From the Principal’s Desk:

Maternity Leave
On Friday 31st May, Daniela Borgese celebrates her last day with the Year 1s. Daniela has been a fabulous teacher at St Mary’s for the last five and a half years and we wish Daniela and her husband Leigh all the very best as they prepare for the arrival of their first child. Mrs Maureen McDonald and Mrs Catherine LeHunt will be replacing Daniela. Maureen will commence teaching at St Mary’s in Term 3 for four days per week. Catherine will teach the children full time until the end of Term and then will teach one day per week after that.

First Eucharist
Congratulations to Grace Henderson, Alex Cappola, Arabella Purcell, Olivia Desiderio, Luke Fares, Lucas Kennedy, Scarlet Christensen-Barnes, Matteo Macali and Max Timlock who celebrated their First Eucharist on Sunday 12th May. Thank you to Therese John, Simon Raines who prepared the children so well, Claire O’Dowd and Bernadette Milne who coordinated the fine tuning of the celebrations and Fr Moran for celebrating the Eucharist with the children and for his hospitality with the after Mass celebrations in the Presbytery. The
Eucharist cakes were certainly enjoyed by many children and adults who went to the cutting of the cake ceremony after both Masses.

**Confirmation**

Yesterday the children in Year 6 who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 21st July were presented to the Parish at the 10.30am Mass. The children each made a card which asked a parishioner to pray for them as they prepare for this Sacrament. I ask that you remember these children in your prayers in the next two months.

**National Assessment Program for Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

Years 3 and 5 students participated in the NAPLAN tests last week. We wish all of these children the best of luck as they wait for their results. The unfortunate timing of these tests means that the results are not received until August/September.

**School Supervision**

Some children have been arriving early to school on the Senior Campus, whilst other children have been collected after 3:45pm. When bringing your child/ren to school please refer to the following points in the School Handbook.

**Daily School Times**

- Yard gates open (Senior and Junior Campus): 8:40am
- Doors open to put bags in classrooms: 8:45am
- Music (Children to be in classrooms): 8:53am
- Classes begin (bell): 8:55am

The playground supervision starts when the gate is opened at 8:40 am. Children should not be on the premises of both Campuses before 8:40am or after 3:45pm as the grounds are not supervised before or after these times. **Children who arrive to school before 8:40am should report to Before Care.** Children not picked up by 3:45pm go to the Aftercare School Program.

**School Reports**

Mid-Year School Reports will be sent home on Friday 21st June. There are some changes to the reports for this Year. After parent feedback through a questionnaire sent out last year, it has been identified that the reports have previously been hard to interpret. In order to insure the reports connect better with our parent community we have decided to write the reports to reflect a more personal reflection on the child’s academic, social and emotional achievements and progress. The changes have been made to make the reports more meaningful for parents, teachers and students. During the second half of this year we will be sending out a survey, asking your feedback on the changed reports and also the parent and teacher meeting that we had in Term 1.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week.

*Gerard Lewis*
*Principal*

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**EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**

We still have until the 9th June to collect the stickers for the Earn and Learn Program. I have found that you need to remind the person at the check out for the stickers as they don’t automatically give them to you. Keep them coming in so we can purchase more educational resources for our children. *Therese John - Student Wellbeing Leader*

**ST MARY’S ART PROJECT**

Each grade is working on a class art piece which will be auctioned at the beginning of Third Term. Thanks to the parents who have become involved with this project. The pieces are slowly being completed and will begin appearing in the front office for you to admire. Start saving as they would make a beautiful addition to any home. *Therese John - Student Wellbeing Leader*

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, grand parents, extended families, neighbours etc for their great support of the 2012 Coles Sports for Schools Program at St Mary’s. We were able to purchase a huge range of sporting equipment that is now being used in PE and PMP classes. The total value of this equipment was in excess of $1,200.00. This is equipment we could not have purchased had it not been for your support.
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
Our May Book Fair commences next Monday 27th May and will be held for 3 days. The students look forward to the fair as I am sure all the families do. I am looking for volunteers to help during the week, setting up and taking down, selling etc. If you can help out please fill in the note or come and see me.

