Feast of Christ the King
This Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King, we are asked to look at Jesus and the way he lived out his kingship during his life on earth, because our vocation is the same as his.

The word “Christ” means “the anointed one”, and it is commonly used when speaking of Jesus and his place in God’s scheme of things. At our Baptism and our Confirmation, each one of us was also anointed with Chrism, the oil by which kings and queens were anointed and set apart to govern their peoples. It is used to remind us of the fact that we also are set apart to look after this world of ours in God’s name. Just as Jesus was “the Christ”, so each one of us must be “Christ, the anointed one”, if we really want God’s Kingdom to happen. Today, we are the real kings and queens who have the world and all its people in our hands.

When we think about kings and queens today, we usually think of privilege and power and wealth. But the kingship of Jesus had nothing to do with these, with fame or fortune or knowledge. It had everything to do with service, with reaction to human need, with helping the weak and needy to live a truly human life. The needs to be met are in ordinary simple things. The things which Jesus does throughout the Gospel, seeing the needs of others, giving a hungry man a meal, or a thirsty man a drink, welcoming a stranger, cheering the sick and the outcast, visiting the prisoner, loving the children are things which anyone can do. There is no mention of giving large donations, or of looking for any kind of reward. It is the thoughtful care of the people we meet every day, and the looking beyond ourselves to the poor of the world. That is the way to glory that we are urged to take. The kind of Kingship that Jesus lived was a life of service, a life given to others. That is the kind of kingship that you and I are asked to live today.

All That Jesus Was, We Can Be!!

Dear Members of St Joseph’s Family,

St Joseph’s School Prayer
Dear Lord,
We ask you to bless St Joseph’s School Community.
We pray that you guide us to be just and to see, listen, speak and act like St Joseph.
May we be inspired by our Founders to be the best that we can be.
May we always keep Jesus at the centre of all we do.

St Emilie Pray for us
St Marcellin Pray for us
St Joseph Pray for us

AMEN

Our Prayer
Gospel: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Primary Class Mass
I was delighted to be present at the Year 4/5 Class Mass last Thursday. Father Pavol did a beautiful Mass and gave a very appropriate homily for students of this age group. The students

Monday
Nov
25
Yr 7 Boys’ Immunisations

Tuesday
Nov
26
Yrs 9 & 10 Course A Science Incursion
2014 Pre Primary Parent Information Session ~ 2.15pm in Kindy Classroom
Annual School Community Meeting @ 7pm in St Emilie PAC

Wednesday
Nov
27
Yr 4/5 Excursion to Ellenbrook ~ 8.45am-3.30pm

Thursday
Nov
28
Yr 2 Class Mass @ 9.30am in St Joseph’s Church
Early Close

Friday
Nov
29
Primary Assembly ~ Yr 3/4
Secondary Assembly ~ Lenihan
read, sang and were fully involved in the Mass. Thank you to Miss Czernowski, Mrs Fraser, Mr Izzard and Miss Dempsey for assisting students on their faith journey. It was lovely to see some of our parishioners in attendance supporting the young students.

School Events:
Visit To Parramatta Marist High School
Last week our Board Chair, Mrs Egerton-Warburton, and Mr Gargano, Years 4-10 Curriculum Coordinator, were lucky enough to be in Sydney doing some professional learning at the oldest Catholic school in Australia. Staff will hear about their educational experience later in the term. Check out the link below where Parramatta students share their experience of Inquiry based learning.

Primary Excursion
Thank you to Mrs Elferson for taking the Year 3 Class on an exciting adventure to the Recycling Plant in Canning Vale on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents who supported the excursion and to Ms Mandy Zolnier, Recycle Right Waste Education Officer, for organising funding for the excursion from the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council.

Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp
Thank you to Mr Sinclair and Miss Madrigal who commented that the students were excellent ambassadors for St Joseph’s School at the recent Outdoor Education Camp at Dwellingup and have developed lifelong learning skills at the camp.

Thanksgiving Mass December 6
This special Mass is on Friday December 6 at 9.30am at St Joseph’s Church. Please note that Primary (Year 6) and Secondary (Year 10) Captains for 2014 will be announced at this Mass. Father Pavol and Father Emmanuel will bless the Captains’ badges at the special Mass. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Presentation Night December 4
The Presentation Night for Years 1 - 10 students will be on Wednesday, December 4 at the Northam Recreation Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Students in Years 1 to 5 are to wear their correct summer uniform and the Years 6 to 10 will wear their correct winter uniform including tie. Personal Presentation needs to be excellent. We appreciate parental support with personal presentation as we are showcasing St Joseph’s School, Northam on the night. Please refer to the Personal Presentation Policy on pages 6-7 of the School diary.

Sponsor a Prize
Families and members of the School community are invited to sponsor a Presentation Night prize for $25 [the average cost of the books we purchase]. Recognition will be given in the program or, donors may choose to remain anonymous. We hope to maintain the distribution of prizes to recognise the academic, sporting and citizenship achievements of all our students. If you would like to donate, please do so at either Campus Office by November 29, 2013. Thank you, once again, for your support.

