Weekly Prayer:
The Season of Lent:
A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Romans

But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The Scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The reading from St Paul reminds us that we encounter God through Christ. Where do we find him? We find him in our everyday life through the people we meet each day. We are challenged to see Christ in the face of all. ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.’

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Thursday February 18th, 2016
DEAR FAMILIES,

FULL ON
We are certainly well into the swing of things at Resurrection Catholic School. Some of us newbies have been discussing how smooth it has been for us settling into our new positions – we thank you all for your welcome and support.

40 Years Celebration/Prep Welcome/Staff Commitment Mass
Sunday morning sees the combination of a number of important occasions at the 10:30am Mass. We look forward to celebrating all of these events with you. Following the Mass, there will activities in the school grounds for all. Preps will have vouchers for food and a show bag, other show bags can be purchased as well. Jumping castles, face painting, etc. will also be available.

Fundraising
It was great to meet with the fundraising committee yesterday. There have been a few events planned for which we seek your support. Please keep an eye on notifications through this newsletter, the school app or by other notices to ensure that you are able to support the ongoing development and improvement of our school. The committee have been asked to consider where and how fundraising money will be used so that we can let you all know the purpose of your efforts.

Car Park
It is interesting that there was no mention of car management in any of the material supplied to me when applying for this position, nor were any questions asked of me of my skill in this area during the interview process. However, so far, so good! Apart from a couple of minor teething issues, the car park has been operating quite smoothly. Please remember that if you need to “drop and go”; the car park at the front of the Junior School building is the best place to be. You might also consider parking a block or two away from the school and enjoy a casual stroll through the local streets.

May God bless you

John Connors
PRINCIPAL

STORY TIME

MacKillop Room
Fridays from 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Parents please come for story time with pre school children

STUDENT MEDICAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Student Medical and Family Information sheets will be sent home shortly. Please update the information on the sheets as soon as possible so our school records are up to date. Please return your forms even if no changes have been made by 4th March.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2016 FOR YEARS 3, 4 & 6

You are warmly invited to celebrate this next step in your child’s sacramental journey by attending an evening with our guest speaker Father Elio Capra on Tuesday 23rd February in the church at 7.00pm. Please join us as a community of believers where we will be reminded on the importance of the sacraments in our lives.
NEWSLETTER:

This will be the last week that you can register for the newsletter so please ensure that you have replied as to how you would like to receive the newsletter. Please note the new email address to register for the emailed version of the newsletter.

1. Register with the Resurrection App. The Newsletter will be automatically sent to your iPhone or Android phone on Thursdays as soon as it’s published.

2. Send us your email address and it will be emailed directly to you (2015 families please re-register). Register Now for the emailed version. Simply send an email to: Register Now for the emailed version. Simply send an email to: rsrnnewsletter@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au

3. Visit our school’s website and download it. Any previous Newsletters from the current year will also be available.

4. Register for a paper copy (see register slip below - 2015 families please re-register).

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Register for a paper copy (please return by next Wednesday):

The __________________________ family would like to register for a paper copy of the newsletter.

Eldest Child’s Name____________________________________ Room Number:_______

WORKING BEE -

Please keep in mind our next WORKING BEE, which will start at 8.30am on Saturday 27th February. 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 Senior School (Years 5 & 6) to attend as your one working bee commitment for the year.

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Dear Mr. Connors,

The __________________________ family are able to attend the working bee on Saturday 14th February.

Number of adults _________ Eldest child’s name ____________ Year ____ Room ___

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“Merciful like the Father”

When Pope Francis issued Misericordiae Vultus (Merciful like the Father), formally known as the Bull of Indiction in April last year he called the whole of Christendom and beyond to rediscover the very essence of God which is mercy. Quotes from the document include:

“The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19).”

“The initiative of “24 Hours for the Lord,” to be celebrated on Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God’s mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.”

In response to the first point we have our Parish Mission…

Our “Year of Mercy” Mission continues this Friday 19 February and each Friday of Lent; commencing in the hall at 7.30pm, concluding at 8pm.

This week our presenter is Fr Paul Connell, his topic “Does God Care?” should be of interest to every parishioner.

Fr Paul Connell is the parish priest of St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale. He is a Senior Fellow of Catholic Theological College in the University of Divinity, and did postgraduate studies at Oxford University and Gregorian University in Rome. He has been Rector of Corpus Christi seminary and Episcopal Vicar for Higher Education.

The dates of the Mission are as follows:

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…And in response to the second point we have:

24 Hours with the Lord

“24 Hours with the Lord” will commence at 7.30pm on Friday 4 March and conclude at 7.30pm on Saturday 5 March. Every parishioner is asked to take the time and make the commitment to participate in some part of the 24 hours.

Resurrection 40th Celebration

Parish 40th Anniversary Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 21st February, followed by an afternoon filled with food and activities. The Social Group together with the School Advisory Council have organised this event. Let us commit ourselves to grow intimate in our relationship with the Lord and pass the beacon of faith to our next generation. A warm welcome awaits you.

Check if you are on a Roster

Parishioners committed to a Parish Ministry are reminded that the roster for the following week is published in our weekly bulletin. Rosters for the following month appear in our monthly Big Bulletin. Next week’s roster is also pinned to the church noticeboard near the hall doors. Rosters also may be accessed on our Web www.res-parish.org

19 Seconds!

At the conclusion of Mass do you know it takes the priest 19 seconds to reverence the altar and walk to the narthex? The idea that we just wander off when we choose needs to be challenged. The end of Mass comes with a commission to go and proclaim the Gospel. It is very specific and comes immediately after the final blessings. Out of respect for the priest please wait in your seat until the priest has passed your row.

Melbourne Catholic

Melbourne Catholic is the name of a new Archdiocesan magazine. It will be a monthly publication with the first two months being free. Should you like to pick up a copy you may do so at the Parish Office.

St Vinnies

Great response so far from parishioners taking shopping bags with the intent of bringing them back full of groceries on Holy Thursday night for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The groceries are then distributed to those in need in our parish and beyond.

This is a Corporal Work of Mercy thus is a sign of the Spirit of the Risen Jesus in a person’s life. Please do not give “out of date” groceries as they have to be thrown out making addition work for the very busy small group of parishioners who make up our St Vincent de Paul Group.

Remember if the groceries are no good for you they are no good for anybody else.