Library Help
If anyone would like to come and volunteer in the library, or take books home for covering please come and see me. You can come in at 9am or 3pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday to do some organising of books and shelves etc. Always lots to be done!!! Happy Reading!

Mrs Anna Borella (Librarian)

LUNCH ORDERS – MONDAY ONLY
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St Mary’s Cake Stall - Hosted by Year Five

When: Friday 24th May 2013
Time: 3.00pm – 3.45pm
Where: In front of the Berchmans Centre  
(or if it’s raining in the parent’s room)

There will be lots of yummy goodies on offer so please come along and support our fundraiser.
EARTHWORMS by Year 2O

Last week we were learning about earthworms. We learnt that the pointy part of the worm’s body is their head and they do not have eyes. Because they don’t have eyes they sense their way through the ground.

Last week we got a wormery. In the wormery there was soil and sand, it was made out of a plastic bottle. We put newspaper out and looked at earthworms, some had babies and some had laid eggs. The worms wriggled around! We learnt that the babies come out of the saddle. The saddle is a different coloured part of the worm. The egg sac is the shape of a lemon and the size of a match head. Earthworms have 5 sets of hearts!

We have wormeries because we all want to see what worms do in their tunnels. This week we will take off the paper and look at what the worms have done. We think they have made tunnels and laid some eggs.

We are looking at worms because we want to know what they look like up close and to see how they help the environment.

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

Our Fortnightly Recap
Melbourne’s unpredictable weather has given us some beautiful, warm late-Autumn sunshine that has encouraged the Children to play outside with balls, skipping ropes and Frisbees. Football and netball have been very popular.

For those choosing to stay inside, art and craft activities, including jewellery and puppet making, potato printing, making pictures and glasses using cellophane, drawing and painting have been a lot of fun. Adele and Mia made a wonderful hide-out full of cushions and toys, complete with a ‘portal’ entrance. We also enjoyed an extra yummy treat of nachos! - Debbie

Don’t forget to Book online & win a Prize! Our Online Bookings promotion runs until Friday 31 May. Details are displayed at your OSHC room or on our website. Win yourself a $100 gold class voucher!

Next Week’s Activities:
Monday 20 May: Musical Games
Tuesday 21 May: Paper fruit bowls and vegetable people
Wednesday 22 May: In/out door ball & balloon volleyball
Thursday 23 May: Painting Plaster Moulds
Friday 24 May: Basketball

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
St Mary’s Parish
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Tel: 9510 7744 Fax 9510 5607
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au
Website: http://home.vic.net.au/~stmarys/

Times of Services:
Sunday – Mass 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekdays – Mass or Morning Prayer - 9.15am
Saturday – Mass or Morning Prayer - 8.30am
Reconciliation: Saturday – following Prayer or Mass
Adoration of the Lord – Sacred Heart Chapel every Wednesday from 9.45am

DIARY
19 May 2013
Morning Cuppa in Pottery Room Sundays after 9.00am Mass all welcome.
Second Tuesday of Month 7.30 - 9.00pm – St Vincent De Paul Society - Currently to be in Pottery Room
Pastoral Worker – Bernadette Milne – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Bernadette co-ordinates Communion Services for Central Park, Villa O’Neill & Bupa Nursing Homes.

Feast Day Our Lady Help of Christians Fri 24 May
Readings  Next Sunday Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16: 12-15

Hymns
Entrance 1
Gloria 422
Gospel Acclamation 138
Pres. of the Gifts 4
Eucharistic Acclamation, 98A
Amen/Lamb of God 99 102
Communion 10
Recessional 9

You are asked to pick up a copy of The Bell and a Pentecost Hymn Sheet and kindly return the Hymn Sheet at Mass end.

Thanksgiving Rec’d May 12 $1052 Thankyou
We pray for those who died recently, and for Teresa Sexton, Greg Juka, Vida Tomic and Kath McNally whose anniversaries are at this time.

