



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Term 3 Week 3

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### Term 3 (10 weeks)

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jul – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sep

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

9am and 5pm in Library  
*Fullness of Life for All*  
parent information sessions

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Last day for Book Club  
Issue 5 orders

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

2.40pm Assembly led by  
1EM

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

2.40pm Assembly led by  
FTW

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Book Week Parade  
2.40pm Assembly led by FGJ

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Fathers/Special Friends Day  
Liturgy

6.30pm Trivia Night in Gym

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

2.40pm Assembly led by  
4BO

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

2.40pm Assembly led by  
3DW

### Term 4 (11 weeks)

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Start of Term/Mercy Day  
Mass

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

2.40pm Assembly led by 2JS

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

2.40pm Assembly led by  
1MV

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

2.40pm Assembly led by  
5JW

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Student Free Day

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Melbourne Cup Holiday

### In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear families,

We had a big week at school last week. Over several days we were filming a promotional video about Saint Francis Xavier Primary School as part of a diocesan approach to promote our great schools.

As Kevin wandered around our school visiting classrooms and filming material for the video, I was reminded of how important it is to celebrate the great education that Saint Francis Xavier offers to all members of our community. Our approach to learning and teaching focuses on direct instruction with an emphasis on skills development across all year levels. One of our core values speaks of excellence and we know that excellence means different things to different people. If trying our best, regardless of ability drives excellence then this value remains achievable for all.

What do you recall from your days at primary school? I bet it's probably not the daily lessons that were given. More likely it will be the encounters on the yard with friends as you problem solved your way through the day. Or it might be the teacher who showed compassion or respect. It might be hospitality that was shown to you or even an understanding of justice when things went wrong. Schools are places of learning on many fronts. Who knows that learning might even be lifelong. We certainly hope so!



God bless,



Mark Hogbin

### Thank you Students!

Thank you to all students who supported the filming that occurred at school last week. Kevin reported that everyone participated in positive ways, and we look forward to seeing the end product. Of course, we can't guarantee that every shot taken will be included in the final production, but the spirit of our school certainly will. Your participation added to that so well done!

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
2.40pm Assembly led by 6ZA

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
2.40pm Assembly led by 2RR

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Please note corrected dates  
Year 5 Camp

## News from the P&F

### **Our favourite fundraiser - THE SILVER COIN CHALLENGE IS BACK!**

From Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> bring all your silver coins to be in the running to win our FAVOURITE Pizzas from Carbonis!

Each day pop all your coins into your class allocated piggy bank, bring to the office and we will count and keep a tally.

The class from each year level with the highest amount will enjoy a pizza for each student! So, look under the couch, search the car, turn the handbags upside down and let's get counting!

### **Our New Playground**

After years of fundraising by the Parents and Friends Committee our new playground is on it's way!

- Our faithful playground that has been the source of many great memories for our children will play it's last game of tag at the end of term 3
- Our new playground will replace the old one in time for term 4
- The new playground is bright, colourful and full of fun features for our children
- We know the children at St Francis Xavier will create many fun games and memories on the new modern playground

### **Why should the kids get all the fun?! TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON!**

Get some parents and friends together for a fun night of music and trivia!

- Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> in the Gymnasium from 6.30pm
- Purchase a table of 10 for \$150 or single tickets for \$17 (secure seats via the Trivia form at the office)
- This is a licensed event with drinks at bar prices (soft drink also available).
- BYO Food for your tables (why not support local and pick up some Carbonis on your way!)

As this is a fundraiser for the P&F, we will be selling raffle tickets throughout the night with some great prizes up for grabs.

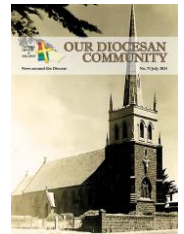
So, socialise in the class chats, get a group together and come enjoy a fun night!



**School Beanies** are available for sale from Crockers at 4 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat.

Please find below the link for the July 2024 edition of "Our Diocesan Community"

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ODC-July-2024-web.pdf>



### **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT**

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**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday July 28, 2024    Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15

Jesus crossed Lake Galilee, which was also known as Lake Tiberias. A large crowd had seen him work miracles to heal the sick, and those people went with him. It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover, and Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and sat down. When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?" He said this to test Philip, since he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered, "Don't you know that it would take almost a year's wages just to buy only a little bread for each of these people?" Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the disciples. He spoke up and said, "There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?"

The ground was covered with grass, and Jesus told his disciples to tell everyone to sit down. About 5,000 men were in the crowd. Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat. The people ate all they wanted, and Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftovers, so that nothing would be wasted. The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets with what was left over from the five barley loaves. After the people had seen Jesus work this miracle, they began saying, "This must be the Prophet who is to come into the world!" Jesus realized that they would try to force him to be their king. So he went up on a mountain, where he could be alone. *(Gospel passage taken from CEV)*

**Gospel reflection:**

In our world there are many people who do not have enough food to eat. Your family, or families that you know, might have to use a food bank because there's just not enough money to pay for all the things that are needed. Many families in other countries around the world also struggle to pay for food, or to grow enough food because there isn't enough rain, or there's too much and the rain destroys the crops.

