



St. John the Beloved  
LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

91 Carroll Crescent (PO Box 193)  
Glen Iris Victoria 3146

No. 57

Harbinger

December 2015

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

#### Matters Arboreal

The Norfolk Pine tree adjacent to the back corner of the church has been removed – a mere \$1,000! It was diseased and had to be removed, apart from being too close to the wall. The result has been to open up the back garden, its trees, bushes and flowers, so beautifully prepared and maintained by Kathy. Next time you are at St. John's, take a moment and have a look at this delightful setting.

#### Matters Electrical

Parishioners will have noticed over the past few months that the lights in the social room have not been operating, and that Marion and Ron have had to resort to a lamp connected to the power point to give them sufficient illumination in the organ alcove.

One of the challenges for our property manager (Russell Cole) is to find someone who is available and reliable. This has now been achieved. The next challenge is for the electrician to locate a supplier of pre-metric fluorescent lights! Nothing's easy.

#### Parish Dinner

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November a parish dinner was held at the home of Blanche White. Blanche was a wonderful host and we all had a lovely time of fellowship. Thank you Blanche!

#### Facebook

An initiative of the parish last month was to launch a parish Facebook. This is in the hands of Libby Shade and Katie Blakely. It is updated at least once a week. It looks marvellous! Thank you Libby and Katie!

The address/key words are: Liberal Catholic Church Melbourne.

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### ADVENT TALKS

#### **THEME: THE COMING OF THE KING**

Presented by the Very Rev. Frederick A. Shade  
Vicar, St. John The Beloved Melbourne

#### TALK No. 1

The Advent Season:  
The Comings of Christ  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon

#### TALK No. 2

The Lord's Prayer:  
Communion with the Father  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon

#### TALK No. 3

Church Building & Design:  
Communion with the Son  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am.

## CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Liberal Catholic Church takes as its date of foundation the consecration of James Ingall Wedgwood. This took place in London on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1916. The Presiding Bishop has asked that all parishes and centres around the world celebrate the Centenary of our Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The General Episcopal Synod of the LCC will be in session (in New Mexico) at this time. We are asked to include the GES in our prayers during that period, and also to give thanks for the 100 years of the Liberal Catholic Church. At the regular Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist, St. John's will join in those celebrations in Melbourne.

## PONDERING THE MYSTERIES OF THE EUCHARIST

Contemplation ... the word may disturb us, however it simply means to think more deeply and in silence in the Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. In every Catholic Church the flickering red light announces the presence of the Eucharistic Lord. It is more a time of quiet, silence, stillness rather than rushing into many prayers... recall the Psalmist who wrote, "Be still and know that I am God." It is like being with a loved one without many words being spoken, yet with a real awareness of the presence of the loved one. A silent communication of love without words. Maybe similar to a mother and baby who gaze at each other wordlessly, yet bonding in a manner that baffles description. In the presence of the Eucharist be aware that you are loved beyond your imagining... and be still!

Father Edward Wood, SSS

Blessed Sacrament Congregation, St. Francis' Church, Melbourne

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### December

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday of Advent Intent: Self-forgetfulness
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Intent: Love
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Advent Intent: Right Action
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday after the Nativity

### January 2016

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Second Sunday after the Nativity
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Epiphany (octave)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism of Our Lord (octave)

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## OFFICERS OF THE PARISH

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