



# School Newsletter

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*Jesus, you said*

*"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"*

*Right now, Lord, I'm a bit worn and in need of rest – be by my side and hold me in Your arms as I rest and recharge over this long weekend.*



Dear Cana Families,

Enjoy some family time over this long weekend.

Rest and recharge – you deserve it.

Carmen Blatti,

Principal

We will advise as soon as practical should any COVID alerts impact on any scheduled event/meetings listed below

Dates for your Calendar	
March 2021	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Prep Chats: Please remember your date and time.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> , & Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Grade 6 Camp
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Fundraising Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM in the staff room More details provided in this newsletter. RSVP by 10/03/21.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	McDonald's Happy Meal Lunch days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Grades 1 &amp; 2: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Grades 3 &amp; 4: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Grades 5 &amp; 6: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prep Buddy Program:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Prep M and 6K 12:00 – 1:00, Prep O and 5K 2:00 – 3:00</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Prep C and 5G 12:00 – 1:00, Prep B and 6C 2:00 – 3:00</p> <p>Parents of both Prep and Grade 5/6 students are welcome to attend their grade's Buddy Program to be held in the school hall (invitation to follow).</p>	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Information evening, 7:30 PM in the Cana school hall All parents invited to attend, more details provided in this newsletter. RSVP by 16/03/21.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Photo Day</li> <li>• Last day to submit Expression of Interest forms for 2022 new student enrolments. <b>Existing families</b> with children joining Cana should complete the form as places are filling. <a href="https://www.canahillside.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/expressions-of-interest/">https://www.canahillside.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/expressions-of-interest/</a></li> </ul>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> , & Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Grade 5 First Holy Communion, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Education and Engagement Meeting, 9:00-10:00AM in the Cana school hall. More details provided in this newsletter. RSVP by 24/03/21.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Fundraiser: Casual Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation



April 2021	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Holy Thursday/Last day of Term 1 for all students <b>3.15pm finish</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Good Friday
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Term 2 for all students

## Upcoming Parent Meetings

### **Parent Fundraising Committee Meeting to Map Out Fundraising Events for 2021 at Cana:**

<b>When:</b>	<b>Where:</b>	<b>RSVP:</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 7:00PM	Cana staff room	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March

The goal of this committee is to work in collaboration with the school to raise funds for resources which directly support the learning of our Cana students.

We warmly welcome any parent who would like to join our dynamic team of parents in the fundraising committee. All parents are welcome to attend, but we must maintain Covid safety protocols. We ask that you please email [office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au) to confirm your attendance by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### **School Information Meeting for Growth and Improvement at Cana**

<b>When:</b>	<b>Where:</b>	<b>RSVP:</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 7:30PM	Cana school hall	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March

Cana parents are invited to attend a school information meeting with a focus on consultation around a vision for growth and improvement at Cana. We will engage in a consultative process, share thoughts and collaborate together.

Once again, we must maintain Covid safety protocols so we ask that you please email [office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au) to confirm your attendance by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Prep Parent Education and Engagement Meeting**

<b>When:</b>	<b>Where:</b>	<b>RSVP:</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 9:00AM	Cana school hall	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March

Cana Prep parents are welcome to attend this meeting on how to teach reading and spelling. Please email [office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au) to confirm your attendance by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.



## **CANA SIBLING ENROLMENTS 2022**

Dear Parents,

We are currently preparing for new enrolments for **2022**. We understand there will be siblings seeking enrolment for Grade Prep next year.

**Parents still need to complete the expression of interest form for new enrolments in 2022 if you have not done so already.**

**This form is now available online.**

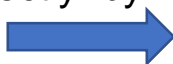
**ONLY COMPLETE IF YOU HAVE A NEW ENROLMENT FOR 2022**

**THIS FORM WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 19<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH, 2021**

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To reach the form, please follow the link provided on our school website:  
<https://www.canahillside.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/expressions-of-interest/>

You can also access the form directly by scanning the QR code on this notice



**If you have multiple children joining Cana in 2022, please complete the form once for each child.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office:

Phone: (03) 8390 9200

Email: [office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au)





# School Leaders



# School Uniform Update Effective Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Parents please note that due to recent cold weather, the summer school uniform will not be compulsory. Students may dress in either their FULL summer uniform **or** FULL winter uniform.

