The Glory of God through Prayer & Service

Listening to the Voices that Echo

2014 - Where did it go?

As we look back over 2014, we are aware of so many examples in our parish communities of people living out our Deanery theme for this year being “Voices that echo the Glory of God through Prayer and Service”.

Our deanery program this year has included the continuation of revisiting the themes and documents of Vatican 2, with presentations from Fr Frank O’Loughlan on the topics of liturgy, Denise Lacey on Family and Dennis Fitzgerald on Social Justice. Our very well supported dinners this year at St John’s (Secondary College) Graduates Restaurant have listened to the voices of Fr Tony Feeney, speaking of his experiences of prayer and service in his years of priesthood and to Sr Columba on her service.

We had the opportunity for a retreat with Deacon Sang Ho (now Father Sang Ho) on the theme of Eucharist. Our Priests have continued to gather each Friday for lunch and our parish secretaries have shared breakfast meetings on several occasions. Our deanery council representatives and the executive have met to plan our activities. We have shared our parish activities through our deanery newsletters. We continue to operate and support the Cyrene Centre, offering a free service to those families effected by addiction.

Sadly, our major event, the conference with Anthony Gittens had to be cancelled due to unexpected circumstances which cut his time in Australia short. We are hopeful that we will be able to negotiate a return visit with him in 2015 as the interest that we received in our conference was very positive.

We thank our parishioners, priests and parish staff, the Archdiocese, and all those who have contributed to the deanery for their support over 2014. May the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child bring peace, joy, blessing and hope to you, your family and your community this coming season.

Paddy McGroarty on behalf of the Deanery Executive group

Fr.Brian Collins, Fr.Declan O’Brien, Vicki Russell and Cate Kavanagh

The Cyrene Centre provides quality family drug and alcohol counseling for families suffering as a result of substance abuse happening in their family. The service is an initiative of the Dandenong Deanery and is free of charge. If you know somebody who is in need of this service just ask them to call on 9574 6355.
**New Appointments for 2015**

We are aware of several new appointments which are of interest to our communities. We congratulate our newly appointed Bishops to the Melbourne Archdiocese in Terry Curtain and Mark Edwards. Both of our new Bishops have strong ties to our deanery communities. Terry Curtain served as assistant priest at St Anthony’s, Noble Park from 1971-1974 and has now been appointed as Bishop to the northern zone. Mark Edwards is from the Oblate Order and has previously served in many of our parishes as a support priest. Many would know Mark as the priest who came to say Mass who memorised the Gospel! Mark has been appointed as Bishop of the Eastern zone. We congratulate and ask for God’s blessing upon these shepherds of the church.

We farewell Fr Michael Twigg as Principal of Mazenod College. Michael has been a good friend and leader to many in the college and parishes. Michael takes up an appointment in Brisbane. We will be welcoming as newly appointed Principal of Mazenod College Father Christian Feeney. We wish them both every success in their new appointments.

St Anthony’s and Resurrection communities have said farewell to Father Longinus Onyechesi who is taking up a part time assistant priest appointment at Heidelberg as well as part time studies in psychology. We wish him well. Replacing him will be newly ordained Father Sang Ho and we welcome him to our Deanery.

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**Australian Nativity Scene at St. Elizabeth’s**

A traditional and authentic Nativity Scene has become very popular over the years. The creator and artist Wilson Fernandez has been building and creating the nativity scenes to capture the wonder and essence of Christmas and the birth place of baby Jesus for several years. It was Fr. Tad Ziolkowski, Parish priest who initiated and encouraged Wilson to do the nativity scene at the church. The display opens to public from 01-Dec-14 to 11-Jan-15. Open for viewing at all W/E masses or weekdays at 9.00 am.

Contact: Cheryl (9795 6217) / Wilson (0428 927 110) for more information.

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St. Paul Apostle Endeavour Hills: Gender Equity: Inspiring Change

On Tuesday, 21st of October at St Paul Apostle Parish, 28 people gathered to “continue the conversation” started earlier in the year in March regarding women’s issues, gender equity and their thoughts on what inspires change in this. This led to the October forum on the subject of Gender Equity: Inspiring Change organized by the parish Justice Peace Integrity in Creation (JPIC) group.

Three speakers spoke inspiringly about issues from varying perspectives: Karen Delvin (Managing Director, Bridges – an organization aimed at business and professional women) on the importance of inclusive decision making and the recognition of a collaborative approach between men and women around gender equity. Mark Rolfe (Husband, Father, Assistant Deputy Principal at a Regional Boys College) focused on five areas of challenge where changes should impact current and future attitudes on gender equity: familial structure, social change-addressing serious issues such as domestic violence, workplace challenges and leadership. Finally, Kumari Middleton (Co-founder Mayibuye, an organization focused on empowering young people through performing arts and life skills), gave a truly inspirational presentation from her international and local experiences and showed how resilience, determination and empathy with women have been a driver for her to change social norms.

Participants were encouraged to reflect on these presentations in small groups and discuss their learnings, challenges, opportunities and actions in the light of their own experiences. Our very able moderator Anne Astin then gathered all the threads of this conversation to challenge us to look beyond personal, local and national opportunities for change. A more extensive report on the evening can be found on the St. Paul Apostle website www.stpaulapostle.com.au.

