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Year 3–6 Athletics Carnival

DEAR FAMILIES,

Thanks to all the helpers who sold a fantastic range of gifts for the Mother’s Day stall. Thanks also to all the parents who supported the stall by allowing their child/ren to buy the gifts. I’m certain all Mum’s on Mother’s Day would have been delighted with their gifts. Thanks for your support!!

As Resurrection Families let us live and share the Joy of the Gospel.
MOTHER’S DAY

Thanks to all the Mums and Grandmothers who attended our celebrations last week. (More photos on our “WHAT’S ON BOARD”.)
SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Last week on the 7th of May, the Year 5 and 6 Social Justice Group held its first event of 2015, a Cupcake and Cookie bake sale. With the help of parents who assisted with baking, and the staff who helped at the stall, the students were able to raise $196.90! What an amazing achievement.

We would like to thank parents, the staff, and all the students who participated in anyway during our first initiative. We are looking forward to what’s planned for the Social Justice group for the rest of the year! Our next event is a Down-ball tournament on Thursday 21st of May. Thank you!

WORKING BEE

Please keep in mind our next WORKING BEE, which will start at 8.30am on Saturday 13th June. Remember that working bees are a vital way of improving our school environment. There are many parents who, due to work and other commitments, cannot assist during our normal school week. Our working bees are a great opportunity to meet other parents and assist your child’s school at the same time.

I invite parents who have their eldest child in Middle School (Years 3 & 4) to attend as your one working bee commitment for the year.

Dear Mr. Kremers,

The __________________________ family are able to attend the working bee on Saturday 13th June.

Number of adults ___________ Eldest child’s name ___________________ Year _____
Many people think that Confirmation is about receiving the Holy Spirit for the first time. However, Baptism is when we receive the Holy Spirit. For a long time in the early church, the number of Christians remained fairly small, small enough for the Bishop to be involved in the initiation of every person who was coming into the Christian community.

Christians of a particular city would come together with their Bishop at the Easter Vigil. In a separate building, a priest or deacon would baptise the new Christians. After they were baptised with water they would put on white robes and go straight to the Bishop. The Bishop would then seal, that is confirm and endorse their baptism. This would be done, either by laying hands on the newly baptised and/or anointing with the holy oil of chrism. With a prayer that the Holy Spirit would continue to be present to them, the Bishop would send the new Christians to join the faithful gathered around the altar, the table of the Lord. This would be the first time they would stay with the others for the whole of the Eucharist and receive Communion. The Bishop sealed Baptism and opened the door at once to Holy Communion.

Whenever Confirmation is celebrated, the ritual endorses, highlights and rejoices in the gift of the Holy Spirit to all the baptised followers of Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit makes us Christians. It was first given in Baptism; it is renewed in Confirmation; and it is strengthened each time we share in the Eucharist.

On the 15th and 22nd May at 7.00pm Bishop Vincent Long Nguyen will confirm the 2015 Confirmation Candidates.

We pray for them that they may use the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’ throughout their lives. It is timely for all of us to reflect on the Gifts of the Spirit and how and when we use them.

*The Seven Gifts of the Spirit are:*

**Wisdom:**
To accept from God and learn to grow through all that happens to me.

**Understanding:**
To listen, to think things through, to be able to put myself in others’ shoes.

**Right Judgement:**
To be able to choose what is good and true.

**Courage:**
To accept difficulties and challenges in my life.

**Knowledge:**
To willingly learn about and develop my relationships with God and other people.

**Reverence:**
To have respect and care for myself, all people and all the things of our world.

**Wonder and Awe in his presence:**
To be in awe at the wonders God has done for me.

While all those being confirmed will gather with members of their family and special friends for this occasion, their Confirmation is a reminder for us too of the Spirit that has been gifted to us. The Spirit comes to us as a source of courage and strength to face the variety of challenges in our lives. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are also given to us so that we can respond with compassion to all those who have been knocked about by life’s experiences.
**REVERENCE**

Then Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

[Luke 2:51-52]

**COURAGE**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance and the light.

[Colossians 1:11-12]

**RIGHT JUDGEMENT**

When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit. The one who endures till the end will be saved.

[Mark 13:11, 13b]

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**FRIDAY 15TH MAY**

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Bishop Vincent Long Nguyen & Rev. Noel Brady

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

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**WONDER AND AWE**

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all in common

[Acts 2:23-44]

**KNOWLEDGE**

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless.