In today's Gospel, Jesus made sure that everyone got what they needed. Everyone in the crowd had enough food to eat.

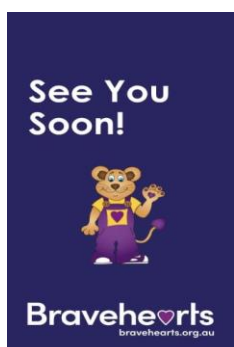
**Our Challenge:** What do you think Jesus would like us to do, if we are able to, having heard this story? *(Adapted from CAFOD website)*



**DON'T FORGET!**

This week we are offering two parent information opportunities, providing an introduction to the Diocesan Relationships and Sexuality Scope and Sequence- *Fullness of Life for All* program. The information sessions are 1 hour in length and are taking place on **Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 9.00am and again at 5.00pm in the St Francis Xavier Library.**

On Thursday August 1st, the children in Foundation, Year One and Year Two have the opportunity to experience Bravehearts' personal safety education program Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show. The Ditto show is a live, interactive 40 minute performance starring Bravehearts' mascot 'Ditto'. It includes song, dance, and easy-to-remember messages about personal safety.



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The show is underpinned by the following six principles of personal safety:

- Differentiating 'yes' and 'no' feelings
- Recognising the bodies 'warning signs'
- Identifying 'private parts' and 'privacy'
- Helping children identify language and feelings associated with secrets
- Reinforcing that there is no secret that children cannot tell someone

**Parents and carers are WELCOME to attend!**

Foundation 11.30am

Year One and Two 12.30pm

### Parents/Carers Information

To access a free Parents/Carers Information Guide which gives an overview of the show and the topics discussed and to help answer any questions you may have about the show, please click here [DITTO INFORMATION GUIDE](#)

If you would like to learn more about how to talk to your child about personal safety, download Bravehearts' FREE PERSONAL SAFETY PARENTS AND CARERS GUIDE from the Bravehearts website.

Just go to: [bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety](http://bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety).



Christine Meneely, **Religious Education Leader**

## Sport/Physical Education News

### Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics

Congratulations and good luck to the 48 students across Yr 3-6 that have been selected to represent SFX at next week's Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Day. We know that they will try their best in their events and represent both themselves and our school well.

### Basketball tryouts

On Tuesday this week during first break, we will be holding tryouts for all Yr 5 & 6's interested in participating in the upcoming Division Basketball tournament. SFX have 5 teams entered (2 x Boys & 3 x Girls).

### Term 3 Calendar:

- Week 4 - Monday Aug 5th - Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics @ Llanberris (selected students from Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 6 - Friday Aug 23rd - Division Basketball @ Selkirk Stadium (selected students from Yr 5/6)
- Week 8 - Friday Sep 6th - Interschool Sport ALL Yr 5/6 @ St James
- Week 9 - Thursday Sep 12th - Division Athletics @ Llanberris (qualifiers from BCPS Aths- Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6)

### Term 4:

- Week 1 - Monday Oct 7th - Friday Oct 11th - Swimming Program Yr 1 & 2
- Week 1 - Friday Oct 11th - Regional Athletics @ Llanberris (Qualifiers from Division Aths- Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 2 - Friday Oct 18th - Golf Tournament @ Mt Xavier Golf Club (selected students from Yr 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 4 - Wednesday Oct 30th - Eureka Division Cricket @ TBC (selected students from Yr 5/6)
- Week 6 - Friday Nov 15th - Interschool Sport ALL Yr 5/6 v St Alipius

### SFX Football Jumpers, Singlets & Netball dresses/bibs

If you have any SFX Football jumpers, singlets or netball dresses/bibs at home could you please return them to Mr Down, Mr Carroll or drop into the office.

Have a tremendous week.

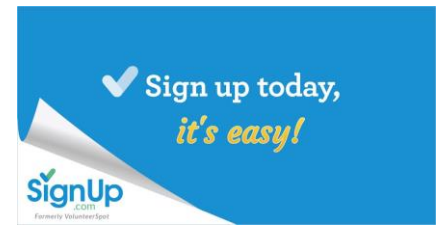


Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**

## Parents' & Friends' News

**Hot lunches:** Each Friday we require a minimum of 5 volunteers to help pack our hot lunches for an hour, 11am to 12noon. Please sign up here if you are free to help.