Acceptable Use Policy For Computers Student Policy
The School’s computing facilities are primarily intended for use in the teaching, research and administrative functions of the School. All students and parents must read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy.

Internet Usage
1. World Wide Web access, restricted by the School’s filtering software, is the only service offered to students. Streaming (e.g. VIVO, Real Player etc) and mpeg (Music, Movies) is not acceptable practice by students. Other internet utility programs such as E-mail or the internet phone are not to be used unless with written permission of staff.

2. The school’s Internet Service exists to provide access to curriculum related information. It will not be used to look for material which is unrelated to the School curriculum for a particular class unless approved in writing by staff.

3. Accessing inappropriate material is not permitted. Inappropriate material includes – pornography, extreme violence, gambling, terrorism, illicit drug manufacturing advice, ‘Hacking’ secure sites or material deemed inappropriate by staff of the School as determined from time to time.

4. Information published on the Internet may be inaccurate or may misrepresent a person or situation, thus care in the use of this information will be a consideration.

5. Users will not record or process information, which might knowingly infringe any patent or copyright. Where another person’s work is used it must be acknowledged accordingly.

6. Section 85ZE of the Commonwealth Crimes Act, states that a person shall not knowingly or recklessly: Use a telecommunications service supplied by a carrier to menace of harasses another person.

Or
Use a telecommunications service supplied by a carrier in such a way as would be regarded by reasonable persons as being, in all circumstances, offensive.

7. Students are not permitted to download any software in any form or install any software on the School’s computing facilities.

8. Students are permitted to download appropriate text and graphic files to the School’s computers and print these if related to School Curriculum. Students must ensure that their time on the Internet is used in an effective manner.

9. Students may only access computers designated by the seating plan provided by the teacher for that particular class.

Term Four Calendar for K-10 Students 2013
Term Four: Tuesday October 15 – Friday December 13 (9 weeks)
Final Day for K-10 Students Friday December 13.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Sheehy
Principal

Our Faith

Christmas/Advent Food Hampers
All classes will commence collecting food items for the annual combined Parish Christmas/Advent appeal. There are less than five weeks until Christmas and two weeks to our annual Thanksgiving Mass.

Families at our school have previously been very generous and we have had many boxes of goods to present during the Offertory Procession at Thanksgiving Masses. Some of the items that are in need include: tea, coffee, tinned vegetables, rice, canned meat or fish, pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruit, long life milk, three minute noodles or soup as well as items of a festive nature. There will also be a collection box in both Admin Offices. Thank you for your continued support with this most worthwhile activity.

Rosary for Children
Children’s Rosary began on Friday, November 8, at 4.00pm at St Joseph’s Church. If well supported, we will have the Rosary each week at this time. All queries should be directed to Michelle Johnson on 9621 2506.

Christmas Craft Fair
St Joseph’s Parish Northam will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fair at the PB Kirby Parish Centre on Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 between 8.30am and 5.30pm both days. There will be handmade local arts and crafts for sale, novelties, stocking fillers, raffle, cake stall and Devonshire teas available. Entry to the Fair is free.

On Saturday, November 23, there will be a Family Fun Day with lots of fun activities for everyone. Entry to this event is free. Donations of Gifts for the Parish Christmas Tree will be accepted during the Fair. For bookings and or information on the Craft Fair and Family Fun day, please contact Suzie on 9572 7376 or the Parish Office on 9622 5411.

Children’s Parish Christmas Party
On Friday, November 29, from 4pm-6pm there will be a Parish Christmas Party for all children in the Parish in the PB Kirby Hall, near the Church. Please bring a plate to share (no food with nuts, please). There will be Christmas craft activities, making an edible Christmas tree, a time of Reflection about Christmas, games and eating yummy food. If your child/children would like to come, please RSVP by November 21 to Michelle Johnson on 9621 2506.

Christmas Nativity Play for Children
We are planning to have a Nativity Play during the Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm in St Joseph’s Church Northam. If your child/children are interested in being in the play, or being a narrator, then please contact Michelle Johnson on 9621 2506. We will be assigning parts at the Christmas Party next Friday, November 29 (see notice in newsletter for details). We will be having three practice sessions in the Church, so your child will need to attend these. The dates are:

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Children who will be participating in the Nativity Play on Tuesday, December 24 will need to be at Church no later than 4.15pm to allow time to dress in costumes and have a final practice. We have costumes for the children to use.

Archdiocesan Centenary Celebrations 1913-2013
All are welcome to participate in Journey with Mary towards her Son. This will be a Marian Novena of Nine Days of Prayer at St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth over Sunday, December 1 to Saturday, December 7, 2013 Holy Hours 7.00pm-8.00pm; Sunday, December 8 Vespers 7.00pm-8.00pm. Mass of Solemnity for the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7.00pm, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB in the presence of His Grace, the Papal Nuncio.

