Weekly Prayer:
Psalm 34 is an alphabet psalm. There are 22 verses in it. Each verse begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Verse 1 begins with aleph, verse 2 with beth, and so on. Some people translate verse 3 as ‘Let us magnify the Lord’. ‘Magnify’ means ‘make bigger’. We cannot make God bigger but we can bring him near to people. We do this by always following him. In this way we magnify him.
I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise.
I live and breathe God; if things aren’t going well, hear this and be happy: join me in spreading the news; together let’s get the word out.
God met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears.
Look at him; give him your warmest smile.
Never hide your feelings from him.
When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot.
God's angel sets up a circle of protection around me while I pray.
Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see – how good God is.
Blessed are you who run to him. (Ps 34 Translation – Eugene H Peterson, 2002)

When we are fearful, alone, insecure, troubled, hopeless, what do we need? (Take the first letter of each word.)
O Lord, when I am fearful, calm all my fears. When I feel alone, remind me you are always with me. When I feel insecure, remind me of your love and care. When I feel troubled, soothe my worries and cares. When I feel hopeless, remind me you are our hope forever. O Lord, give me faith. Amen.

Thursday March 10th, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARCH
11th March Friday 8.30am Whole School Mass led by Rooms 1, 2 & 3
14th March Monday Labour Day Public Holiday
17th March Thursday St Patrick’s Day – see below
18th March Friday Whole School Mass led by Rooms 11, 15 & 17
21st March Monday 12:00noon Holy Week celebration
21st March Monday 2:30pm Assembly
23rd March Wednesday School Photos
24th March Thursday Last day of Term1 Students finish at 1:45pm

UPCOMING EVENTS – APRIL
11 & 12th April Monday & Tuesday School Closure day – no school for students
13th April Wednesday 8.50am Term II commences for students

DEAR FAMILIES,

Why do we celebrate an Irish Saint here in Melbourne, Australia? St Patrick was born in the year 387 in Roman Britain. He was kidnapped by pirates when he was 14 and taken to Ireland as a slave. While herding sheep, he turned to God and prayed, and wrote The Confession. He wrote, “I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain.” When he was 20yrs old, he escaped to the coast and found a ship that returned him to Britain and his family. It wasn’t long, however, before Patrick heard God’s call to priestly vocation. After some years of study, Patrick was ordained and eventually was made bishop. At the age of 46, he returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel. He is accredited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, using the shamrock (a three leaf clover) to explain the Holy Trinity, and ridding Ireland of snakes (s symbol of the devil).
Current day Melbourne is home to many cultures from around the world. During the 1850s and 1860s, the number of Irish immigrants to this region was immense. The early Catholic Church in Melbourne was very Irish and it was only natural for our Cathedral to be named after Patrick.

**St Patrick's Day celebration** On Thursday, 17th March (St Patrick’s Day), ten of our student leaders will be attending the Mass for Schools at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The rest of the student body is asked to wear something green on the day to honour St Patrick. Also, each student is asked to bring a donation for the Easter raffle on this day – eggs, baskets, soft toys, gift bags, etc. – Easter themed and NEW. These will be packaged and used as prizes in our Easter raffle.

**Holy Week** The final week of term in also Holy Week in the Church calendar. We will be holding a prayer service/Holy Week play on Monday 21st March at 12:00noon. It would be great if you could join us.

**End of Term** My, how time flies when you’re having fun! The end of the first term will be Thursday 24th March. Students will finish at 1:45pm and After School Care will be available from this time.

May God bless you,

John Connors
PRINCIPAL

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**Advanced Notice:**

Our **Term 2** will begin on **Wednesday 13th April** for students.

There will be **no school** for students on the 11th and 12th April.

**STORY TIME**

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

**PARENT TRAINING COURSE FOR CLASSROOM HELPERS**

Dear families,

Your help in the classroom is both needed and appreciated. If you would like to assist teachers in your child's classroom, please come to a parent session in the final week of this term.

MONDAY 21st March 9.00am Years 3 - 6. Please meet Mrs Teresa Rossitto in the Year 3/4 Learning Street.

THURSDAY 24th March Years Prep - 2. Please meet Mrs Helen Cozmescu in the Junior shared area.

During these sessions, we will visit the classrooms and watch the teachers and students engage in literacy. We will then have an opportunity to talk about the role of parent helpers in the classroom and answer any questions about helping at school.

