NEWSLETTER
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Monday 31st August, 2015

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Office Assistance  Robbie Bartlett & Janelle Adams

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Year 1J  Therese John/Daniela Borgese  Year 1O  Brigitte O'Shea
Year 2B  Gabrielle Berends/Jane Davy  Year 2M  Kate Morgan
Year 3F  Ben Fahey/Eleanor Colaneri  Year 3R  Simon Raines
Year 4M  Maureen McDonald/Catherine Le Hunt  Year 4S  Stephanie Schultz
Year 5B  Claire Butson  Year 5M  Samantha Malin
Year 6  Paula Incretolli/Daniela Borgese  Reading Recovery  Clare Sabatino
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From the Principal's Desk:

Our School Behaviour Policy

Our School Norms – Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful to self, others and the environment.
When relationships at St Mary's are disrupted, the teacher's will focus on three areas when the matter is brought to their attention:

1. Focus on the specific behaviours or incidents without blaming.
   - What happened?
   - How did it happen?
   - How did you act in this situation?

2. Draw out who was affected and how they were affected.
   - Who do you think was affected?
   - How were they affected?
   - How were you affected?
3. Direct questions toward problem solving between those children who were concerned.
   - What needs to happen to make things right?
   - If the same situation happens again, how could you behave differently?

It is very important that the children involved in the problem realise that they need to take responsibilities for their actions and sometimes their actions affect others. In the discussions I have with the children, I ask them with the affected action does it break one of the school norms of being respectful, being responsible or being safe? If it does, I will ask them “What do you need to do in order to repair the situation.”

Throughout the Restorative Practices, we are helping to teach children some important fundamental practices that they can use when relating with their peers. You might like to follow up at home with these procedures with the children when their behaviour is different to how they normally act.

**Italian Day – Wednesday 2nd September**

On Wednesday we will be having our biannual Italian Day. The children are asked to dress-up for the day and experience a number of Italian activities. Signor Vozzo has been very busy preparing some exciting activities for the children. We will commence the day with the normal Italian Day Parade in the Parish Hall.

**Eucharist**

On the first three Sundays of Term 4 the Year three children will be making their First Eucharist. During the last two weeks we have had two parent-student nights based around their preparation. On Wednesday we celebrated a Baptismal Renewal Night and last week we had Pia from the Presentation program talking about the meaning of making First Eucharist. We wish the children well as they conclude their preparation for Eucharist.

**Beachside Athletics**

Eighteen children will be presenting the school at the Beachside Athletics Carnival tomorrow. In my time at St Mary’s this is the most number of children who have qualified for the next round of Inter School Sport. We wish all the children the very best and hope they have a wonderful day.

**Father’s Day**

This Friday 4th September we celebrate Father’s Day with our traditional Father’s Day Breakfast. We hope the weather is kind to us as we celebrate it on the Main playground.

**St Mary’s Art Show**

On Thursday 17th September we will be having our School Art Show, which will be held in the Parish Hall. Each class is busy preparing their group masterpiece. Each child will also display one of their art pieces at the art show.

**Students from PCW and CBC visiting St Mary’s**

In the last few weeks students from CBC and PCW have visited the school to help our students in the classrooms and the library. Last Wednesday PCW bought some visiting Japanese students to the Year 4 classroom to introduce them to the Japanese culture. Tomorrow our Year 4 and some of our Year 5 children will be visiting PCW to view a Dress Rehearsal of the 2015 Musical Performance ‘High School Musical’. We value the close relationship that we are developing further with both schools.

**Wonders of Living Family Enrichment Night**

Tonight the Years 5 & 6 children with their parents will be developing further knowledge on adolescence, puberty and emotional ups and downs. We hope that they enjoy the evening.

**After Hours School Care**

Over the next fortnight Before and After Care will move into the Parish Hall. This will give the children more space when it is cold and raining. The children will still have the use of the main playground before and after school.

I hope you have a good week.

_Gerard Lewis – Principal_
SCHOOL FEES
A friendly reminder if you currently have outstanding school fees please finalise soon as possible. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

RETURNING IN 2016
If you haven’t returned your slip advising the school if your child is returning in 2016, please return as soon as possible. I have attached a copy for you to complete.

LITERACY NEWS
Spellathon!
Don’t forget to have your sponsors form filled out. We are all very excited about this event. All money raised by the Spellathon will go to Literacy Resources.

RE NEWS
Thank you to the Year Three families that attended the Eucharist preparation night last Tuesday. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children and their parents to engage in discussion and deepen their understanding of the Eucharist, as they prepare for their First Eucharist in October.

