

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Recently deceased:** Andrew Calleja

**Those who are ill:** Donald Farrell, Iva Saril, Jacob Gatt, John Licciardo, Robert, Marshall Bell, and Brian Richards.

**NOTE:** Names for prayers of the sick will be listed for 4 weeks and will then be removed. You must call the parish office requesting to relist again, if needed.

**And for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially:** Francesca Bongiovanni & Rena Apap.

### LENTERN REFLECTION SERIES-On Prayer

Fr Dishan will lead a reflection series on prayer during Lent, on Mondays from 8pm to 9pm. It is hoped that by starting later in the evening, parishioners will be able to complete their evening duties prior to attending. The session will involve a 30-minute talk on various aspects of prayer, followed by 30 minutes of silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Confessions being offered). The sessions will be in the church. Details as follows: -

- Monday 26th February - Prayer of Praise
  - Monday 4th March - Prayer of Intercession
  - Monday 11th March - Prayer of Meditation
  - Monday 18th March - Prayer of Contemplation
- Fr Dishan Candappa

### **Archdiocese Child Safety Training:**

A session is being run for any new volunteers or volunteers who are yet to complete their training. **If you volunteer in any way within the parish, you must complete the training.**

**\*Please note there has been a date change\***

**When: Tuesday 12th March at 6pm at St Joseph's room.**

Please register your interest through the office.

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year:

**Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.**

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort!

Please continue to pray for them!

Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

In Christ,

Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team

### Italian Mass

There will be an Italian Mass this **Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 1030am at St Carlo Borromeo, Greenvale.**

We welcome all people who may speak & understand Italian.

We encourage any students who may be learning Italian to come along and test their fluency & understanding.

### Church Roof Appeal

As you may be aware, the church roof has suffered some damage over the past few months. We have now received an estimate of the overall costs; \$50,000, insurance has informed us that it is a maintenance issue and will not be covering it. If you would like to donate toward fixing our roof, our building and maintenance account is:

Building & Maintenance Account  
-BSB 083347 -ACC 473192225

**\$10465.00 RAISED SO FAR, THANK YOU!**

**\*Donations to this account are NOT tax deductible**

### **FAMCAT IS BACK!**

Pope Francis has announced 2024 to be a 'Year of Prayer'.

This year's first Good Shepherd family gathering is about how we can experience as a family, a year of prayer in our homes.

Parents and families are welcome to join us at the Parish Hall on March 17th at 12pm (after the 11am Mass), where we will gather over a shared lunch followed by a later discussion of Strengthening Prayer in our Family Life.

### Upcoming Dates & Notifications:

**\*During Lent the Monday Evening Rosary Group will be doing The Stations of the Cross & Rosary. Starting at 630pm each Monday in the Church. Hope to see you there!**

**\* The Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday night at Good Shepherd from 630-7pm during Lent.**

**MERCY  
MELBOURNE**  
Tuesday 19 March

Please join us for a special evening of prayer and Confessions to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make it as easy as possible for all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament as we prepare for the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord.

**Tuesday the 19th of March from 6-7pm at Good Shepherd**

**We are still looking for more volunteers to help make the palms for Palm Sunday – 24/3/24.**

**Palm Making Dates:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please call the office to confirm your attendance.**

The annual trip out to Ta'Pinu in Bacchus Marsh will be on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We will be having a small morning tea after the morning Mass & leaving around 1030am.

Once there we will have adoration for 30 minutes and then proceed to the Stations of the Cross.

Lunch will be enjoyed around 1230pm. Please bring a plate of food to share. Please call the office to register your interest.