[Hot Lunches](http://Hot Lunches)  
[signup.com](http://signup.com)



## Attachments

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS 26<sup>th</sup> July Hosted by 2CK** Theme: Justice. We make fair choices. Justice means being the best person we can be. We always try our hardest, even when it's difficult, just like Jesus did.

FLH	Harlee Answer & Patrick Olechnowicz	4GH	Lucy Elliot and Finya Najera-Hinko
FGJ	Will Green & Ava Segrott	4ML	Olivia Farrell and Remi James
FTW	Parker Davis & Olive Miceli	4BO	Emily Bone & Violet Wilson
FMM	Harper Fedke & Aria Steinman	5CC	
1JS	Zoe Cooper & Marco Pietrantuono	5MA	Madison Murphy & Asha Toohey
1EM	Billy Toohey and Flynn Williams	5JW	Rhys Bell and Lucinda Leonard
1MV	Lachy Hatt & Alex O'Reilly	6PB	Chelsea Crowe and Emily Hanrahan
2RR	Lachie Purtell and Louie Evans	6ZA	Jack Lewis & Tom Anderson
2CK	Angus Morley and Alfie Heywood	6MM	Monty Harrison and Matilda West
2JS	Patrick Robinson and Eddy Heinrich	EE	3JV for all their fantastic poster ideas and class discussion about rubbish in our environment.
3JE	Bertie Stanley and Pippa Gleeson	PA	Murphy Noon and and Harley Bye 5CC for their help during our performing arts class
3JV	Livia Pietrantuono and Lola Miles	VA	Charlie Johnson, Sophie Quinlan & Harper Gilbertson (FGJ)
3DW	Alora Warren and Austin Roberts	PE	Milla Rowland & Oscar Martin
		Tch	Nixon George (4BO), Noah Irving (4BO) & Xavier Foster (4GH)

Principal's Award: Nixon George for trying his hardest in literacy & maths and always aiming to be the best he can possibly be in class and with his homework.



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BALLARAT EAST 3350  
PH 5332 6611  
OPEN TUE – FRI  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

28 July 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*'There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.'*

# St Alipius parish

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarata-east/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarata-east/)

## MASS TIMES

### St Alipius

Tue 5:30 PM,

Wed – Fri 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> weeks)

10:30 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

### Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 AM (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

Rosary – Thursday 11:00 AM

### Mass and prayer resources

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Counting team 6

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

## WE PRAY FOR

### Faithfully departed:

Andrew McBride,  
Rosemary Ryan (Fr. Barry's sister),  
Therese O'Loughlin.

### Anniversaries:

Rohan Cosgriff

**Unwell:** Rose Davis,  
Socorro De Chavez Shelley  
Pawang, Peter McLachlan,  
Sarah McLachlan, Carole  
Simmons

## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Justin Driscoll

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr Matthew Restall

**Parish Coordinator**  
Cathy Prunty

**Administrative Assistant**  
Natalie Shannon

**Finance Officer**  
Bernadette Prestwood

**Child Safety Officer**  
Emily Clarke

## PARISH VISION

The combined communities of St Alipius Parish reach out in the spirit of faith, hope, love, and acceptance, as God calls us to in the gospels.

## PARISH MISSION

Our mission in the Parish of St Alipius is to actively engage and serve our combined communities, embodying the teachings of the Gospel. Strengthened in the spirit of faith, hope, love acceptance and Mercy, we strive to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. Guided by God's call to service, we aim to build strong connections, provide spiritual nourishment, promote social justice, and offer support to individuals and families in their journey of faith. Through our dedicated interactions, we seek to deepen our relationships with God, inspire transformation, and make a positive impact in the lives of those we encounter, spreading God's love and compassion to all.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2024

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our thanks to Fr. Peter Murphy who has offered the Christian meditation sessions in the parish during his time in the Ministry District. The desire to continue has been expressed by those who have participated, and these sessions will continue each Wednesday at 5:15pm and Saturday morning at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Baptism Preparation

1 August, 10 am or 5.30 pm  
McKillop & Glowrey Rooms at the Cathedral

#### Leadership Formation Session

10:30 AM – 4:00 PM, 4 August, Buninyong

#### Trivia Night

6:30PM for 7PM start, 30 August, Parish Hall

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## CARING GROUP

The Caring Group will meet in the parish hall at 2:00PM on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share.

## BISHOP PAUL VISITING

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, Bishop Paul is visiting each of the 29 parishes of the Diocese. He will celebrate the Masses in our Parish on the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> with 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Alipius and 9.00am Sunday Mass at Ballarat East and 10.30am Mass at Buninyong. How might we recognise this visit of Bishop Paul to our Parish? Please forward your suggestions to the Parish Office in the coming weeks.