Gospel Reading - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

Family Connection
Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00pm?" Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, come up with a positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticise the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God’s Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honour God’s Law in our words and deeds.

Maureen McDonald – Education In Faith Leader

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Week - Books Light Up our World
We were very fortunate to have the loan of some tents from CBC for our Book Week activities. We had free reading, iPad stories, stories on CD and craft activities to highlight our theme. These activities took place in the tents! We also had lights over the tents to add to the fun. Have a look at the photos! We were also delighted to have four wonderful CBC students help us with the groups. A very busy, but eventful week. Back to borrowing this week.

Book Swap
What an amazing event. Each year it just gets better. We raised $490.00. Thanks to everyone for their donations of books. Also thanks must go the all the students who attended the Book Swap and bought books. All monies go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Well done everyone.

Premiers Reading Challenge
We are finalizing the challenge this week, so if you have not reached your quota we will deleting you from the system. Email me if you have any questions or problems at annab@smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au

Anna Borella – Librarian
ITALIAN NEWS - ITALIAN DAY

Costume: The children are invited to create a costume with an Italian theme. They can dress as a Gondoliere, Sports player, Roman soldier, Swiss guard, Gelato, Pizza, Carnevale character, Baci chocolate, Formula One racing car driver, Musician, Monument, Scientist, Artist, Marco Polo, Pinocchio, Michelangelo, etc. Awards will be given for the children's creativity and initiative.

To begin the day, there will be performances by Year 5 and 6 students, a costume parade and singing in the School Hall from 9:05am until 10:00am. Parents are invited to attend. Later, the children will move into their groups and engage in a variety of activities with their teacher.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a great day!

Signora Vozzo – Italian Teacher

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

We continue on our tips to develop resilience in children. (Dr. Justin Coulson)

Parenting tip #2: See the world through your child's eyes

Imagine you had a difficult day. It wasn't a catastrophic day, but some of your plans failed to materialise into reality. You failed to effectively navigate some relationship challenges with someone close. When you explained things to your spouse the response you received was, "Oh well, I guess you'll just have to try harder again tomorrow." While this response may be correct, it is unlikely to help you feel any better. If you don't feel better, you're unlikely to 'bounce-back' with as much bounce! Likewise, giving advice when children are upset just makes them feel frustrated, or foolish. When they tell you they feel sad, saying "Cheer up, you'll be ok. There's no reason to feel like that" will undermine their feelings, make them question their worth, and create a feeling that they are not normal inside them. Instead, reflect their emotions and avoid advice or lectures.

"I can see it's been a tough day for you today." "Wow that must have made you feel really disappointed." When they know you understand them, ask them how they think you can help. Let them strategies the most effective way to overcome their challenges and support them in their decisions or guide them toward appropriate actions.

Parenting tip #3: Accept your children for who they are

Your child is likely to be resilient if she feels accepted for who she is. To really accept our children for who they are we must resist the temptation to judge and criticise. Continual fault-finding is a sure-fire way to create questions about self-worth in children. Additionally, children who are consistently criticised will start to wonder about their relevance. In contrast, children whose parents affirm their children's efforts feel useful. When children are validated they feel worthy and acceptable as people. And they are also likely to work hard to maintain those positive feelings, which means when they encounter setbacks they will have the confidence to try again. Letting children know specifically what you love about them or why you are proud of them can bolster resilience. "I am so proud to be your mum. The way you treated the children outside the school this afternoon made me feel like the luckiest mum in the world!" "You worked so hard at that activity today. I know you didn't come first, but all that matters is that you tried hard – and it looked to me like you gave it everything you had!" Remember, be specific. And avoid general praise such as "You're such a good boy." This is meaningless and can be taken back at any time. But when we let our children know we accept and love them, and offer them specifics, they feel like they can conquer anything! Our children don't need to 'fixed' as much as they need to be loved.

SRC News

The SRC children are excited to announce that we will be having a 'Pyjama Day' on the last day of school. The 18th September. The children are asking that everyone bring a gold coin. This money will be donated to the Opening the Doors Foundation. This organization assists Indigenous children in education through the provision of financial and other support.

Earn and Learn - Woolworth

Please collect the tokens and chart and when completed, please send them into school. We have been able to order some wonderful educational resources in past years.