[Philippians 1:9-10]

**UNDERSTANDING**

Jesus said, 'You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves and how many baskets you gathered?

[Matthew 16:8-9]

**WISDOM**

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality of hypocrisy.

[James 3:17]
Pentecost is the great celebration that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Apostles and Mary, together with many of Jesus’ disciples, were indoors when a sound like a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire hovered over their heads. They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

It is to Jesus that we look to see what life and growth we should pursue, for it was Jesus who showed us how to live the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. We admire the wisdom expressed in His parables, His understanding of the poor and the sick, His right judgement when tested by the Pharisees, His courage to continue the journey to Jerusalem when He knew what fate would await Him, His knowledge of God’s will, His reverence for His Father, His awe before the wonders of creation.

Pope Francis says “The Holy Spirit is truly transforming us, and through us he also wants to transform the world in which we live. Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided by him, and allow God’s constant help to make us new men and women, inspired by the love of God which the Holy Spirit bestows on us! How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, and older person! How beautiful!” (4/28/13, Confirmation) (http://globalfellows.crs.org/resources/selected-quotes-of-pope-francis/)

The Spirit of the first Pentecost began a life’s journey in the Apostles and disciples, as they shared the life of Jesus with other people. So, too, is the Spirit of Pentecost with our young people as, hopefully, they live and share the life of Jesus with the people in their lives. Of course, they will need example and encouragement from their parents.

Help Needed

Help is needed for next Wednesday 20th May at 9.30am to sort and distribute the Billy G’s Cookie Dough to the families. Please leave your name at the office if you are able to assist us on that day.

Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews

Please note that Parent/Child/Teacher interviews will be held on:

Monday 22nd June - 2.00 pm - 7.30 pm

The teachers have made themselves available to discuss the children in their class; I hope all parents are able to meet with their child’s teacher. This year we will be using the online appointment booking system. More information will be sent home soon indicating how parents can book a time.
EARLY FINISH

On Monday 22nd June, we will be having our mid–year parent/child/teacher interviews from 2.00pm onwards. Children will be dismissed at 1.45pm on this day. However, we are able to supervise some children whose parents cannot pick them up from school at this time until 3.15pm. We will also offer normal after school care on this day (if your child is registered as per normal we will take them).

Dear Mr. Kremers,

I, __________________________ am unable to attend to pick my child/ren up from school on Monday 22nd June until 3.15pm.

Child’s name _______________________________ Year _____ Room ______
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Child’s name _______________________________ Year _____ Room ______

Parent signature_______________________

SCHOOL REVIEW

Next week our school will be undertaking the process of external school review, a practice undertaken by schools throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne every four years.

Under the banner of continuous improvement, this process of review provides a great opportunity for our school to reflect upon our goals and targets as identified in our School Improvement Plan and to evaluate our progress.

As well, this process of review provides our school with the means to look ahead and identify our priorities for the next four years and plan accordingly for their implementation.

An independent reviewer with expertise in school improvement will facilitate this process and will spend two days working with our school.

We as a Catholic school community are committed to the principle of continuous school improvement in a faith-based context, and we look forward to keeping you informed as we continue to provide high quality Catholic education for every student entrusted to our care.

Reminder:

On Monday 18th May at 2.30pm our school reviewer Jim Delaney would like to meet and discuss our school with 12 parents in the MacKillop Room. The discussions will be about school life and your perceptions of these. We value and would like your contributions as your input will assist our school plans for the next four years!

If you are available and would like to attend please leave your name at the office or e-mail a reply to newsletter@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au.
YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school Athletics day is fast approaching. On Friday May 29th at Keilor Park Athletics Track, all students in Year 3-6 will take part in a fun and competitive day of athletics.

All students have received their permission form and hopefully they have returned it to their classroom teacher. We are keen to get parent helpers on the day - if you have your WWCC and are available, please let the PE staff know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE “SPEAK APPROPRIATELY” AWARD LAST MONDAY.

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we come together today because we want to learn more about your Word. Teach us to understand and keep the greatest commandment of all: To love one another as you have loved us. Amen

Best Wishes

John Kremers

Principal
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Next week’s goal is to learn about hygiene.