## On-Site Parking Responsibilities

- **CAR PARK GATES:** The entrance to the school car park is the gate at the front of the school. The back car park gate is an **EXIT ONLY**.
- **REVERSE PARKING AT ALL TIMES:** To ensure a smooth exit during pickup times, please reverse into the parking spaces in our car parks rather than driving in forwards.
- **DRIVEWAYS MUST REMAIN CLEAR AT ALL TIMES:** Please do not park in the driveway while the gates are closed as doing so blocks OshClub employees from entering the school.
- **NO CHILD MAY WALK TO CARS (At the Basketball Courts) ALONE.**
- **A 5 km/h SPEED LIMIT APPLIES IN THE CAR PARK.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL BEFORE 3PM.** (Sometimes visitors or staff may need to enter or leave the school earlier than 3PM but this does not permit anyone else to enter the school earlier than 3PM, other than OSHClub staff).

## OFF-Site Parking Responsibilities

We have been inundated with complaints about our families disregarding driving compliance condition and disrespecting road rules. Please ensure that you adhere to the following road rules-:

- **Do Not** block or park in neighbouring driveways
- **Do Not** double park. Even if it is for a few seconds.
- Only those persons with **DISABLED stickers** are permitted to park in the disabled parking bays at front of school.

## School Ground Responsibilities

Please use appropriate walkway to drop off or collect your children from classrooms. The **front of the school is not a walk way to the Prep building**. This is an unsafe and unsupervised area.

The only person permitted are those that are dropping off or collecting their bikes.

## Skoolbag

### **Skoolbag is our new digital platform:**

If one or more of your children is going to be absent from school, arrive late or leave early, please make sure to let the school know in advance. The roll is submitted at 9:00 AM each day. Therefore, to minimise and prevent double-handling of the school roll, we request that these notifications be submitted prior to the 8:45 AM start time each day whenever possible.

Parents who have been part of our Cana community in previous years will be familiar with our school app and its absentee notification function. Skoolbag, our new school app, now has forms to support absentee, late arrival and early departure notifications as well. Please also remember that if an unwell child is absent for longer than initially expected, we request that additional absent notifications are sent on subsequent days to cover these absences as well.

## Health Alert – Reports of Croup

We have now had several children across grade levels absent due to Croup. Croup is very contagious so please be vigilant, seek a doctor's advice and keep your child home if he or she appears to be unwell with any symptoms of croup.

Croup (also known as laryngotracheobronchitis) is a viral upper airway infection that usually begins like a normal cold but later causes children to have a harsh and barking cough. In addition, his or her voice may become hoarse and inhalation can take on a squeaky sound called a stridor. Symptoms are usually worst at night.

## School Photos



Personalised order forms have been sent home on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. If your child was absent, please ensure that he or she collects the form upon return to school.



**Cana Catholic Primary School**  
SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:  
**Friday, 19th March 2021**

**ORDER ONLINE AT [WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU](http://WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU)**

Misplaced your order form? Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's order number or contact our Customer Service team on 1300 766 055.

Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted



**YOU'VE MADE THE WISE CHOICE.**

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**Sibling Photos:** Please note that the sibling photo order cutoff time is 8am on photo day.

**Cashless Payments:** As of 2021, SchoolPix will no longer be accepting cash payments. We can accept payments via credit card, Paypal or debit card.

## CRCNK and CRCCS 2022/2023 Enrolments

Please note that until further notice, you will not require Father Maurie to sign your child's application to CRCNK or CRCCS.

## Camps Sports and Excursion Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides financial support to eligible families so students can attend school camps, outdoor education and sporting programs, as well as incursions and excursions. If you have not applied for CSEF and hold a currently valid Healthcare Card, or if you have an existing card and a new child is joining Cana, please fill out the CSEF form below and email it along with a scan of your card to Mrs Trudy Milligan at [tmilligan@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmilligan@canahillside.catholic.edu.au).