Sex Education Sessions for Years 5 and 6 Families - Monday 31st August 7pm – 8:15pm

The Wonders of Living Family Enrichment Program has been booked for our Year 5 and 6 families. This is for both a parent and their child. Please fill out the form and send along $10. Therese John–Student Wellbeing Leader

TERM 3 ART SHOW

We invite all our families to join in by creating and submitting a family art piece for the upcoming show. The family piece may be a painting, drawing, sculpture, textile, print, collage or Papier Mache etc. Our Terms theme is 'Diversity', so you could discuss and explore diversity in the arts, cultures, landscapes, countries, ethnicities, plants, animals or environments. The choices are endless.

We look forward to seeing your diverse artistic contributions. Family art pieces can be delivered to the office on Friday the 4th of September. Please do not bring them in before this date. Thank you!

Ben Fahey – Community Leader
FOOTY DAY
The Footy Day was a great success with the weather holding out so that the children could enjoy the Tabloid Sports and Banner Competition. Peter Schwab, former Hawthorn Premiership player and now Brisbane Lions Head of Recruitment, and Jake Batchelor, current Richmond Footy Player, both visited us on the day. Assigned with the tough job of judging the Banner Competition, Peter awarded the Year 4’s with the award for best banner on the Footy Day. Congratulations Ms Schultz, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Le Hunt and children in Year 4 for your excellent banner. Jake enjoyed kicking the footy with the children and playing various games on the yard with them during lunch time. He commented the wonderful behaviour of the children and they were by far the best children he had visited. Well done kids. It was great to see many parents come and listen to Peter speak in the morning and view the entertaining banner competition. A huge thank you to Andrew Farrell, who organized both Peter and Jake. The kids loved having both sportsmen join us on the day. Also a big thank you to Trinity Farrell who helped organise the Pie Day. After a big day of fun, the children enjoyed the hot food.

Ben Fahey – Community Leader

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

Our Recap
News on the upcoming venue change for after-care, it looks as though we will be making the move to the hall from Monday the 7th of September, the plan is for the before care session on the Monday to take place in the usual venue and the afternoon session to be in the new hall. I expect there will be a fair bit of an adjustment period as we all get used to the new venue. I will brief the children this week on exactly where to meet for the Monday afternoon and prepare them for the upcoming changes. Once again feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Last week we had a colourful and artistic theme for our activities. The children had a go at some art forgery (of a sort), as we got hands on with some classics of the art world. We also had a go at creating colouring in pages of our own to be passed onto friends to share and enjoy. I was on away this week again (on holiday, not sick) but Joti was again on hand to cover for me. Next week with Father’s Day coming up we’ll devote a week to all things paternal.

Josef, Team Leader (Service phone : 0405 268 126)

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN! Book by Friday 4 September to avoid a late fee.
We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a windsock by combining science, technology, engineering, art and maths. Channel your inner architect as you design, construct and build a magnificent 3D tower. And create an amazing airplane piggy bank complete with wings and a propeller. Participate in all this and more at Extend’s Spring Holiday Program.

Our Extend Superstar .... Serena Shao – For showing independence, understanding and a mature attitude.

Activities for this week:
Monday 31 August: Father’s Day Cards
Tuesday 1 August: Moustache Mania
Wednesday 2 Aug: Celebrating Dad Jokes
Thursday 3 Aug: Footy Day
Friday 4 Aug: Make something for dad day!

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
On Wednesday the 26th of August 28 exchange students visiting from Japan came to the Year Four Open Learning community. These students taught us about their fascinating culture in Japan. We had heaps of fun doing all the five activities they had planned at set up for us. These were traditional Japanese activities that included origami, Japanese games, using chopsticks, calligraphy and participating in a traditional Japanese dance. Our favourite activity was origami. We learnt how to make a crane, a t-shirt and a camera all out of paper! We also enjoyed participating in a range of Japanese games; our favourites were the game where we had to keep the ball up and juggling with bean bags. We had a great afternoon learning about the Japanese culture with these exchange students. It really helped us to further develop our understanding of diversity.  

By Lulu Wise and Zoe Haywood

The experience we had when the Japanese exchange students from PCW came was amazing! We learn a lot about their culture and participated in many wonderful activities such as, the hammer ball game and juggling. We learnt how to make origami and participated in traditional dance. We were invited to try one of two special treat the exchange students brought with them all the way from Japan, these were either a green tea Kit Kat or a Japanese milk lolly. These were different and interesting. Some children enjoyed them and others did not.  

By Jaden Taveira and Olivia Wicks

When the Japanese exchange students came to Year Four they set up five fun and exciting activities for us. The first activity we participated in was origami. We then played some Japanese games that included ‘keep the ball up’ and juggling with bean bags. We learnt about Japanese letters and used calligraphy to write theses. At the end of the session we all participated in a tradition Japanese dance with the exchange students. We then said our goodbyes to these beautiful people who taught us a lot about their culture and about diversity. We were all very grateful to have participated in such a wonderful afternoon. We all left our classroom with lots of memories and smiles.  