One highlight from last week:
Playdough:

Playdough creations
A staff member made play dough; the children were excited about having play dough at the service. The children were making all sorts of sculptures; they made a teapot, a tower and several cookies that were made from different cookie cutters. The only disappointment was there, was not enough play dough to go around.

Next Week's Activities for week commencing 18 May 2015

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Parent Information
OSHCl program phone: 0408 477 328 (during program hours)
Coordinator: Judy Leckie
Assistant: Sindi, Melanie, Melissa, Lauren, Magdalena
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Resurrection Parish Groups 2015–2016

Parish Meeting Night

For more than sixteen years, the first Wednesday of the month has been Resurrection Parish’s Meeting Night. It is the night when all of our parish groups come together. It’s not a huge commitment. Just one year, from Pentecost to Pentecost, for a total of nine meetings. Note there are no meetings in January or June. And, December is our time to celebrate at the Parish Social. All we want is a little bit of your time and fresh ideas. No contribution is too big or too small.

Here is a typical meeting night agenda.

7.15 p.m. – the meeting begins with the week’s gospel, general business and prayers in our church.

7.30 p.m. – each group meets separately for one hour.

8.30 p.m. – everyone gathers for supper.

You can be home by 9 pm, or even 8.45 pm if you are really pressed for time!

Each parishioner is encouraged to reflect on and consider the following.

- Their baptismal call to rejoice in and share the Good News of the Risen Jesus.
- The opportunity to meet and get to know other parishioners.
- The joy of a Christian who shares their God-given talents with others.
- The energy and enthusiasm generated when so many parishioners from many different walks of life come together.

So, what are you waiting for? This could be your time to shine. You might even learn a few things about yourself.

Is this the year for you to make a commitment to your parish and community?

RESURRECTION PARISH GROUPS, 2015–2016

Bulletin Production Team

Our weekly and monthly bulletins are known and loved by many parishioners and friends of Resurrection Parish. Once a month, The Monthly Big Bulletin needs to be printed out of school hours. At the moment, this job takes place at 3.30 pm on the Thursday before distribution. Then, the bulletin is collated and folded on the Friday morning. Can you help? We need at least two people for the printing and four or more for the collating. This might be more of a ministry rather than a parish group. Who knows what might happen when parishioners came together and do some forward planning? You are only limited by your imagination.

Finance

Do you have an accounting background? Are you a student completing a bookkeeping or finance course? Perhaps you are the person entrusted with the job of managing your household’s finances? If you understand financial reports and budgets, feel free to join the Finance group.

This group performs an advisory role, assisting Father Noel in the administration of the parish finances - preparing budgets and planning for future capital works, reviewing expenditure and income streams as well as prepared financial reports - before making recommendations.
Liturgy
The word ‘liturgy’ comes from a Greek word meaning ‘work’. Good liturgy requires work – it does not just happen. Liturgy at its best assists people to participate, praise, pray, worship and celebrate the Good News that the Risen Lord is indeed present.
You will find it a joy to be a part of this dynamic group. Ritual, proclamation, music, movement, singing, and environment all need to be integrated into the liturgy. While the major feasts (Christmas, Easter) require much forward planning, there are 34 weeks of ordinary time that also need the attention of this group. Special occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals are enhanced by the efforts of the Liturgy group, too.
C. S. Lewis once wrote: ‘Praise is a mode of love which always has some element of joy in it.’ This more than anything else sums up what good liturgy and a good Liturgy group can be.

Maintenance Coordinators
At Resurrection, we take pride in the look of our property. The gardens, church, school and hall - all areas look loved. The Maintenance Coordinators are responsible for maintaining and enhancing our property. Each member takes responsibility for a specific area - it might be a garden bed, the church, or even the drains. Each member has to take note of what might need to be done by a professional, at a working bee, or by a couple of parishioners during the week. Then, the scope of the work will be discussed and prioritised at the next Parish Meeting Night.

Outreach
This group’s aim is to ‘reach out’ to families with a member who has special needs, those grieving for the loss of a loved one, people challenged by grave sickness and carers. The Outreach group also welcomes those who are simply feeling lonely and need someone to talk to and mix with. Outreach tries to offer comfort and practical support. This group shows how much Resurrection Parish does care, understands and is willing to reach out.

