, for two hours each night. Number of participants is limited to 15. The course will cover anxiety, depression, paranoia and cognitive decline such as dementia and advanced Parkinson's. On Thursdays 10 and 17 August from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Kevin's Catholic Church, 26-44 Herlihys Road, Lower Templestowe, 3107. Cost: Nil. Registration is essential. Garry Nolan: min.gn@bigpond.com

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1st Reading  Isaiah 55:10-11
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’
The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm  64:10-14

(R) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

(R) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

(R) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

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The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

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He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. ‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear!’ I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.
The Word of the Lord:
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

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Prayers of the Faithful

May the Lord’s harvest spread through the lives we lead:
Lord, hear our prayer.