By Jon Litsas and Fergus Willoughby-Gough

On Wednesday the 26th of August, Year Four’s had a great time with the Japanese exchange students from PCW. We had lots of fun doing the fun activities they had planned for us, such as Japanese’s traditional dancing, Japanese writing, games and origami. We all had a fantastic experience and we are very grateful that the teacher’s at St Mary’s and PCW continue to organise such wonderful experiences for us.  

By Ethan Oyston and Nicholas Kyriakopoulos

“My experience Wednesday afternoon was awesome because I got a real experience of what life is like in Japan”.  

By Charlotte Bunn

“It was really cool having the exchange students come to our class because we learnt a lot about the culture and we learnt new and exciting games. We are very grateful for the gifts the exchange students left in our classroom for us to enjoy”.  

By Peggy O’Sullivan
Parent & Friends Committee Update

Parents & Friends Mission Statement
Encouraging and strengthening the school community and coordinating social and fund raising events for additional educational resources for our children.

Thank You to the Year 5 Class Reps who co-ordinated ‘My School Raffle’ fundraising event. We wish everyone who purchased tickets good luck. Wouldn’t it be great if a St Mary’s family won one of the prizes! We will let you know in the next newsletter how much money this fundraising event raised.

Uniform Donations required for the P&F Second Hand Uniform Stall organised for Friday 11th of September
If you would like to assist us in having more uniforms to choose from at our next P & F Second Hand Uniform Stall and wish to donate your second hand uniforms, please drop your uniform in the baskets in the front office and also on the Senior Campus outside the Year 6 Class room by the Tuesday 8th September. Please make sure, if you can, that all uniforms donated have been washed and are of acceptable school standard. Thanking you in all in advance. We look forward to another successful second hand uniform stall

Call For Expression Of Interest
The P & F Management Committee (two positions) and the P & F Treasurer (one position) will become available at the end of this year. If you are interested in coming on board please contact either Bernie Curtis (Bernie@curtis.org.au) or George Dellas (george@in-focus.com.au) for more information. Ideally we would like those interested in filling one of these positions to raise their interest as soon as possible so we can transition you into the role over the next five months.

P&F Committee Partnership
Bakers Delight Balaclava:
A reminder that 5% of every purchase you make at Bakers Delight Balaclava goes towards the St Mary’s P&F fundraising efforts. Don’t forget to say you are from St Mary’s or quote 5298 the next time you’re there.

P&F & School Events for September 2015

Year 4 Father’s Day Breakfast Friday 4th September 2015 – 7.30am to 8.50am
This Friday is the Father’s Day Breakfast so get into the community spirit at St Mary’s. Come and enjoy the fun of St Mary’s students celebrating Father’s day with their Dads, Granddads or guardian dads! All family members are welcome to attend to celebrate father’s day so please don’t think twice about coming. Like other years, it’s going to be a great morning with breakfast served from 7.30 am. To make the father’s day breakfast extra special you can pre-order for your Dad, Granddad or guardian dad a pair of groovy socks organised by the Year 4 Class Reps and pick them up at the Father’s Day breakfast. You should have received an order from by now. Socks are sold at $10 a pair, so don’t forget to get your forms in by Tuesday 1 September.

Year 6 Cake Stall 11th September 2015
The Year 6 Cake Stall is organised for Friday 11th September at 3.00pm. Enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year 6 parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day. The money raised will go towards the Year 6 Graduation fund.

The P&F Second Hand Uniform Stall
When: Friday 11th September.
Time: from 3pm till 4pm
Where: In front of the Berchmans Centre.

2015 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
Let’s see how far we can go!
$16,012.03
Sacred Heart Mission helps people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage to access food, shelter, care and support. Our network of eight op shops aims to raise funds and awareness of the work of Sacred Heart Mission. We would love you to consider donating good quality furniture, books, clothing, footwear, accessories, bric-a-brac and household items. The nearest Sacred Heart op shop to the school is located at 86/88 Chapel Street, Windsor or 415 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda. Or simply call our free collection service on 9536 8437 to book a pick-up for larger items or quantities.
ART SHOW

Term 3

Thursday 17th of September 7.30pm
St. Mary’s Parish Hall

Session times:
3-4.30pm and 7-8.30pm
(wine and cheese included in the evening session)

There will be:
> Class Art Pieces
> Individual Student Artwork
> Family Art Pieces
> CBC and PCW Art Pieces
> Special Art Pieces created by Robbie and the children!