RCIA
Do you have a friendly and welcoming personality? Are you willing to share your faith and life experiences with others? Do you have an ability to listen and respect another’s opinions?
If your answer is ‘Yes’ to any of the above, then you might consider joining RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). RCIA is a group committed to sharing faith and knowledge with adults wishing to become Catholics. This group is for some people their first encounter with the Catholic Church. RCIA deepens understanding of the Catholic faith, develops a relationship with Jesus, and shares knowledge of the Gospels, prayer, and our community. Often, our members become not only mentors, but also friends.

Reaching the Peripheries
In Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter “Evangelii Gaudium” (The Joy of the Gospel) he writes: “Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel.”
What might we do to bring his injunction to life in 2015-16? We deliver Christmas and Easter brochures to every house in our parish. What about having an additional brochure delivery during the year inviting people to come to a special event? The special event might be a “bring a friend to Mass weekend”, or a weekend set aside for all those family members who don’t come to Mass. How do we reach out to those who feel alienated or have been hurt by the Church? How might we use technology to “reach out”? These are all good questions and we may be surprised how the Holy Spirit might guide a few committed parishioners prepared to start tackling some of these issues. Doing nothing is not an option!
**Resurrection Comms Team**
Do you have an interest in communication, technology or social media? Be a part of something exciting. Join the Resurrection Comms Team.
This group is involved in producing and maintaining the parish’s bulletin, website, Twitter account and Facebook page. We are looking for members to join us who are interested in sharing or developing their skills in photography, videography, marketing, and writing.
Our purpose is to support and streamline all forms of communication between Resurrection’s people, groups and ministries about the parish’s many activities. We aim to inform, involve and inspire the people of Resurrection to share their talents and strengthen their relationships with each other and God.
So, what are you waiting for? Unleash your creativity and join now!

**RYDERS**
RYDERS (Resurrection Young Disciples Engaging in Real Situations) is a group for students in Years 7 to 12 who want to make a real difference. This group is an opportunity for students to find their voice. It is a way to engage with like-minded people who wish to share their ideas and goals, and who are eager to learn about how to make their faith relevant in an ever-changing world. Young people can make a difference to the life of Resurrection Parish. They are the future after all.
Resurrection is eager to support this group, to help its members and their faith grow and flourish. In the past Resurrection has had seven youth camps, and sent representatives to World Youth Days in Rome, Toronto, Cologne, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro.
We also extend an invitation to adults who wish to be a part RYDERS and mentor some quite remarkable young people.

**School Advisory Council**
To be ‘well educated’ means many things – to be a good reader, a good writer, or to be good at mathematics and science. It can mean having a deep knowledge of a broad range of concepts. At Resurrection, it also means having a sound understanding of God; His Son, Jesus; and the Church.

Working closely with the Principal, the School Advisory Council seeks to develop further the idea of being ‘well educated’. This group aims to:
- foster close relationships among all members of the school and community
- discuss issues tabled by parents and parent representatives
- generate ideas and opinions with regard to school policy and programming
- offer additional support for those working on behalf of the school and parish.

**Seniors**
This is a group for the young at heart. The purpose of this group is to organise spiritual and social activities for Resurrection’s seniors. These activities include anointing Masses, morning teas, movie screenings, lunches, outings and the highly anticipated Christmas lunch, just to name a few. No special skills are required. All we ask for is a little bit of your time, good humour and enthusiasm, energy and ideas.

**Social**
We are a fun group that enjoys planning and organising fundraising events for our parish. The Social Group are here to support other groups, parish and school with any social and fundraising events. Our members are determined to build strong relationships between members of the parish community, old and new. We aim to inspire passion, and connect and initiate action through our events. Be a part of our exciting event management group today. If you can’t commit to our group now, feel free to cheer us on from the sidelines and come along to our next event. See for yourself how much fun the Social group can be.
St Vincent de Paul Society

Who we are?
- We are volunteer members of a worldwide organization founded in 1833.
- We are people of faith, Christian, Catholic.
- We are committed to ‘sharing who we are and what we have’ with our neighbors.
- We are local people who meet together on a regular basis to work our best to do this.
- We visit people in their homes.
- We care for people who are disadvantaged, aged, homeless, victims of drug abuse and domestic violence.
- We aim to ‘encourage people to take control of their own destinies’.

