



# St Monica's Religious Education Newsletter



**'Every man and woman is a mission;  
that is the reason for our life  
on this earth.'**

Pope Francis, World Mission Day message 2018

## World Mission Month - October

World Mission Month (part of World Mission Day in Australia) is celebrated in every country wherever there are Christians committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilled life. It is the day which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. This year, World Mission Day is on Sunday 28 October.

## 'Helping a Nation through Education' Catholic Mission

'Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth'. We can respond to Pope Francis' call for each one of us to reflect on the fact that we are the mission on this Earth? During October, our students will be focusing on Mission in their Religious Education. Compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, we are asked to share our Faith and proclaim the Word by serving people in need, acting for justice and creation and living as a disciple of Jesus.

We encourage you to have discussions with your child at home about mission and nurture these conversations so that our students are supported to live a life as Jesus did.

To acknowledge World Mission Month, we will shared a liturgy together on Monday 22 October at 9am in the learning space.

As we begin to wrap up 2018, we have a number of celebrations. Please stay updated through our School and RE Newsletters.

On Tuesday 27 November, our students will showcase their learning to the school community. The classrooms will be open from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to view your students work, become interactive with the learning that is happening at St Monica's. As part of Stage 3 final product for Religion, a group will be sharing a liturgy at 5:45pm. This launch evening will be an opportunity to also celebrate Advent and Christmas.

Advent commences on Sunday 2 December. Being one of the most important time periods in our Church calendar, we use this time to reflect on our year in hope, love and faith, and show patience as we await for the birth of Jesus Christ.

I would like to welcome to the Christ-centred Leader role this term:

**Emma Halamkova  
Isabella Smith  
Veronica Sadek  
Kael Sciacca  
Zac Michael  
Jessica Stoker  
Rafael Noonan  
Manraj Khalon  
Jessica Dib**

Please see the last page of the newsletter for important dates on Mass times and special events.

Peace and love,  
**Michelle Rosewell**  
Religious Education Coordinator





## A Spotlight On... **Miss Bagnall**

October is World Mission month for Christians around the world. During this time we are reminded to think about what mission means to each of us. Currently in Year Two we are working on our Mission unit, we have discussed what Mission means to us and how we can be missionaries every day. The students understand how they can use their own actions to make a difference to others. We have been looking at how we can be missionaries like Jesus and have had a focus on Pope Francis as a role model for us. The Pope sends a message each year for World Mission month. This year he encourages us to go out into the world and use their voices. This allows us to reflect on our own actions and how they can influence and make a difference in the world.

With a focus on the three senses in the Diocese, we, as a school, have been on a journey that has involved delving deeper in the scripture through the literal, spiritual and application senses. I use the three senses to help us go deeper into the scripture, to allow both my students and myself to have a deeper appreciation for the message of the scripture. We work together to focus on the literal sense, allowing students to think about what we actually know about the scripture passages. The spiritual sense is where we work towards understanding how we can link this to our own faith. Allowing students to look at the application sense, helps them to understand how they can apply their deeper understanding to their own lives. With our current unit, it's how we can be missionaries, just like Jesus.

Using the senses to break down the Mission unit has given students a deeper understanding of what Mission means in their lives. Having the Pope as a real life role model is making it relevant to the students and has allowed us to try and use this understanding to break down the spiritual sense a bit more. The senses is an ongoing journey for us, just like our journey as missionaries, but one that we continue to walk together. I'll leave you with a quote that the Pope shared; "Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me"

## Social Justice Team Refugee Mission Tree

The Social Justice Team is working on projects to implement throughout the month of December to support people in our local area. The first project is called Mission Tree. The team have created Christmas tags and you have the option this year to choose an age and gender your gift is for. Each **family** will have the opportunity to select a tag from the Mission Tree and prepare a Christmas gift for this child. You will wrap and return your gift and place it, with the Christmas tag, under the Mission Tree. These gifts will be donated to the refugees at Arrupe Place.



As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 Social Justice Team. This team has been working tirelessly this year to raise awareness and money for people in need within our local community, in particular the refugees at Arrupe Place.

Throughout the year the team have worked on many projects including:

- ✓ Term 1: **Project Compassion.** The team raised money to provide education to children in disadvantaged countries. We raised over \$1200.
- ✓ Term 1: **Wear Green.** We collected donations on St Patrick's Day. Everyone wore green mufti to commemorate the Feast day of St Patrick. All monies collected were donated to St Vincent de Paul.
- ✓ Term 2: **The Heat is On Winter Appeal.** The team collected socks, scarves, beanies, gloves and blankets to support the homeless in our local community. These items were donated to St Vincent de Paul.
- ✓ Term 3: **Make it Rain Drought Campaign.** This project continued over a period of weeks and included a mufti day. Over \$1000 was raised and donated to the Farmers who have been devastated by the drought.
- ✓ Term 4: **Mission Tree.** The SJT are collecting new toys to donate to child refugees at Arrupe Place.
- ✓ Term 4: **Christmas Appeal.** Collecting food for donation to St Vincent de Paul for families in need during Christmas time.

A lot of time, effort and preparation has gone into organising these events. Thank you to everyone in the team. Applications are now open for the 2019 SJT. Please see Miss Rosewell for more details. Applications close on Monday 26 November.