We hope to see you at one of these sessions, as we continue to work in partnership.
School Photo Day Wednesday 23rd March

School photo information was sent home on Tuesday with your child. If you require a sibling photo envelope then come and collect it from the office.

Please note: NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS, YOU MUST PLACE THE CORRECT MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE.

Please ensure all students are in FULL SUMMER UNIFORM ONLY on the school photo day (NO RUNNERS).

Second-hand Uniform Sales

Our second-hand uniform sales will be sold tomorrow, from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. All items are $5.00 each. Please try to bring the correct money.

Enter through the Junior Shared Area doors.

Donations welcome!

Get active and win with Premier’s Active April

Calling all students, families and teachers – it’s time to get on board with Premier’s Active April, an exciting and fun way to get active, stay healthy, and enjoy time with family and friends. Not to mention to WIN some awesome prizes for yourself and Resurrection School.

Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to commit to doing 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Anyone can participate in Active April – friends, students, families, workmates or individuals, and it’s FREE.

Register today via the Active April website www.activeapril.vic.gov.au. Look for the dedicated schools page and follow the step-by-step instructions. You can create and join teams and compare the progress of team members for some friendly competition! Registrations are now open and will stay open until 30 April 2016.

Make sure you nominate Resurrection school when you register as a teacher or student and you’ll increase your school’s chance of winning one of the many fantastic prizes! There are Sportsmart vouchers, sports clinics with high-profile athletes, and the most active school will win a cool $2000 Sportsmart voucher! The more students and teachers who register, the more chances Resurrection school has to win.

There’s also a handy online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity, plus your own personal Trophy Cabinet when you meet activity goals.

Just by registering every participant will receive*:

- 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals^, a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro Camera

Join Active April on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to increase your chances for winning more great prizes. You’ll be kept up-to-date on all the latest Active April news and events, meet the Active April ambassadors, receive weekly recipes plus loads of handy health, exercise and nutrition advice.

So what are you waiting for? Register today at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

*Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. ^ Winner receives two tickets to each of the 2017 men’s and women’s finals.
Parish News

Last Chance
Pope Francis exhorts us live this Lent “more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate God’s mercy”. There is your last chance to participate in our Parish Mission during this “Year of Mercy”.

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Jill McCorquodale is a native of Melbourne and comes with a background in education, theology, spirituality and spiritual direction studies. She has lived and worked in several States in Australia. She now works nationally and internationally as a spiritual director, in retreat work, as a facilitator for religious congregational meetings and Chapters, and with parishes, deaneries, school staffs and other church groups in the areas of faith formation, spirituality and personal development.

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.

Foot Washing
Part of the “Mass of the Lord’s Supper” celebrated on Holy Thursday night consists of parishioners having their feet washed by priests. This ritual act reminds us that at the Last Supper Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Parishioners are invited to participate in this liturgical action by having their feet washed. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you would like to participate.

Palm Branches
Any parishioner able to supply palm (large and small) branches for Palm (Passion) Sunday 20 March please contact the Parish Office.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
A 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our church on Tuesday 22 March commencing at 7pm. Fr Noel will be assisted by 12 priests.

Changed Mass Times
Please note that our 9am Mass for both Palm Sunday and Easter will commence 15 minutes early i.e. 8.45am.

Blessing of Easter Food
The traditional blessing of Easter food will take place in our church on Saturday 26 March at 9am.

Bring a Friend
The feast of Pentecost this year is celebrated on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May. It is also the weekend that our “Reaching the Peripheries” group is planning a “Bring a Friend to Mass” weekend. This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to invite a friend, a family member, a neighbour, or a work colleague to join them at one of our Masses.

Easter Timetable

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**
Sunday 20 March
Masses: Saturday 6pm
Sunday: 8.45am and 10.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
(2nd Rite)
Tuesday 22 March – 7.00pm
Sacrament celebrated by Fr Noel and 12 priests

**Holy Thursday**
24 March – 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday**
Stations of the Cross – 10.00am
Celebration of the
Lord’s Passion – 3.00pm

**Easter Vigil**
Saturday 26 March – 8.00pm
Blessing of Easter fire,
Paschal Candle – Baptism and Confirmation

**Easter Sunday**
Sunday 27 March
Easter Masses 8.45am and 10.30am