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

In December 2024 the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eureka and the 150<sup>th</sup> of the opening of the current St Alipius Church will be acknowledged. As a parish we will celebrate these anniversaries on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> with the 6.00pm Vigil Mass followed by a byo picnic in the Church grounds. Do you have photos, stories or both which might be of interest to fellow parishioners? If so remember that we are looking to collect these as we plan an event to recognise 150 years of our church. Whether from Ballarat East, Buninyong or Clarendon we are keen to gather as many stories and photos as we can to share with those who attend this function, but we cannot do it without your help.

## PREPARING FOR THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Next Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> following the 10.30AM Mass there will be a formation opportunity at Buninyong in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Liturgy Team have all been invited to attend. Parishioners are also welcome to attend this formation gathering that is one of seven that are being offered around the Ballarat Diocese. The focus of the Assembly is **Leadership and Governance for a Synodal Church**. To register contact [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
The Diocesan Assembly will be held at Federation University Mt Clear on November 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Following the gatherings of parents seeking to enrol their children to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation, over 120 children have commenced their preparation. Over the coming weeks these children will prepare to celebrate the Sacrament in our Parish Coordinated, Family based and Catholic school supported program. The celebrations of Confirmation will occur in St Alipius' Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm with Fr Justin.

## CELEBRATIONS FOR FR. MATT

Fr Matt's second anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood and his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday have occurred this week. Unfortunately, he hasn't been well enough to celebrate these two special occasions, so if you see him you might like to wish him well!

## BAPTISMS

Piper May Swayn  
Child of Ryan and Hayley Swayn

Cohen Jack Homberg  
Child of Jason and Tamina Homberg

*The church gives faith to your children through  
Baptism, and you have the task to make it grow.*  
Pope Francis

## SAVE THE DATE

### *Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day*

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Further details to come. Registration will be required to attend. Save the date flyer available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarat-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/>

## PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Catholic Social Services Victoria has published a brochure, "Let's build respectful communities" for parishes across Victoria that provides information about recognising, responding to, and preventing domestic violence, as well as further resources for those seeking help. The brochure forms part of CSSV's ongoing work within the Catholic community to build capacity for the prevention of family and domestic violence. For more information and to download the brochure, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/prevention-of-domestic-violence-against-women/>

## THANK YOU

The parish would like to express its thanks to Frs. Ed and Alex who joined us last weekend to say masses when Fr. Matt was unwell. We are very grateful that they were able to celebrate these Masses.

## BREAD DISTRIBUTION

Each Monday evening from 7.15 pm until 7.45 pm bread is distributed from St. Alipius Hall to those who need it. Any bread which is leftover on Monday night is distributed from the hall again on Tuesday morning. If you know of anyone who would appreciate some bread, please let them know to call into the hall between 7.30 am to collect some or come along and collect some for them. The bread will be available until 10 am unless it's gone before hand.

## PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of  
life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.  
Renew our hearts with your Word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
And teach us to say:  
"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey.  
With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform to the sadness of  
loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the  
Elderly  
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
with the first-fruits of Your peace.  
Amen.



# On Being a Eucharistic People

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The gospel readings for the next two weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. To be without bread was to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it still is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called “first world” know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth’s precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is severely limited.

In John’s account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the “signs” he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd’s response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The “mountain” place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.



Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people is to be found in their care for each other. If they take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the “more-than-enough”, so that nothing is lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Again, we are reminded of those in our world who have access to health care and vaccines and those who do not, of those who have enough food at this time and those who do not. Although the people partially understand Jesus’ identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
2 KINGS 4:42-44  
EPHESIANS 4:1-6  
JOHN 6:1-15

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15  
EPHESIANS 4:17, 20-24  
JOHN 6:24-35



# **JUNIOR INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL**

*An ideal way for beginners to learn the basic skills and rules of Pickleball*

**8 Week Program**

**3 Weeks Coaching/5 Week Competition**

**Wednesdays 31<sup>st</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**4.30pm – 5.30pm**

**\$ 40 for Members or \$60 for Non-Members for  
the 8 Week Program**

**Open to Juniors 10 – 16 years**

**Ballarat Badminton Stadium,  
407 Dowling Street, Wendouree**

**To Register email [ballbadassoc@gmail.com](mailto:ballbadassoc@gmail.com)**

# Sovereign Knights Basketball Club



**Do you love basketball?**

**The new season is starting soon and we are looking for  
players to join our teams from 5-19 years**

**Check out our website or email  
[playercoordinator@skbc.org.au](mailto:playercoordinator@skbc.org.au) for more  
information or to join and  
be a knight for life!**





# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AFTER SCHOOL *care program*

We cater to the needs of all children and offer a range of activities including sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking, creative and expressive arts such as drama, singing and dancing, board games and puzzles and much more. We also provide healthy and delicious snacks.

For more information call 0491 743 126  
or visit [yballarat.org.au](http://yballarat.org.au)