## 2018 Formation Goal:

For all students to have a deeper understanding of Sacred Scripture and it's application to Catholic life.

## THREE SENSES IN STAGE 3

In class, we were learning how to use the framework of the Three Senses to develop a better understanding of Scripture. Here is what we learnt so far.

The definition of the Literal Sense is when your thinking about what you know about the scripture - who, what, when, where, why and how. The Spiritual Sense is when your thinking about how the scripture links to God, Jesus and the Sacraments, as well as learning about how it links to your own faith. Last but not least, the Application Sense is when your're thinking about the actions, words and thoughts you will take on to change your life, thinking about how you can change your relationship with God.

Last term we undertook many challenges when we did activities that involved the Three Senses. We responded to the questions the senses were asking us to think about, we did mind maps with drawings and we applied the senses to scripture passages that we were reading. You might think that that sounds easy but trust us we learnt from experience it's way more difficult than it sounds.

Moreover, when you're thinking about answering the questions the three senses ask, you need to use your prior knowledge as well as you use the information you have just learnt. In order for you to understand the questions, you need to be able to explain the questions.

The Three Senses are not only used in class they can be used in the real world, for example in church Father Ephraim uses the questions the spiritual sense asks you, and the application sense is a sense we use every day, every day we ask ourselves how we can improve our lives and how we can change our relationship with God. The literal sense is a sense we use in church as well; we think about the scripture or the Gospel being read and we ask ourselves what do we know about this scripture.

Another activity we did in Religion was to use protocols to enhance our learning. We wrote on post-it notes the categories of the three senses and categorise our information. We would then swap our post-it notes with a partner and share our responses.

Overall, the three senses have really helped us to have more of a deeper understanding of Scripture. We will continue to develop a stronger understanding of the Three Senses throughout the term.

By Jessica Dib & Jessica Stoker

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

## Sacramental Dates for 2018

- Reconciliation: Friday 9 November @ 7:00pm

## World Mission Month

World Mission Month is celebrated every year in every country where Christians believe in Mission and are committed to build a better world. This month of Christian mission was inspired by the words of Pope Francis when he said "I am a mission on this world; and this is the reason that I am here on this world, so now everyone has a specific month of mission and to show why they are on this world". World Mission Month is were Christians try and help everyone so that they have the capability to live their lives to the fullest of its potential. This year World Mission Day was on 28 October on a Sunday.

Being a missionary is an activity where we reach out to God and then share his love with every single person, especially to the poor so that they don't feel left out from the rest of the world. Catholic Mission has a responsibility to ensure that they can achieve all the support they can for World Mission Month.

This year's theme is "**healing a nation through education**". Ok, let's break it down so practically what this phrase is telling us is that there are people out their in foreign countries that don't have a stable education system and without a stable education system it limits there opportunities in life. This theme is mainly focusing on a country in Asia called Myanmar. Myanmar currently is in a deep hole in terms of their education and this is just one of the many countries with this trouble.

Catholic Mission is international Mission agency that helps everyone around the world. They spread this quote "*I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full*". (John 10:10). This has a very important message. It says that Jesus Mission was to come down to Earth and make sure that everyone of God's people live a life to the full.

To sum everything up, this is a celebration that is very important for all Christians. We must go out and help our others so that we can all live a life inspired by Jesus. Just remember, we all have a mission no matter what culture or what religion you are.

**You are Mission!**

By Ezekiel Logo and Ana Maria Costea  
2018 Social Justice Team

# Term 3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Here is a list of the Liturgies and Masses for Term 3, 2018. There is always an open invitation for you to join us in prayer. We hope that you might take up the opportunity to attend Mass with your child's class during the Term.

Week	Date	Event	Location
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 22 October	World Mission Day Liturgy	9:00am, learning space
	Friday 26 October	Year 6 Reconciliation	11:15am, learning space
<b>Week 3</b>	Wednesday 31 October	ES1 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
	Thursday 1 November	All Saints Day Mass	9:15am, Church
	Friday 2 November	Year 4 Reconciliation	11:15am, learning space
<b>Week 4</b>	Thursday 8 November	Stage 3 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
	Friday 9 November	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00pm, Church
<b>Week 5</b>	Monday 12 November	Remembrance Day Liturgy	9:00am, assembly area
	Tuesday 13 November	Stage 1 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
	Thursday 15 November	Stage 2 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
<b>Week 6</b>	Wednesday 21 November	ES1 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
	Friday 23 November	Staff Development Day	
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 27 November	Learning Showcase	5:30 – 6:30pm
	Thursday 30 November	Stage 3 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
	<b>Sunday 2 December</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	Thursday 6 December	S1 Parish Mass	9:15am, Church
	<b>Sunday 9 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Sunday 16 December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	Tuesday 18 December	End of Year/Graduation Mass	11:15am, Church
	<b>Sunday 23 December</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	

## END OF YEAR MASS / GRADUATION

Our End of Year mass/Year 6 Graduation will be celebrated on Tuesday 18 December. Mass will commence at 11:15 in the Church. This will be an opportunity to farewell our Year 6 students before they embark on a new adventure. All parents and friends from our school community are warmly invited to join us.