Whole School Event
Everyone welcome!
Thursday 6th August, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year at this time we commence our planning for the following school year. Enrolment patterns influence staffing, class numbers and our response to enquiries about new enrolments. Therefore we ask that you complete the form below to advise us if your child is returning in 2016 so that our planning is as accurate as possible.

Please return the form below to the school by Thursday 27th August. Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gerard Lewis
Principal

(Please return by Thursday 27th August, 2015)

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________________________

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES: _________________________________ Year level (2015)  

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Please tick the appropriate box.

☐ Yes, my child/children will be returning for the year 2016

☐ No, my child/children will not be returning next year and is attending ______________________________

PARENT SIGNATURE: ________________________________________  DATE: ______
St Mary's Parish
Parish Priest - Father Barry Moran
Pastoral Worker - Bernadette Milne
Secretaries - Antonia Attard, Catherine Carolan
Parish Manager - Julie Purdey
Parish Office Hours 9.00am–5.00pm Mon.– Fri.
Times of Masses:
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

Feast Day:
3 September St Gregory the Great

Readings
Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary time
Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Hymns
Entrance/Processional  GA 505
Gloria  St Francis 138
Gospel Acclamation  432
Presentation of Gifts  Lord by your Cross..... 98D
Communion  489
Recessional  514

Diary
Sunday Cuppa in the Pottery Room following
9.00 am Mass each Sunday. All welcome!
Evening prayers with Brother Daniel – 2nd Tuesday of each month commencing at 6.00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. (8th September)
Faith Journey – Brother Daniel – 0468 946 112
St Vincent de Paul – 2nd Tuesday of the Month – 7.30 p.m. – Lounge
St Vincent de Paul Society - there is a collection box for monetary donations at rear of Church inside main entrance.

We pray for those who have died recently, Brian Coe and Elsa Drew and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thanksgiving 544 Thank you

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
Every Sunday during the 10.30 a.m. Mass.
Please encourage all Primary School-age children to attend.

Commentator/Readers
9.00 a.m. 30th August
L Volunteer
C Mervinn
10.30 a.m. Volunteer
C Donna Martin
5.30 p.m. Volunteer
C Andrea Higgins

Ministers of the Eucharist
9.00 a.m. Maylene Clayton
10.30 a.m. Les Marno
5.30 p.m. Perine Daniels

WELCOMING MINISTRY
9.00 a.m. Volunteer
10.30 a.m. Bernadette R.
5.30 p.m. Guyen Nguyen

See Board:
Solo Catholics You are invited to come along to the next social event www.catholicsolos.com.au or call Peter 9583 8840.

Coffee Connexions (Hearts in Action)
Spiritual enrichment. Friendship... 30s 40s.
Friday 4th September, 7.45 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Exodus Hall, Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham.
Topic: Nepal Details: Cathy 0408013397

Father’s Day Appeal - Sunday, 6th September
Retired and Sick priests.
Your generous donations will ensure a normal living for our priests who have served actively in the Archdiocese, but who are now elderly and frail. Your donations have assisted so many sick and retired priests over the last 12 months. Your support is a true sign of your gratitude. Archbishop Denis Hart

... Even if it doesn't fix the world, beautification and goodwill gesture, inspire and remind people that 'we were made to love' (58,113, 212) Pope Francis
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Year B)

First Reading  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them; that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart.

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Second Reading  
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.
Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls.

But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.
Pure, unspoil’d religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  
James 1:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their hands as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, for men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
COOK

1 Part-Time

The Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Community (St Kilda) is seeking a part-time Cook to assist with meal preparation at the community.

The community accommodates 15 elderly Christian Brothers and works in partnership with internal/external staff and medical professionals to ensure the care for the Brothers.

The community run seven (7) days a week with the Part-time position being for three (3) days per week (total of 18 hours) within the hours of 9:00am till 2:00pm.

*The following criteria will be essential to be considered for both positions:*
- Previous experience and cookery qualification (essential preferable in a commercial setting)
- An understanding of Food Safety Standards and the Food Act
- Use of a reliable vehicle and current drivers license
- Good time management
- Excellent communication skills

The successful applicant will be required to hold/have a current Police Check and produce two (2) current references from either current or past managers.

*If you are interested meet and the above criteria, please send a detailed resume and cover letter to*

Rita D’Aniello at rdaniello@edmundrice.org or contact me on 0466 329 102

*for more information*. Applications close 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 18th September.

*Please note only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*