



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Term 3 Week 10

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### Term 3 (10 weeks)

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

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Free Dress Day: Footy Colours/Sporting Colours

Last day of Term 3  
Classes finish at 2.20pm

### Term 4 (11 weeks)

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

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

First day of Term 4 classes

#### 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

Pupil Free Day

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

Melbourne Cup Holiday  
Pupil Free Day

#### 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

Year 5 Camp

### In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are entering into the last week of Term Three, a term where so much learning and community spirit has been alive throughout our school. It's when time is flying by that we can benefit from taking in the many joys of the present and stepping through the week one day at a time, soaking in the 'little things'.

This last week was bursting with educational experiences - we have had our last night of Student Led Conferences, Year Six Market Day, students competing at Divisional Athletics, Inter School Sports at St James Primary School and a Year Five excursion to Damascus to watch their whole school musical production. These handful of events are representative of the ways in which our students are engaged within a wide range of activities and speak to how we learn with and from others.

A sincere thank you to both staff and families who have worked together to ensure that each of these activities have been so successful and so very rewarding.

A reminder that school concludes for the term this Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.20pm. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.55am.

We wish you a restful school holiday break and look forward to your safe return to St Francis Xavier in Term Four.

### School Uniform

With the warmer weather ahead (we can hope!), full summer uniform is required for Term Four.

There will be a three week transition period at the beginning of the term to allow for Ballarat's fluctuating weather, with the expectation that the Summer uniform will be worn consistently from Week Four. A description of the Summer uniform can be found on our school website and purchases can be made from Crockers. Time to find those hats!

### Footy Colours Day

This Friday is Footy Colours Day. All children are asked to wear their team colours for the day whether that be footy, basketball, netball or soccer (etc) and please bring along a gold coin to donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

### New Playground

After so much planning and fundraising, we are delighted to announce that our new playground will be installed over the holiday break. This playground will replace the existing structure that our Parents and Friends group will remove next weekend. We can only imagine how excited our students will be when they return to school!

Our Parents and Friends committee has been outstanding in their fundraising efforts and we are very grateful for their tireless energy and work.

### Swimming

Our Year One and Two students will participate in the Swimming program in the first week of Term Four. This program will run over the five days and will be held at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. More information regarding the Swimming Program can be found in the Sports/Physical Education section of our newsletter.

### Thank You!

Today marks the end of Hot Chocolate Mondays for another season. Our students absolutely love this option on a chilly Monday morning and we appreciate the helping hands that enable this to happen. Please keep an eye out for the calls to volunteer as we move into Soopa-Doopa's next term.

### Mercy Mass

Mercy Week is celebrated from September 24th and honours our history and connection with Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy. As a Mercy school, these links are critical and influence all that we do, particularly through our school values of Compassion, Justice, Excellence, Hospitality and Respect.

You are invited to join us to celebrate Mercy Week with a Mass at St. Alipius Church, Friday October 11th at 9.30am. All welcome.



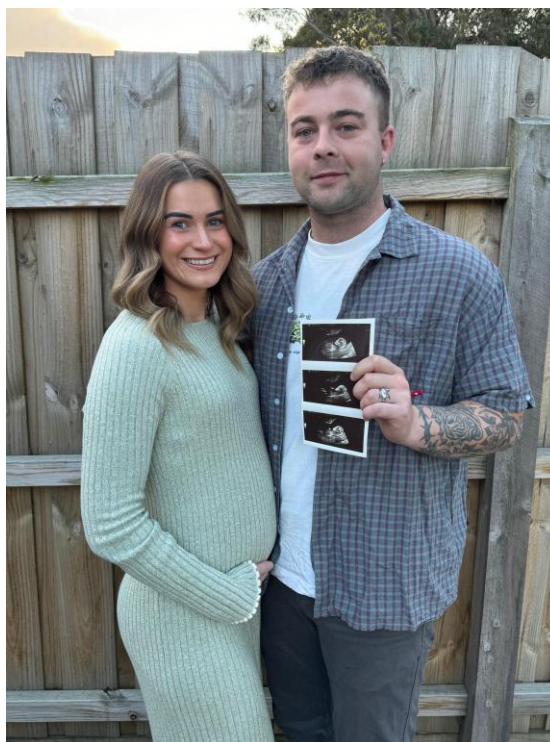
Jayne Mohr,  
Deputy Principal/Learning Diversity



Jane Clark,  
Deputy Principal/Learning Enhancement

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Megan (FMM) and her husband Zach who are expecting a baby girl in March 2025.



