



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear School Parents,

I hope the year has started well for you and your loved ones.

As a Church we have commenced the important Season of Lent, where we dedicate 40 days to reflecting on our lives, striving to adjust any areas that are in conflict to how God wants us to live.

We are asked to spend more time in prayer, and to also focus on fasting (giving up or reducing things like sweets, coffee, alcohol, etc. to remind ourselves that there are many people that go without even the basic necessities such as food, water and a home to live in).

We are also asked to give alms, or share our material goods with others in need. Assisting the many thousands who were affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey by sending money to organisations such as Caritas is an excellent example of almsgiving. This year, we are asking you to consider making a donation to Good Shepherd Parish as part of your almsgiving, to help us rebuild our financial resources after the 2 years of Covid. Each family will receive a brochure outlining our current Parish Goals, activities, income/Expenditure, and projects being undertaken. It has attached a slip where you are able to make an ongoing pledge or simply a one-off donation. Hope you can support us in our mission.

Good Shepherd Parish now has an Assistant Priest, Fr An Le, who was ordained late last year. We are delighted to have him as part of our Clergy team.

I was asked by Archbishop Peter to become the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese, while still being Parish Priest of Good Shepherd (the Vocations Director helps those thinking about becoming Priests and Religious and also promotes Vocations). It was a privilege to be asked; it will involve me being in the Vocations Office in East Melbourne for 2.5 days a week.

I pray that each of you will draw closer to God through this Lenten Season,

In Christ,

Father Dishan Candappa, Parish Priest