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Bulletin Highlights

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

9th Sept 2018



The story line to the picture is contained in this week's Gospel which is printed on the back page. While standing on the shores of the Sea of Galilee just before ascending to Heaven, Jesus told his disciples "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me; go therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Jesus' authority includes authority over the laws of nature.



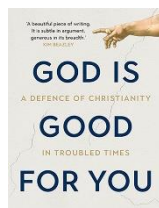
Holy Communion Programme

After all Masses this week, the FHC timeline will be distributed to those families with children in at least Year 3 at school, and who have been baptised and who have completed the Sacrament of Penance programme. Parents can be assured of a most fulfilling experience when they readily embrace the requirements of the programme especially in attending Sunday Mass with their children.

Sunday Mass should not be regarded as a burden or imposition. It is the high moment of the week when we can try to unite our lives to God who through the Father creates us, through the Son redeems us and through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us. Deep and enduring gratitude is the best and most appropriate response.



Personal Reading: The very good and topical book mentioned by Father Michael last week was entitled "God is Good For You" by Greg Sheridan. There are many complimentary references to our own politicians.





St Vincent de Paul Society

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St Vincent De Paul Drought Appeal

Gratitude is once again extended to our many parishioners who contributed so generously to the drought appeal. An amount of \$4,817 was raised. There's no doubt that if the same level of generosity is offered across the nation, a very substantial volume of funds will be available for relief to those farmers seriously in need. Many thanks.



Upcoming Feasts

Thursday 13 September ~ John Chrysostom (b. 349) After a brilliant course of studies, he began to lead a life of austerity and later ordained a priest. He became widely acclaimed as an outstanding preacher, becoming known as John of the Golden Mouth. He became Bishop of Constantinople and made considerable progress in reforming the morals of both clergy and people. He was undermined because of jealousy and twice sent into exile. He died from exhaustion.

Friday 14 September ~ Exaltation of the Cross. More noble, more precious than anything on earth, it is indeed a treasure, for in it and through it all the riches of our salvation were stored away and restored to us.

Saturday 15 September ~ Our Lady of Sorrows. Regarded as the Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom, this feast recalls how Mary stood by the cross and shared in her Son's passion. Jesus' side was pierced by a lance. Mary's soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow. This feast recalls that moment of the crucifixion in which between Jesus and Mary, love and sorrow are united totally and completely.



Magdalene Immersion Students

Year 11 students from Magdalene College are taking part this year in a newly formed programme entitled "Immersion". This wonderful initiative will sponsor the building of playgrounds for children with disabilities in the Belem (Bethlehem) Orphanage in Vietnam, which for a few years now has been supported by Father Joe and parishioners of Camden. A little painting will also be undertaken upon the interior of the buildings. The students will be travelling to the orphanage with Father Joe as chaplain. The tour group is not expected to require a local interpreter or translator.



National Catholic Men's Conference



BE AWAKE 19-21 October 2018, Stanwell Tops

MenALIVE and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for the men of this nation. The time has come to bring together over 30 years of powerful ministry experience and capability led by the most passionate and dedicated leadership team ever assembled in men's ministry. Be inspired, be transformed. This will be an extraordinary event

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