## Congratulations to Bethany and Mia

Loreto College has announced their student Leadership for 2025 and it is with great excitement that we congratulate two past students from St Francis Xavier Primary School who have been chosen to lead Loreto.

Congratulations to Bethany Ryan who has been appointed Co Captain of the College and Mia Quinlan Performing Arts Captain. Bethany and Mia graduated from SFX in 2019.

We wish them all the best with their roles as they lead Loreto in its 150<sup>th</sup> year and every success with their studies.



## Religious Education News

**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday September 15th, 2024 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35** Then Jesus and his disciples went away to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Tell me, who do people say I am?"

"Some say that you are John the Baptist," they answered; "others say that you are Elijah, while others say that you are one of the prophets."

"What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Then Jesus ordered them, "Do not tell anyone about me."

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life." He made this very clear to them. So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But Jesus turned around, looked at his disciples, and rebuked Peter. "Get away from me, Satan," he said. "Your thoughts don't come from God but from human nature!" Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. "If any of you want to come with me," he told them, "you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for me and for the gospel, you will save it." (*Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation*)

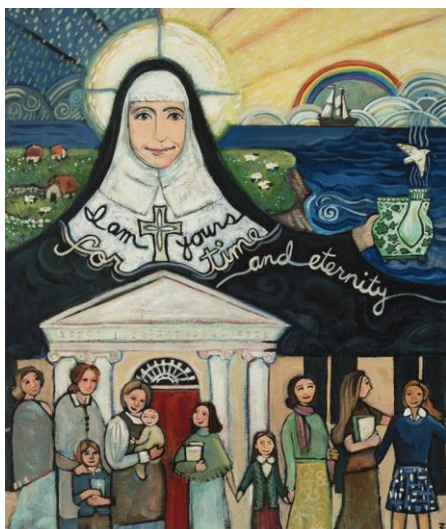
**Gospel reflection:** Peter believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He has faith in Jesus, but then Jesus starts to tell the disciples about what will happen to him- that he will suffer and be killed, and after three days he will rise again. Peter struggles to believe all this - he feels afraid that Jesus might leave them and he wants to protect Jesus from harm because he cares about him.

Jesus tells us that it will not always be easy to follow him, but that we must have courage, because God will always be with us. Can you think of a time when you were afraid and needed courage?

What does it mean to follow Jesus? What can we do to show that we are following Jesus? Can you think of a time when you have found it difficult to do what you knew was right and follow Jesus? Why was it so difficult?

**Our Challenge:** Will you be brave in the coming week? What will you do over the coming week to show that you follow Jesus? (Adapted from CAFOD website)

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### Invitation to Term Four Mercy Mass

A warm invitation is extended to all our families, friends and parish members who would like to join us in celebrating our start of Term Four Whole School Mercy Mass.

Please know you do not have to be Catholic or a regular churchgoer to attend these celebrations - everyone is always welcome here at St Francis Xavier!

Time: 9.30am

Date: Friday October 11, 2024

Venue: St Alipius Church (Victoria St Ballarat)

### FREE DRESS DAY!

On Friday September 20, we will be having a Free Dress Day to raise money for Children's Cancer Research. Please bring along a gold coin donation to support this fantastic cause.

Children are welcome to dress in any sporting or interest based attire they choose- think footy colours, basketball gear, netball outfits, gymnastics, drama club or musical theme.....



Christine Meneely, Religious Education Leader



Many thanks go to our children and teachers who have over the last two weeks conducted their Student Led Conferences. Student Led Conferences are designed to:

- assist students with demonstrating evidence of their learning
- assist students with learning the process of reflection and self evaluation
- develop students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- encourage students, parents and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- increase parent understanding of their child's learning- students and parents need to leave a Student Led Conference feeling well informed about the student's learning journey



Please remember to visit your child/ren's Seesaw page as we continue to post their 'real time' learning. We encourage you to make a comment. Thank you for supporting the work both your child and their teacher have made for these posts. All classes use the Seesaw Digital Portfolio platform for assessment and reporting purposes. Assessment and reporting are integral to our planned approaches to teaching and learning and assist the improvement of student learning outcomes for all. A Digital Portfolio is a collection of student assessment tasks, learning samples and learning experiences that are associated with the Victorian Curriculum standards and school continuums. The collection of work is often gathered over a long period of time to reflect what has been taught as well as what has been achieved. Each learning piece in the portfolio is selected because it is an authentic representation of what has been learned and will therefore demonstrate current knowledge and skills.