What do we offer?
- Support, friendship and we are committed to social justice.
- We visit people in their homes,
- We listen to people’s needs and refer people to more appropriate services, if required.
- Limited material aid such as food parcels, vouchers, clothing or furniture determined by local member after each visit.

World Wide Equality

Our group forms alliances with overseas parishes and sends them funding for specific works within or sanctioned by their parish. Once the goal has been met, we keep in touch with that parish and continue to offer ongoing support.

World Wide Equality promotes charitable contributions at our parish activities so that the whole parish becomes interested in helping Jesus to care for the less fortunate in our world.

In the future, some of our volunteers might have the opportunity to visit those people we have been helping in order to provide additional hands-on assistance as well as to build strong relationships through personal contact.

In our almost three years of operation, we have already raised enough money to build a toilet block for an orphanage in India and we are now fundraising to build a school in Southern Sudan.

We are also looking forward in helping other countries with their special projects too, as funds become available.

Year of Mercy

How might we as a parish embrace Pope Francis’ call for an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy? The Year of Mercy commences on 8 December 2015 and concludes on 20 November 2016.

During this Year of Mercy Pope Francis asks us to contemplate Jesus Christ as the face of the Father’s mercy. The Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica will be open and known as the “Door of Mercy”. Pilgrims from every corner of the world are invited to pass through this door. For those unable to travel to Rome Pope Francis has asked that every cathedral have a “Door of Mercy” for pilgrims to pass through.

Let us individually and as a parish embrace this call from Pope Francis and inaugurate the Year of Mercy travelling to St Patrick’s Cathedral as pilgrims on Sunday 13 December 2015. Some parishioners may choose to walk, some cycle, some go by public transport, others by car, how we get there is not important; what is important is we undertake the pilgrimage.

Pope Francis also asks that every diocese/parish to have “24 Hours for the Lord” from Friday 4 March - Saturday 5 March (prior to 4th Sunday of Lent). Our church will be open for 24 hours. What might our “24 Hours with the Lord” look like?

A Parish Mission will be held in 2016. A successful Mission requires planning and promotion. How might you help?

Selected speakers will be invited during the Year of Mercy to help us reflect and focus on the year’s motto “Merciful like the Father”.

This is a new group; parishioners with creativity, good organizational and communication skills would be ideal and hopefully be drawn to join this new group.
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Other suggestions...............................

Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter
“We are called to bear witness to a constantly new way of living together in fidelity to the Gospel. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of community!”  #92

Pentecost
Diversity transformed into unity was one of the blessings and powerful signs at the first Pentecost. Pentecost is celebrated next weekend (23/24 May) our Liturgy Group encourages parishioners to wear some clothing that celebrates their origins. It would be a powerful sign of our diversity gathering together in unity around the Table of the Lord to celebrate Eucharist.
Wouldn’t it be great if everybody dressed up in national dress? Will you?

Coffee after 10.30 Mass
Have you noticed the confusion in the coffee area that often occurs after our 10.30 Sunday Mass? With large numbers participating in this Mass exiting at the very time the coffee tables are being unstacked. There is a problem. There is a problem because nobody takes responsibility. Tables are sometimes placed so close together that there is no room for chairs. Often tables are left without chairs. Parishioners rostered on for coffee-making are frequently “crushed” with so many people crowding around. No one takes responsibility. Extra tables need to come from the hall or the stage. How many times do we need to see Fr Noel lifting tables? How might we encourage new parishioners to stay for coffee? We can do better! Are you prepared to help? Leave your contact details at the Parish Office kingspark@cam.org.au

Parish Groups
The great Feast of Pentecost is this year celebrated on 24 May. It is also the weekend parishioners are asked to commit to one of our Parish Groups. Descriptions of all groups is in this week’s bulletin and is also available at www.res-parish.org
Every parishioner is requested to discern and pray for guidance as to how she/he will place her/his gifts at the service of this Resurrection faith community and thus answer the call that comes from our Baptism to participate in the mission and further the Reign of God.
There is also a sign-up sheet in the bulletin fill it out and bring it with you next weekend.

Pope Francis – Daily Meditations
Do you know that the Vatican Press Office publishes a summary of Pope Francis’ daily homilies? The summary is less than an A4 size; but they are well worth reading. Simply go to the Vatican site www.vatican.va and scroll onto “Daily Meditations”. Don’t forget to request the English translation.
Alternatively you can go to our web site www.res-parish.org and follow the link.