**For your convenience, information about school fees is also provided.**



## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School REF ID \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

## PAYMENT AMOUNTS

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veterans Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2018 closes on 29 June, 2018.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE CAROLINE SPRINGS



# ENROL

## 2023 Year 7

<http://bit.ly/crccsenrolment>  
03 9217 8000

Applications close  
Friday 20 August 2021

Applications can be  
downloaded from  
our website

Contact **Silvana Pavlovic**  
College Registrar  
[spavlovic@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:spavlovic@crccs.vic.edu.au)

# COLLEGE TOUR

## 2021 Dates

- Wed 3 March 9:30am
- Wed 24 March 9:30am
- Wed 5 May 9:30am
- Wed 2 June 9:30am
- Wed 4 August 9:30am
- Wed 1 September 9:30am

SCAN TO BOOK



<https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au>  
03 9217 8000





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# YEAR 7, 2023

## Enrolment Information



### 2023 ENROLMENT TIMELINE

- 18 February 2021 – Applications Open
- 17 March 2021 – Enrolment Information Evening
- 20 August 2021 – Applications Close
- 22 October, 2021 – First Round Offers Posted to Families
- 12 November, 2021 – Final Date for Acceptance of Offers

Offers of Enrolment are subject to the Federation of Catholic Regional College's Enrolment Criteria as per:  
[www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/enrolment-policy](http://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/enrolment-policy)

### COLLEGE TOURS SEMESTER 1

Thursday 18 February	Tuesday 20 April
Thursday 25 February	Thursday 6 May
Tuesday 9 March	Tuesday 1 June
Tuesday 23 March	Tuesday 22 June

Bring your child to experience CRCNK:  
See students in action, meet the Principal and College Captains and enjoy Morning Tea with College Leaders.

### ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

7pm - Wednesday 17 March

John Arthurson Auditorium, CRCNK

*\*Please note this is a parents' only evening*

Bookings Required for all College Tours and Enrolment Information Evening please telephone:

Samantha Beg, Community Liaison Officer - 9361 5904



For further information please contact:  
Samantha Beg, College Registrar:

Telephone: 9361 5904 Email: [enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au)

## 2021 Year of Respect

*"In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew 23:2)*





Australian Government  
Department of Education,  
Skills and Employment

## Collection Notice for parents/guardians

### 2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth).

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (excluding student names)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

Your child's school generates a **unique and unidentifiable** record number for each student record. The number is **only** used by the school for this collection. It is **not allowed to be used for any other purpose**. The number indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

#### Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found at <https://www.education.gov.au/what-direct-measure-income>.

#### Use and disclosure of personal information

Your **personal information** is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the [MADIP page](#) on the ABS website.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose
- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at [www.dese.gov.au](http://www.dese.gov.au) and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is being updated, and will be available in 2021 on the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#). The current version is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436>.

## What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

## Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).

## **LENT**

## **PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION**

SACRED HEART: 7.30pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

EMMAUS: 7.30pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

## **HOLY WEEK**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

SACRED HEART: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 5pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30am, 9am (Polish), 10.30am

EMMAUS: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9am

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

SACRED HEART: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7pm

EMMAUS: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart grounds 11am

SACRED HEART: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3pm

EMMAUS: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3pm

### **EASTER VIGIL**

SACRED HEART: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm

EMMAUS: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

SACRED HEART: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.30am, 9am (Polish), 10.30am

EMMAUS: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9am

**Bookings are essential:**

For SACRED HEART: go online to <https://www.trybooking.com/BMKXC>

For EMMAUS: go online to <https://www.trybooking.com/BMLBL>

## PARISH UPDATE 50

Hello everyone!

There are more signs that we are recovering into something of a 'normal' turn of life, aren't there. The vaccine will give us reassurance for that, too.