Enjoy your term 3 holidays.

Jane Clark, **Deputy Principal / Learning Enhancement**

## Sport/Physical Education News

### Division Athletics

Congratulations and well done to all of the students that were involved at last week's Eureka Division Athletics at Llanberris. On a chilly but sunny day, all of the students gave their best efforts and performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to the following students that have qualified for the Greater Western Regional Athletics event early next Term: *Nellie Cheeseman, Pippa Dalton, Jed Hynes, Mitch Kane, Sam Norris, Jackson Roberts, Amelia Sordello, Archer Spackman and Alexis Toohey*. A huge thank you to the families that came along and supported the students.

Good luck to all of the students and staff that will be involved in sporting Grand Finals this weekend!

### 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 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 3 - Friday Oct 25th - 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)

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- Week 4 - Friday Nov 1st - Junior Sports Day @ Russell Square (All students from F - Yr 2)
- 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 an awesome week.



Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator

### Attachments

#### ASSEMBLY AWARDS 13<sup>th</sup> September Hosted by 3DW Theme: Hospitality

We welcome and include others. Hospitality means welcoming other people to a home, business or school.

We show hospitality because Jesus teaches us to include everyone and show them they are welcome.

FLH	Max Yates & Lola Troon	4GH	Eliza Simpson and Joe Trigg
FGJ	Imogen Curtain and Callum Purtell	4ML	Alexis Toohey and James Bosworth
FTW	Harry McMahon & Jimmy Robinson	4BO	Chloe Wilson and Nixon George
FMM	Millie Van Gaans & Lucinda Bartlett	5CC	Luella Dunstun and Aria Treacy
1JS	Harvey Mason & Piper Swayn	5MA	Michelle-May Lunn and Isla Tongs
1EM	Alfie Brennan and Noa Cavanagh	5JW	Ava Vallance and Cruize Van Langevelde
1MV	Daulat Singh Gill & Evy Faull	6PB	<b>No year 6 awards due to inter-school sport @ St James</b>
2RR	Paddy Quinlan and Vivienne Young	6ZA	
2CK	Matilda Bell and Noah McGregor	6MM	
2JS	Ted Answer and Jude Reus	EE	
3JE	Maeve Tongs and Hamish Nicholls	PA	Nicolas Taylor and Noah McGregor 2CK for their hospitality towards each other while they worked together in music
3JV	Byron Morton and Edie Waldron	VA	Sophie McNeill, Sadie Buntsma, Eliza Simpson and Nathaniel Abraham (4GH)
3DW	Baxter Steinman and Daisy Howard	PE	Darcie Richardson & Rory Dunne
		Tch	Harry McMahon & Scottie Toohey (FTW)



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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Faith without good works is dead.”

# 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 11:00 am Mercy Place –  
parishioners welcome

Thurs & Fri 9:30 AM

Thurs 2pm – Funeral Mass (Kevin  
Cooper)

Sat 9:30 AM, 8:00 PM Vigil

Sun 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:** Paul Dodd, Kevin Cooper, Joan Rhodes

### Anniversaries:

**Unwell:** 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  
Principal – St. Alipius School  
Phone: 5331 1816

## 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.



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## WELCOME BISHOP PAUL

This weekend we are please to welcome Bishop Paul Bird to the parish of Ballarat East. 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 'from the Murray to the Sea.' Bishop Paul has said that *"Our 150th anniversary will be an opportunity for each community throughout our diocese to remember those who have gone before us, those who have laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and the social services and health care that are provided in our diocese today. The anniversary will be an opportunity to review our history, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. It will be a chance to take stock of where we are now and look ahead to how we can live as a truly Christian community, sharing the good news of Christ, in the years to come."*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council met during the past week with members of the Council - Teresa Fletcher, Martin McGettigan (chair), Dianne McKeegan, Claire Stewart, together with ex-officio members Frs Justin and Matt, Mark Hogbin (representing the Principals and Catholic Schools in the Parish) and Cathy Prunty (Parish Coordinator). Judith Glaubitz was welcomed to the meeting and will join the Council as a Buninyong community member.

