

22 Lawson Street, Spring Gully.
Ph: 5441 1814 Bookings essential

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eileen McKinley, Jack Dullard, Virginia Petraglia, Maryanne Maher, Leo Janssen Snr, Mary Robert, Monique Bowe, Paula Drum, Tyler Ruschmeyer, Dina Wallbank (formerly *Martin*), Robert Temple, Nita Atkins

PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for Laurie Butler.

PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Flo & Bernie Comer, Win Tuddenham (formerly Maher).

BAPTISMS

We welcome **Oscar Stephen Kline**, son of Samuel and Sarah, and **Catherine Mary McCarthy**, daughter of Denis and Jennifer, to our spiritual family

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION

FIRST EUCHARIST

This year 109 children from our parish will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. The celebration will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 29 August at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All welcome. The children to be baptised on that day will be anointed during Parish Masses.

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no Children's Liturgy on August 29

AXE CREEK DEVELOPMENT

This weekend Roger Barbetti will update us on the expansion of St Joseph's Church at Axe Creek. Bryan Scott will speak at Axedale.

"WHY THE LOSER WON"

4 DVD set on St Paul featuring Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Two sets are available for loan from the Parish Office. Please put your name down at the Office so you can be contacted when a set is available.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

As preparation for our Thanksgiving program, there will be a **census card to be filled in at all masses this weekend**. Our Parish Thanksgiving renewal: 14 Sept - 7 Nov 2010. Key dates: 25/26 Sept, 2/3, 9/10 & 16/17 Oct.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin & Barb Gallagher who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Eileen Martin who celebrates her 90th birthday on Sunday.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Heather Slater and Josie Vendy will be replacing Mon Fitzgerald as co-ordinators of the Social Group. We wish them all the best and thank them for their generosity. A BIG thank you to Mon for her great care of so many people for the past 21 years!

NEW SIGN

Nicole Johnson has organised a fantastic new sign for MacKillop House. Her brother, Andrew Mitchell of Collmill Design, has donated it to us.

ROB GALEA'S LATEST CD: Divine Mercy Chaplet. Now available from the Parish Office. Cost \$20. (\$5 of each sale will go towards WYD fundraising).

ADVANCE NOTICE:

"Jesus the Christ" e-Conference with Fr Gerald O'Collins, SJ. Thurs 16 Sept 10.30am - 3.00pm.

A FAREWELL FOR SR ANNE

COSSAR will be held at 10.30am Mass at St Therese's this weekend. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: Axe Creek

portable, Wed 25 August, 7.30pm.

AXE CREEK FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all who supported the mini bazaar at the polling booths at Strathfieldsaye Uniting Church.

The **Winter Raffle** is underway. Raffle will be drawn on Fathers' Day.

Winter Cabaret will be held in St

Therese's Hall on Sat 11 Sept. Cost: \$15. BYO drinks and nibbles. Over 18's only. Contact Anne on 5439 4196 or Kerri on 5439 5905 for tickets.

COLUMBANS THANK YOU

"Many thanks from the Columbans for giving Ray and me the opportunity to speak about our missionary work and do the Far East promotion on the weekend of July 31 - Aug 1. The very generous response was a total of \$2,806.65 including 23 new subscriptions to the Far East. Thanks for your warm welcome and hospitality, and a most pleasant time around the dinner table." Fr Robert McCulloch.

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE 55 year

Foundation REUNION 9-10 Oct.

Dinner Sat night, Mass & lunch Sun.

Bookings essential. Info: Alumni Office:

alumni@ccb.vic.edu.au or visit

www.ccb.vic.edu.au/community/alumni/pages/events.html

Ensure you are registered to get updates.

LIFE TEEN!

Come join us at the Youth Mass at 6pm on Sun 5 Sept at St Kilian's. After Mass, head to the Parish Centre for the Life Night (7.15pm-9.00pm). Free food, free friends, free fun! Want more details?

Contact Sally on 0457 676 678 or Cassandra on 0488 172 780.

Have Facebook? Join the **Bendigo Youth Ministry** group!

THE GIANNA CENTRE seek

donations of baby furniture in very good condition. Prams (inc twin), highchairs, cots, car seats, bassinette, anything! All donations will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help please phone the Centre on 5442 4644.