Join a Group
Each year at Pentecost there is an annual sign-up for all our Parish Groups. All groups are open to any parishioner prepared to make a commitment. The PMN is on the first Wednesday of the month (excluding December, January and possibly June depending on the date of Pentecost) commencing with prayer at 7.15pm in the church. After prayer and any announcements at 7.30pm parishioners move to a pre-designated room for individual group meetings. These meeting are for one hour. At 8.30pm we all gather in the Community Centre for supper. You can be home by 9pm! The commitment parishioners make at Pentecost is for one year.

A Walk to the Cathedral
Are you coming to the Cathedral on Sunday 13 December? That is walking, cycling, skateboarding, public transport, car, or...?
It is the 1st Sunday of the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. In his Papal Bull (available on our web www.res-parish.org) Pope Francis asks us to become pilgrims and walk through the “Door of Mercy”.

Another Way of Looking at the Eucharist
A few weeks ago Fr Frank O’Loughlin visited our parish and presented a talk on Sacraments in general but Eucharist in particular. Many parishioners came. Should you have been unable to come or if you were here and would like to hear his talk again, it is now available on our Facebook.
Can You Help?
Over the next two weekends we are expected to count the number of people at Mass. This annual request comes from the Archdiocese to help compile a statistical profile of each parish and in turn data from every diocese in Australia. We have “clickers” however it does require two people prepared to come 25 minutes before Mass. If you can help for even one weekend kindly notify our Parish Office kingspark@cam.org.au

Proclaimers
Attention all Proclaimers, your attention is drawn to No. 9 in your Proclaimer Guidelines: “Person reading prayers of intercession to come forward DURING the Creed”.

Big Bulletin
Our next Big Bulletin is due on the last weekend of May. Have you ever thought of writing an article for the Big Bulletin? What about an article from one of our Parish Groups? The deadline for copy is Friday 22 May.

Men’s Shed
Meetings will be held at the Westvale Community Centre (White House) 45 Kings Road St Albans on Thursday 28 May and Thursday 25 June between 10am and 1pm for any person interested in being part of a newly created Men’s Shed. This is an initiative of the Brimbank Council. Flyers with additional information are in the narthex and Parish Office.

Pope Francis’ Daily Prayer
The prayer to the Holy Spirit that Pope Francis asks us to pray each day is:
“Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

Something for the Kids
For many years we have conducted Children’s Liturgy during selected weekend Masses. Children seem to enjoy the experience; the only limitation has been lack of parents committing to this ministry. Over the last several years some of our younger parishioners have stepped into this void, which has enabled Children’s Liturgy to be held at least monthly.
This year there is an additional problem with both a “Before & After School Programme” now a feature at Resurrection. This in turn means that many more children are participating in this programme, thus requiring additional resources. The DeGabrielle Room is now almost exclusively used for the “Before & After School Programme”.
This presents a problem of what to do about Children’s Liturgy?
Following a meeting of those committed to this ministry it has been suggested that once a month the first three minutes (3 minutes X 60 seconds = 180) of the homily there be a focus on the children. We might recall Jesus speaking to us in Mark’s Gospel “Let the little children come to me” (Mk 10:14).
A professor in the seminary once said to me that children are the best theologians; because they are not afraid to ask questions! I can also remember a parishioner at Croydon many years ago saying to me after Mass, “Your homily was very good, but what was there for the children”; hence the name 180 for Kids, Children, Everyone.
Those committed to Children’s Liturgy will help plan the “180 for Kids”.
Any parishioner interested in participating in this exciting project is asked to contact our Parish Office.

Visit Tarrawarra Abbey
During 2015 Catholics throughout the world are asked reflect on, pray for, and encourage vocations. It is sad that in the 39 year history of our parish there has not been one vocation to the priesthood or religious life. As a means of raising the profile of consecrated life in our parish, expressions of interest are sought for a visit to the Tarrawarra Abbey in Yarra Glen. The idea is to spend a couple of hours looking and hearing about the life of Cistercian Monks. This is an open invitation to any Resurrection parishioner curious to see monks at work and prayer. It would be on a Saturday morning leaving around 9am returning approximately 1.30pm. Depending on numbers hiring a bus might be an option.
If you are interested please leave your name at the Parish Office or email kingspark@cam.org.au