Archbishop’s Letter to the Youth - at Exit today - is also available with video www.cam.org.au/YouthLetter 'Faith expands our hearts in hope’

Council for Christians and Jews (Victoria) Professor Amy-Jill Levine How Jews and Christians Read the Scriptures Differently Wed 29 May 7.30pm Bookings essential 9429 5212 cccjvc@biopond.net.au

Harman Lecture Presented by Cardinal Marc Ouellet Knox Lecture Theatre Wed 22 May 7pm Free 383 Albert Road East Melbourne (enter from Lansdowne Street) Cardinal Ouellet will present The Significance of the Institute for the New Evangelisation

Workshop “BLUEPRINT” -Caring for Young People Saturday 1 June 10am-7pm 276 Victoria Pde East Melb. e: Jack slov@cam.org.au
Research supported by Victoria Bishops’ grant
Kath Egebreton request for participation Survey.

Readers
19 May
9.00am Pat O’Shannassy
10.30am Perpetual Silvera
5.30pm Hugh Higgins
9.00am Chloe Williams
10.30am Mary Hickman
5.30pm David McNally
9.00am Sr Margaret Carroll
10.30am Volunteer
5.30pm Volunteer

Ministers assisting with Communion
Pia Casalaz
Fatima D’Cruz
Andrew Higgins
Irene Morais
Pranyak/Thak Del.
Carmen Kamus

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Third Week of the MASS COUNT - Thanks
Altar Cloths – Anyone interested in working in a group to make new & restore Altar Cloths please leave your name and contact number at the Presbytery 9510 7744

World Communications Day- resources Word Made Flesh and “Shared Among Us” are available www.catholic.org.au
JRS Winter Ball Docklands Sat 22 June 7pm $130 Ignatian Spirituality Retreats etc at Campion 99 Studley Park Road Kew campion@csjeust.au.org
John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family July 22-31, Aug 1-2 ovyngr@ip2institute.org 278 Victoria Pde East Melb.
WYD RIO Registration opened 30 April www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au

Jobs: Youth Co-ordinator - St Dominic’s Parish Catering Assistant/Personal Care Worker/Enrolled Nurse – Little Sisters of the Poor, Admin Assistant Richmond, Administrator Parish Development – East Melbourne
Retreat 25th May 1.00pm – 4.00pm Bookings essential Janssen Spirituality Centre 22 Woodvale Rd Boronia 9762 6625
PENTECOST SUNDAY  (Year C)

First Reading  Acts 2:1-11
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.
Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
R.  Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading  Romans 8:8-17
People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Sequence
Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height thy pure beaming radiance give. Come thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure; come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the soul’s delightful guest, dost refreshing peace bestow; thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill: if thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay; all his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew; wash the stains of guilt away; bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore thee confess and thee adore, with thy sevenfold gifts descend: give us comfort when we die; give us life with thee on high; give us joy that never end.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel  John 14:15-16, 23-26
Jesus said to his disciples
‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
St Kilda Mums - May News

Update on Rent Appeal and securing a new home

Thanks again to all of our generous supporters who donated to our recent rent appeal. It’s taken us a few offers and rejections but we think we are very close to securing a space. Last week we made an offer on a great warehouse space in St Kilda. It’s 300 square metres with an automated garage door and good parking for drop offs and pick ups. We’re currently negotiating the lease and we hope to make an official announcement very soon. We are dying to tell you more but we don’t want to jinx it!

Welcome to the world

“Little bubs leaving hospital for the first time. His mum has worked so hard over the last nine months. Clothes and baby seat were provided by St Kilda Mums, and the rug kindly passed on by kogo (knit one give one). A new little family beginning a life away from the streets.” St Kilda Gatehouse is a not for profit organisation which provides a ‘safe haven’ off the streets for those who are marginalised and have life controlling addictions, particularly street sex workers.