VOLUNTEER MECHANIC NEEDED

The Catholic Mission of Brahma, part of the Archdiocese of Papua New Guinea, is looking for a volunteer mechanic who could do some work on all their caterpillar machines such as D4 and D6 bulldozers, grader and track loader. Please contact Kieran MacMahon on 0428 448 862 for more details. This is a great way of using our talents and gifts to help others.

THE ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY is holding a *Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia Auction* at Pratty's Patch, 35 Monsants Rd, Maiden Gully, on Tues 24 Aug at 7.30pm. Local artwork and other items will also be auctioned. Contact Alison on 5443 1683.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA is calling for donations to provide emergency relief to the 20 million people affected by flooding in Pakistan. Torrential rain has seen millions of people evacuated from the flood waters after losing everything. Your donation will help provide life saving assistance. To support the Caritas Australia Pakistan Floods Appeal, call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636.

THE ANNUAL MARIAN FESTIVAL

will be held at the Sacred Heart

Cathedral on Sun 19 Sept. Mass at 11am, afternoon devotions from 1.15pm. All welcome.

BENDIGO REGIONAL FORUM

The Bendigo Forum of Parish Pastoral Councils will be held at St Joseph's Church, Quarry Hill, at 7.30pm on Wed 15 Sept. All members of the Parish Council are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY AND WORSHIP

Angela's column

Worry - waste of time. We can waste so much energy worrying that sometimes we lose sight of the issue. This week I watched two magpies digging for worms in the sunshine. As they relished their meal, I thought *'Look at the birds in the air. They neither reap nor sow nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than the birds?'* Matt:6:26

Worry is so destructive. How can we worry and trust God at the same time? When I broke my leg my first thoughts were: denial - 'its only sprained, I'll be OK once the pain subsides'. Then reality hit: 'NO! I've got a pilgrimage to go on, RCIA program needs to start. Who's going to care for the family, cook, clean etc. Then the best thing happened - I fainted, I was out of it for about 45 minutes. *'To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven'* (Ecc 3:1) 'there is a reason'. Two choices: worry or pray. When life gets tough I pray 'Lord, this is too hard, I need you to carry me'. And He did, this time in the form of support from wonderful parishioners and family. Lachlan and John have had to do household chores and look after mum. I've actually enjoyed being grounded,

my leg is healing, and Lachlan is confident that he and dad will manage when I'm on the Pilgrimage. Life is good. Don't worry, just pray and trust. I find that life's struggles offer great opportunities for growing our faith.

Angela Stark, Pastoral Associate

Anne's Column

Never underestimate the power of Random Acts of Kindness. They mean more than you will ever know to the recipient, who is generally going about the daily routine, when "Wow!!" someone does something kind and totally unexpected. The recipient is lifted up in joy - we all need lots of joy. That happened to me the other day. I received a gift. (It's not my birthday. I don't think it's quite Christmas - yet.) A small parcel and a card awaited me. The card, full of loving concern and blessing, moved me to tears. The giver had been present to me when I told a little of my story a few months ago. She remembered. When I opened the gift, it was a small symbol of the subject. The **really** amazing thing was that the timing was absolutely perfect; the gift was much more meaningful than it may have been a week ago because of experiences I had in the meantime. The giver followed her heart and blessed mine. I encourage you to follow your heart if you have a thought to do something for someone. Seize the moment, and bless both of you. Naturally, this is pertinent to what I'm on about in building community. The glue holding community together is care for each other. We need to take any opportunity to reach out. It may be a phone call, a visit, a hello to someone

in the garden. It may be a cuppa, a lift
to Mass, a flower or a hug. Be creative!

Increase someone's joy!
Anne Hubbard, Zone Coordinator

LITURGY PAGE

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 August 2010

Isaiah 66:18-21; Ps 116; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

EXPLORING THE WORD

The Jews thought of themselves as the chosen people so they were in a privileged relationship with God. In this text Jesus shatters some illusions. There is no privileged entry to the kingdom of God by those who see themselves as 'religious insiders'. This is equally directed to the disciples. It is not enough that they have shared a meal with Jesus or have heard his word. They must respond to that word and act on it. They must enter by the narrow door, and this requires great effort, or else those who thought themselves 'inside' could find themselves 'outside' while others, 'the outsiders' will find their way ahead of them. This radical reversal of values and expectations echoes the sentiments of Mary's prayer, the Magnificat, of last week's Gospel.

- Getting through the narrow door is difficult and we may feel tempted to go around instead. Is there a narrow door in your life which you must go through rather than around?
- What does it mean that those who are first will later be last?