Lost Sunglasses
One of our parents left their sunglasses in Church after the Confirmation Mass on Saturday, November 9. A search for them has been unsuccessful and it is hoped that a member of the school community may have found them and picked them up? If anyone has found this pair of Rayban sunglasses, brown in colour, please advise the Primary Office. Thank you.

Who can attend?
- Parents of present students at the School;
- Parents of past students of the School;
- Adult past students of the School;
- Adult members of the Parish in which the School is situated;
- Staff currently employed at the School;
- Current Board members; and
- Other persons as the Board may deem fit to invite to the meeting.

What is on the Agenda?
The Annual School Community Meeting is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the school in 2013. Reports will be received from:

Kevin Sheehy, Principal,
Fr Pavol, Parish Priest,
Kathryn Egerton-Warburton, Board Chair; and
Jaron Leask, Treasurer.

We will be reporting on progress with implementation of the actions from the Strategic Plan and there will be an election of one (1) new board member.  Membership of the Board shall be for a period of two years except for Ex-Officio members. No member other than Ex-Officio members can serve more than six consecutive years.

New School Shoe Supplier
We are pleased to advise parents that a new supplier of the uniform black, lace up style, shoes has arrived in Northam. Bluehaven are selling these brogue style shoes from the Sports Power Northam store. A rebate is being offered towards the School on shoes purchased by the community.

VacSwim Holiday Swimming Programs 2013 - 2014
Enrolments for December/January programs are now open. VacSwim is for all children over five and under 18 years old and is offered at 200 locations across the state. Swimming pools and beaches are a vital part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolment visit: http://det.wa.edu.au/swimming

VacSwim is also looking for swimming instructors and provides part-time employment opportunities during school holidays. For further information, please phone 9344 0966.

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School Health News
The Public Health Department in Northam has identified a spike in unreported cases of gastroenteritis in school children. Gastro causes symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps and fever.

Students with these symptoms should see their GP and should be kept home from school until 24 hours after these symptoms stop. A fact sheet about gastro has been provided with this week’s newsletter.

For any queries or if you have any concerns, please contact Anne or Susie at the Public Health Unit on 9622 4320.

Our Students

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Our School

Northam Catholic School Board Annual School Community Meeting
The Annual School Community Meeting of the Northam Catholic School Board will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7.00pm in the St Emilie Science & Language Centre at the Secondary Campus. Interested members of the St Joseph’s School community are invited to attend. At the close of the meeting, refreshments and drinks will be available.
Our Community

Girl’s Uniform Wanted
Mrs Helen Neill is seeking to buy a Girl’s summer dress, size 10. Please contact Helen on 9622 3701. Thank you.

Avon Valley ‘Relay For Life’ Event
The Cancer Council Of WA presents the second Avon Valley Relay For Life to be held over Saturday, March 29 for 24 hours. Why not get a group of friends, workmates or sporting mates together and register a team [maximum of 15 walkers]. You can have fun, fitness and a great time raising funds for a very worthwhile cause. For local information, contact; Email - relayforlifeavonvalley@gmail.com or log onto www.relayforlife.org.au For more information, or to register; www.cancerwa.asn.au/getinvolved/fundraising/relayforlife.

Journey To Recognition
Want to be part of history? Come along and meet Australia’s ‘Journey to Recognition’ team when they come to Northam in November! The Journey is a huge relay across our country to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution. Join the team for a free BBQ and a chat on Wednesday, November 27 at 5pm at Bernard Park, BBQ area, Northam.

Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards
Nominations are now open. Has someone you know made a positive impact in your community? Nominate them now for the Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards. To nominate an outstanding member, group or event in your community, pick up an Award Nomination form from the Shire of Northam office, the Northam Visitor Centre or download a nomination form from the Australia Day Council of Western Australia’s website at www.ausdaywa.com.au

Nominations close on Monday, December 16, 2013. For more information, contact Jennifer Russell on 9622 6150.

Uniform Shop Hours
Mondays - 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Tuesdays - 2.30pm to 4.00pm

St Joseph’s School
Crunch’n’Munch Canteen

Primary
Monday Nov 25 Des Hughes
Mia Gustak
Tuesday Nov 26 Gail Pattinson-Oakes
Patricia O’Neill
Wednesday Nov 27 Kerry Grey
Emma Monger
Thursday Nov 28 Chantelle Casotti
Monique Bohling
Friday Nov 29 Michelle O’Driscoll
Loellen Whiteaker

Secondary
Mon 25
Tues 26
Wed 27
Thurs 28
Fri 29 Kathy Weatherly
Petula Dowd

Assistance Sought
Assistance is sought from families in both Canteens. Any time you have available will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carmel or Sue to have your name added to our volunteer list. Thank you!

Carmel Moore
Primary - 9621 3525
Sue Lucy
Secondary - 9621 3552

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