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Welcome to Share: if your parish is involved with fabulous and interesting activities and you would like to share it with the other Deanery Parishes please contact the Deanery Coordinator, Paddy McGroarty at dandenongdeanery@live.com.au or phone 042 229 6961.
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**Thurs & Friday 12th & 13th March 2015**

**& Reflection Day - 14th March 2015**

**SPEAKER** - Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, B.Sc., B.E., B.Theol., D.Theol

WHERE: Evening Talks - Mazenod College, 5 Kermot Ave., Mulgrave 3170

Reflection Day – St Mary’s Seminary, 62 Jacksons Rd., Mulgrave 3170

TIME: Evening Talks - 7.00 pm

Reflection Day - 9 am – 6.00 pm.

COST: Talks - Gold coin donation

Reflection Day: $25 – includes lunch, tea/coffee

Bookings essential for Reflection Day

For further information, Email O CDCS President:

presidentocds@carmelite.com

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St. Johns College Class of “75” 40 Year Reunion

Date: 8th August 2015

Venue: to be determined

Contact either: Andrew Schoenmaekers (Boots)

Mob: 0429 933 882 or avschoenmaekers@bigpond.com

Tony Biviano (Biv) Mob: 0423 764 239 or tony@bivnet.com.au

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LinkedIn - search for St Johns College 1975

A Vista In Scripture

Please join Jeff as he shares the meaning of Scripture, through prayer, contemplation and music. Meetings at St Anthony’s church or at 10/36 Bowmore Rd Noble Park (Melway Ref 80 F10) Phone 043 939 4314 / 042 142 4200

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Reconciliation - 24 December 9.30am -10.30am, 6.00pm -7.00pm |
| **RESURRECTION, KEYSBOROUGH**    | 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough - 9701 5899 | 11.30pm Carols followed by 12.00 Midnight Mass | 25 December 2014 | 10.00am Mass  
Penitential Service/Reconciliation—7.30pm Wed 17 Dec |
| **ST ANTHONYS, NOBLE PARK**      | 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park - 9546 8276 | 6.30pm (Children’s Mass), 8.00pm Mass  
11.00pm Carols followed by 12.00 Midnight Mass  
Thurs 18 December Penitential service 7.30pm | 25 December 2014 | 8.15am, 9.30am & 11.00am Mass  
No Evening Mass |
| **ST ELIZABETHS, NOBLE PARK NORTH** | 107 Bakers Road, Noble Park North - 9795 6217 | 7.00pm (Family Mass)  
11.30pm Carols followed by 12.00 Midnight Mass | 25 December 2014 | 8.30am & 10.00am  
No Evening Mass |
| **ST GERARDS, DANDENONG NORTH**  | 71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North - 9792 4422 | 6.00pm (Vigil Mass), 8pm Maronite Mass  
11.00pm Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass | 25 December 2014 | 7am Extraordinary Form Latin Mass,  
8.30am Mass, 10.30am mass  
Reconciliation: Sat 20 Dec 8.45am—9.10am, 10am –11am, 4.30pm—5.20pm  
Mon 22 Dec 8.45am - 9.10am, 6.00pm --7.00pm  
Tues 24 Dec 8.45am -9.10am, 4.30pm– 5.20pm |
| **ST JOHN VIANNEYS, SPRINGVALE NORTH** | 23 Police Road, Springvale North - 9546 3831 | 7.00pm (Family), 9.00pm followed by Midnight Mass | 25 December 2014 | 8.30am & 10.00am  
No Evening Mass |
| **ST JOSEPHS, SPRINGVALE**       | 35 St John’s Avenue, Springvale - 9547 4777 | 6.00pm (Vigil Mass), 7.30pm (Maltese)  
9.30 pm (Vietnamese), 11.30pm Carols followed by  
12.00Midnight Mass in English | 25 December 2014 | 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am  
No Evening Mass  
Penitential Service - Thurs18 December (Vietnamese 2nd rite) 7.00PM  
Individual reconciliation English Saturday 20 December 8.30am—11.00am & Wed 24 December 8.30am-11am  
St. Marks Christmas Eve 24 Dec 6 pm Vigil  
Midnight mass at 12 am Christmas Day25 Dec at 9.30 am |
| **ST KEVINS, HAMPTON PARK**       | 120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park - 9799 2108 | 7.00pm (Children’s Mass), 9.00pm (Family Mass)  
11.30pm Carols followed by 12.00 Midnight Mass | 25 December 2014 | 9.00am & 11.00am |
| **ST MARYS, DANDENONG**          | 160 Foster Street, Dandenong - 9791 4611 | Vigil Mass 6.30pm & 10.30pm | 25 December 2014 | 8.30am & 10.30am Mass  
12.30pm (Polish Mass)  
No Evening Mass  
Reconciliation - Thur 11 Dec 7pm  
Private confession Sat 13 Dec at 6-6.45pm Sat 20 Dec 6-6.45pm Tues 23 Dec 7pm-8.30pm / Wed 24th 10 am –11.30am |
| **ST PAUL APOSTLE, ENDEAVOUR HILLS** | 5 William Hovell Drive, Endeavour Hills - 9700 3781 | Children's mass 700pm, Family mass 9.00pm  
11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass | 25 December 2014 | 9.00am & 11.00am  
No Evening Mass  
Reconciliation Service - Thursday 18 December at 7.30pm |