Across our Parish, events that were cancelled last year have reappeared on the calendars. Our Sacred Heart School and our Cana School have students away on camp. So has CRC Sydenham – I'm heading to the Scout Camp at Gembrook (on the other side of the Dandenong Ranges) for Mass with one group on Friday. Once again, I am impressed by the ways in which our Schools and Colleges continue to express that they are *Catholic* communities, including prayer as part of these activities, and setting programmes in place for active engagement beyond themselves to support those in need.

We have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with young Parishioners at our Emmaus School during this week. Fr Peter Hudson and Fr Tom Cleary joined us for those three ceremonies. Usually 'First Reconciliation' comes in their Grade 3 year. Having had that opportunity cancelled last year because of COVID restrictions, these are Grade 4 children who will now also celebrate First Eucharist later in the year. We began to 'catch up' with last year's First Eucharist children by celebrating that with our Sacred Heart School young Parishioners at two Masses last weekend.

Restrictions on the size of gatherings in our churches stay in place. In that context, the Archbishop has delegated Parish Priests to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation again this year as was the case in 2020. Plans are under way with our Schools to schedule suitable dates.

Also last weekend we celebrated a wedding at Sacred Heart church; and have a wedding at Emmaus this weekend.

We have 'caught up' with the Baptisms that were postponed from last year. Our Baptism Preparation Team met last week and planned the schedule for our process of preparation and celebration of Baptism for the rest of the year.

Our ministry group for Communion to the Sick – in their homes and at the five Aged Care facilities in our Parish - gathered recently, too. We are waiting for the vaccine roll-out to be completed before we resume regular visits to these Aged Care places. Our home visits are on the basis of all involved being comfortable about that.

Following the Government's release during the week of Reports on Aged Care and on Mental Health, the attached article makes a fundamental point clearly: 'Affirming human dignity for all'.

Our planning for Holy Week and Easter is well under way. See an attachment with this letter for the timetable for Sacred Heart and Emmaus churches. Fr Peter Hudson will be with us for Palm Sunday. Fr Tom Cleary will be with us for Holy Thursday-Good Friday-Easter. Bookings will be required for all these gatherings so that we comply with COVID-safe requirements.



Considering Holy Week suggests that we are moving into the second half of Lent.

With the Season coming towards its close, we will have the customary 'Service of Reconciliation' during the Fifth Week of Lent: that formal opportunity to name our need for the forgiveness and grace of God, to hear that gift proclaimed for us, and to plan our 'new way'. These Prayer Services will be followed by the opportunity for the First Rite of the Sacrament of Penance [i.e. 'individual confession']

- Sacred Heart church: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm

- Emmaus church: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

(The First Rite of the Sacrament of Penance continues to be offered on Saturdays at Sacred Heart on Saturdays at 10.30am.)

A major planning exercise is under way for our Good Friday Stations of the Cross procession. Our customary gathering in Alfreida Street was cancelled last year because of COVID. This year we are permitted to gather for a 'private' ceremony on the sports ground by Sacred Heart church – at 11am. Bookings are essential for this, too; and 'signing in' when you arrive.

Amongst that planning, we continue in the middle part of Lent.

Have you been 'giving something up for Lent'? Have you 'taken something up' in its place? Even the simple things in our lives are hard to change. It's hard to give up always having a biscuit or piece of cake with a coffee – not because it is so difficult when I remember to do it, but because it's so much part of my routine; it's a habit; it's just what I do; it's who I am!

Lent is calling us to renewal of 'who we are': people in the image and likeness of God, people who are part of the Body of Christ, people of Christian faith: are there routines and habits in me that I should give up because they are not true to who I am at least trying to be? Are there better attitudes, actions, words that I could take up in their place?

*Fast from discontent: feast on thankfulness*

*Fast from worry: feast on trust*

*Fast from anger: feast on patience*

*Fast from self-concern: feast on compassion for others*

*Fast from bitterness: feast on forgiveness*

*Fast from discouragement: feast on hope*

*Fast from media hype: feast on honest reflection*

*Fast from idle gossip: feast on positive conversation*

*Fast from problems that overwhelm: feast on prayer that supports.*

Keep at Lent - look forward to Easter renewal - blessings!