From the parishioners nominated to be our Parish delegates to the Diocesan Assembly (November 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>) the Council discerned Rachel Allan and Cathy Prunty. We thank Cathy and Rachel for their willingness to participate in the Assembly that will focus on Leadership and Governance for a Synodal Church. They will join Dianne Reynolds and Damian Ryan from the Bungaree Parish and Mark Conlan and Sue Daly from the Gordon Parish. As the delegates from our Ministry District.

Safeguarding is a continuing agenda item at the Council meetings with the deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup> for completion of the Safetrac online training noted. Of those parishioners required to complete the Safetrac training, only those who have done so will be able to continue in their ministries after October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need assistance to complete Safetrac or are unsure if you are required to do so please contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Council met during the week with the members of the Council - Teresa Fletcher, Brett Holloway, Lauren Morris, Paul O'Beirne (chair), Greg O'Beirne and John White with ex-officio members Frs Justin and Matt, Cathy Prunty (Parish Coordinator) and Matt, Bernadette Prestwood (Finance Officer). Resignations were received from Susan Begbie as a member of the Council and Bernadette Prestwood has also resigned from her position as Finance Officer for the six Parishes of Ballarat. The recruitment of a new Finance Officer is underway. The Council continues its strategic and master planning of the Ballarat East site, continuing dialogue with ECKA and Catholic Education for the future of the St Alipius Kindergarten. Very early conversations are taking place with ACU exploring the possibilities for some of the existing buildings being leased to accommodate tertiary students.

## BECOMING A SYNODAL CHURCH

What does 'becoming a synodal church' mean in our region of Oceania?

### WEBINAR

Wednesday 18 September 2024 5:30 pm AEST

The opportunities and challenges in our region, with its diverse cultures, social structures and histories, not least of which is the impact of climate change on our unique environment, are critical issues for us all.

In the lead up to the second session on *Synodality in October 2024*, we will hear from four people from our region – one from each of the four *Bishops' Conferences of Oceania* – on how they envisage synodality happening in their region. Two are official delegates to the *Synod on Synodality*, and all have been closely involved in the writing of documents collating responses from our areas. The panel of speakers – who will make for a stimulating and informative synodal forum – will include: Fr Victor Roche SVD, Kelly Paget, Susan Sela, Manuel Beazley. Christina Reymer will moderate the event.

## FAREWELL BERN PRESTWOOD

We offer our thanks and best wishes to Bernadette Prestwood who has been the Finance Officer for the parish for the past two years. Bern has resigned from this role due to family commitments and will be missed.



## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our planned giving program. Your generosity is appreciated.

Supporting our parish priests	\$878
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$393.50

If you have any queries about your Planned Giving, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office and we would be very happy to help out where we can.

## SPIRITUAL HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE

This week Fr Justin will accompany the next cohort of DOBCEL principals to Ireland including Emily Clarke (St Alipius), Ethan Corfee (Emmaus), Mark Hogbin (St Francis Xavier) and Clare Scanlon (St Mary's Clarke's Hill) and others. The pilgrims will explore the spiritual heritage of the Diocese of Ballarat and the founders of the Religious Congregations that were missioned from Ireland to Australia and have contributed so significantly to Catholic education and the life of the Australian Church. Across our ministry district these include Catherine McAuley (Sisters of Mercy) in Baggott St Dublin, Nano Nagle (Presentation Sisters), Cork and Edmund Rice (Christian Brothers) Waterford.

*"Pilgrimages are as old as time itself and of almost universal significance. They were very much part of the Celtic tradition. It is said that all pilgrimages spring from a deep yearning for an encounter with the Divine. This yearning draws people to special places associated with the Divine, whatever their faith. To be a pilgrim is to invite change, conversion, new perspectives, a deeper life."*

## BAPTISMS

**Frederic Wayne Claude David Detragiache**  
Child of Dorian and Gemma Detragiache

*"I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*

## WISDOM AT THE CATHEDRAL

All are welcome to hear Fr Shawn Murphy ibp present *From Paris to Chartres to Eternity* at the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7.00pm. Father Murphy, an experienced pilgrim of the famous Paris-Chartres pilgrimage, which attracts tens of thousands of people each year in Holy Week, will share his experiences and reflections on pilgrimage as an enriching journey not only for the body but for the mind and soul. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley at [fionalouisebradley@gmail.com](mailto:fionalouisebradley@gmail.com)

## ANNIVERSARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all who have contributed to information for our Parish anniversary on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Next Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, people will gather again to plan the next stages of this anniversary. If you would like to join us to help out, you would be more than welcome. We will meet in the hall at 3pm.