Second Baby Shower

Actor, singer and Melbourne local Natalie Bassingthwaite recently kindly donated the gifts from her second baby shower to St Kilda Mums - thanks Natalie! She wants to encourage others to do the same: "My sister-in-law asked if I wanted a baby shower. This being my second baby I didn’t feel like I wanted to do the whole thing and when asked about gifts I just didn’t need anything. So I agreed to a small intimate gathering with my in-laws. I remembered reading a fantastic article about a local organisation called St Kilda Mums that collect donations of all things baby and spread the love around the local community...to those families in need. So everyone bought things to add to a gift basket to donate. I encourage other mums to do the same to support this not-for-profit organisation and help our local community. Thanks to St Kilda Mums. What a fantastic idea.”

The charity that began at home

We were thrilled to feature in The Age on Mother’s Day – journalist Victoria Kyriakopoulos is a St Kilda Mums supporter. We think she perfectly captured the sentiment behind St Kilda Mums and we hope this coverage garners even more support for our cause. Read the whole article here.

Meet Miss Monday

Staring this issue, we will be introducing you to our very generous and gorgeous volunteer network. Meet ‘Miss Monday’, local mum Katrina.

So, Katrina, why the ‘Miss Monday’ moniker?

Katrina: I’ve been volunteering with St Kilda Mums about 12 months now. I did a shift at Jessie’s house once and…. I’m not that creative! I can’t sew, I can’t make cot sheet sets. There are people out there that can pack a much better clothing bag than I can. So I found the right task for me - I volunteer at the lock-up every Monday. Katrina balances looking after her children, Sophie (8), Emma (6) and Matthew (3) around her Monday shift and she also helps with picking up and delivering donations.

Can you tell the readers a little about the lockup?

Katrina: Yes, it belongs to a couple, off a laneway in Elwood. It’s literally a double garage, packed to the rafters. One Monday we had to pull out 10 double prams before we could get to anything. We turn over an amazing amount of stock - most of those prams were given out that day. I'm looking forward to the new space! I've looked at a couple of options with Jessie (Macpherson). It will be a commercial space, so we'll be able to install lights, there'll be a toilet, a safe play area for our children so we can take them along when volunteering, better traffic access for caseworkers taking away donations.

Speaking of whom, how do caseworkers respond when they arrive at the lockup?

Katrina: They're always grateful. I had someone come for the first time the other day, and I think he was quite overwhelmed. He was, like, “Oh, I can have that?” And I said, “yes, you can - what do your clients need?” He was kind of shocked. Some of the caseworkers don’t have children themselves, so they may not know what a new mother will need. We make suggestions – a bath, clothes, toys? Sometimes they ask for something that we don’t have in stock at that time, but they don’t go away disappointed.

Why do you volunteer? Given you have three kids, which is a huge workload already?

Katrina: I suppose I want to give back a bit. Having children of similar ages of those we are helping, it made sense to me. It’s real and relevant - my kids know where my time and their donations go. Some people can give money, but I could give some of my time, and really feel the difference we are making. It’s the difference between another Mum living in isolation because she has three children and no pram to take them out of the house, and something better. Speaking of support, have a look at the items we have re-homed in our four years of operation:

Thank you to share

“I went to lock up on Wednesday and was given a great stroller and some beautiful clothing and toys for a single mum with a 3 year old girl, experiencing homelessness and isolation in a new city. I dropped off the stroller yesterday and had such a fantastic appointment, the mum was beaming throughout and the little girl couldn’t contain her squeals of delight with her new toys! I wanted to pass on her sincere gratitude; this has made an immeasurable difference for her and her daughter. The clothing was absolutely gorgeous and a lot of it was brand new.” Sally Maydrom, Hanover Welfare Services. “I just wanted to give a HUGE thank you for your donations. This morning I picked up clothes, toys and a pram for 3 single mums with a total of 12 children between them. I’ve already delivered the goods to the families and they couldn’t be happier. Thank you.” Bec Thatcher, The Salvation Army Crisis Services. We would like to welcome everyone who has joined our network recently and say cheers and thanks from all the Mums at St Kilda Mums.