Maurie Cooney

(Parish Priest)

# Affirming human dignity for all

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We live in a time when around the world so many lives seem not to matter. Whether they be Uighur lives, women's lives, Black lives, Yemeni lives or refugee lives. So widely disregarded in practice, the large claim that every life has value, however, oftentimes has to be justified. The ultimate reason is that each human being is precious and has an inalienable dignity. No person may be used as a means to another's end.

Furthermore, human beings depend on one another to come into life and at every stage of life. For that reason we are not isolated individuals but are bound in relationships to one another and to our world. That interconnection at the heart of our humanity explains why our lives matter to others.

Life means more than merely not being dead. It includes our relationships: personal, and those to our ethnic, religious, political and social groups and to the institutions of which we are part. For that reason we can properly speak of Black lives, Catholic lives, Californian lives, Muslim lives and LGBTQ+ lives.

The network of relationships that constitutes each human life suggests that we should consider how each human life matters. This consideration draws attention to the precious humanity of each person and to the concrete relationships that shape their distinctive humanity. It leads us naturally to ask whether the way in which those social and power relationships are structured in society respects the equal humanity of each person or discriminates against it.

If we insist that each human life matters, we should be doubly grateful that people from particular groups in society protest against discrimination that devalues and puts at risk their lives, and insist that the lives of people in their group matter. Black lives, Rohingya lives, Uighur lives, Communist lives, asylum seeker lives and, I would argue, the lives of the unborn are equally precious and equally command respect. Movements that defend them assert that each human life matters.

Why, then, is any defence of human life controversial? One reason may be the tension between the grief and disturbance that we often feel when confronted with death, and the sheer number of people who lose their lives avoidably. People die in war, in avoidable starvation, are executed by governments or mobs, die of neglect, from domestic violence, in road and industrial accidents, in protests. They take their own lives, die as a result of decisions that are not their own in hospitals and elsewhere. Because it is impossible to feel equally for all, it is easy to be hostile to attempts to appeal to our compassion or anger for particular groups.

More significantly, campaigns to protect the right to life of particular groups often stand in conflict with the rights claimed by others to take those lives. Governments, for example, variously give their officers the right and even the duty to take away lives: in response to violent uprisings, in conducting war, in protecting themselves and others when policing, and in legally sanctioned executions. In the case of abortion, too, any right that might attach to a living embryo to develop into an independently living human being is commonly outweighed by a woman's right to decide what is done to her own body, particularly in situations of great need. In all these cases public security, personal need or individual choice are understood to outweigh the personal right to life. The understanding is generally upheld by popular opinion, particularly in times of crisis.

The desire to save or make money also often outweighs in practice others' right to life. The use of unsafe building materials, the adulteration of food and the release of toxins into the air or water sources have taken many lives. Many more people die, however, because of the choice to do nothing. Despite there being enough food in the world to feed everyone and enough medicine to cure many, many people because drugs are patented and they have no access to surplus food. If we were to put a price on human life, we would have to say that the life of a person in an undeveloped nation matters less than that of someone in a wealthy nation.

That respect for life is so vulnerable in so many contexts makes it clear that in order to protect lives it is essential to change attitudes. This demands that societies must recognise the economic, racial, ideological and social structures that breed contempt for life, and must dismantle them. To ensure that all lives do count it is essential to change attitudes so that the life of someone who has committed a crime is as valuable as a person is as that of someone who is innocent, and that starvation anywhere in the world is the business of all, despite the cost of its prevention. Ultimately the coming together of prejudice and the readiness to treat people as means to others' ends makes lives not matter.



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Tuesday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Wednesday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Thursday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Friday	8:45am – 3:15pm

### Mass Times

Saturday	
Sacred Heart	5:00pm
Emmaus	6:30pm
Sunday	
Sacred Heart	8:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am
Emmaus	9:00am
Parish Office / Presbytery Secretary Margaret	T: 9366 2146 F: 9366 9876

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