## WEEK OF PRAYER AND ACTION

*CASPA's - National Week of Prayer and Action: September 16 – 20, 2024*

Each year, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) holds a National Week of Prayer and Action and celebrates World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This National Week of Prayer and Action will focus on "Journeying together with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum." There will be an online webinar on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm with a panel of speakers to explore further what "Journeying together with refugees and people seeking asylum" entails. Panel speakers will provide different perspectives and expertise within the sector: David Manne (Human rights lawyer and Executive Director, Refugee Legal) and Sharon Sherwood (Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach). Chair of CAPSA and Jesuit Social Services CEO, Julie Edwards, will chair the discussion. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/capsa-webinar-national-week-of-prayer-and-action-journeying-together-with-refugees-and-people-seeking-asylum>

# “The Wisdom to Seek a Deeper Understanding”

Gospel reflection by **Veronica Lawson RSM**

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow. Two questions ("Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?") are addressed to our forbears in faith communities of the late first century as well as to Christians across the millennia. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what "the people" say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus?

In response to Jesus' second question ("Who do you say that I am?"), Peter gets the words right: Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, God's anointed messenger. It becomes clear, however, that Peter has a very different notion from Jesus of what it means to be the Messiah or the Christ.

This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first-century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God's Messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God's empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not out in front obstructing the path to wisdom and life.

Our experience of global conflicts should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. We have learnt from bitter experience that war does little to bring peace and justice. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to both perceived and real injustice.

It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel.

*It may call us to ensure that all have access to a more equitable share of earth resources.*

It may call us to ensure that all have access to a more equitable share of earth resources. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. In this Season of Creation, the Sunday gospels call us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of the Christ, the anointed agent of God's empire.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS 24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
James 3:16 – 4:3  
Mark 9:30-37



**JUNIOR  
INDOOR  
SOCCER**

**FOR AGES 5 TO 13**  
**PAY AS YOU PLAY, NO SIGN UP FEE**

<b>5 &amp; 6</b> YEAR OLDS SATURDAYS 9.20AM	<b>7, 8 &amp; 9</b> YEAR OLDS SATURDAYS 10.00AM	<b>10 &amp; 11</b> YEAR OLDS SATURDAYS 10.30AM
<b>7, 8 &amp; 9</b> YEAR OLDS FRIDAYS 5:30 - 6PM	<b>9, 10 &amp; 11</b> YEAR OLDS FRIDAYS 6 - 6:30PM	<b>11, 12 &amp; 13</b> YEAR OLDS FRIDAYS 6:30 - 7PM

**FREE CLINIC EVERY  
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Hi to all St Francis Xavier Primary School students and families,  
The Ballarat Junior Golf Academy is getting ready for a big Spring and Summer of Junior Golf at Mt Xavier Golf Club.

From Monday 7th October I'm conducting a ten week program at the the Mt Xavier golf club and I'm inviting you to enrol now as Junior Golf has enormous momentum in our area right now and many of the students at St Francis Xavier are interested or already play golf.

Each class offering is now advertised with training only or training with a golf club membership as we would like to handle the mini hurdle of Membership, golflink, course access for the kids seven days a week and handicap so the process is a lot more seamless and allows for competition play at all ages and levels.

You can also enrol in a free trial lesson for St Francis Xavier Primary School Students on Wednesday 2nd October that will be held 2.00pm to 4.00pm

No clubs no problem everything will be supplied.

To enrol in a program or a trial lesson at Mt Xavier golf club go here



<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/facility/Mount+Xavier+Golf+Club>

Just a reminder of what we do  
Train champions; our record is great!  
Win State and National awards for our support of Juniors!  
Support Ballarat District Golf with tournaments for kids all year round!  
Provide transport and opportunities every month for higher level tournament play across Metropolitan and other country regions!  
Support every junior golfer regardless of skill level or age!  
Consult to and work with Golf Australia, Westvic Academy of Sport, State Schools of Victoria and various other Golf clubs.

Any questions about Junior golf I can always be contacted on email or on Mobile 0409 403276.

All the best

Andrew Cartledge

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**Brown Hill Cricket Club**



Reid Street , Brown Hill



# Come Join Us

Brown Hill Cricket Club Junior training commences Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October for

**U13's, U15's & U17's**

Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

**U11's** will commence training

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

## **Woolworths Cricket Blast**

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

Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

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# 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.

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