

BULLETIN OF THE PARISH OF LAVERTON

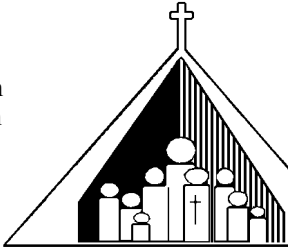
QUEEN OF PEACE

Mass times:

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am
11.00am
Wed. & Fri. 9.15am

Reconciliation:

Sat. 11.00am - 11.30am



POINT COOK

R.A.A.F. Chapel

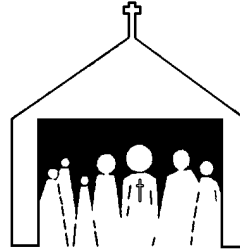
Mass: Sun. 9.00am

Lumen Christi

Mass: Thu. 9.15am

Stella Maris

Mass: tba



ST MARTIN de PORRES

Mass times:

Sunday: 10.00am
Weekdays:
Tuesday 9.15am

Reconciliation:

Before Mass by request.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Ian Ranson.

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr John Joel Vergara

PRESBYTERY: QOP, 62A Everingham Rd, Altona Meadows. Ph.: 9360 9955.

PRECA HOUSE Education in Faith. Ph.: 9360 0199.

YOUTH MINISTER: Jonathon Zarb

PARISH OFFICE: 62A Everingham Rd, Altona Meadows Vic 3028. Ph.: 9369 6877 Fax: 9369 6761.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9.00 to 4.00pm, Fri.-9.00am to 12.00noon. Contact the office

for BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS etc, & any other enquiries. St Martin de Porres Hall for hire - phone parish office for details.

EMAIL & WEB ADDRESSES: Fr Ian frianranson@lavertonparish.org.au Parish Office office@lavertonparish.org.au Web www.lavertonparish.org.au

16TH MAY 2010 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

F Y R E (FOR YOUTH REIGNITE) MASS A Mass for the whole family, young adults, teens and school aged youth will be held at Queen of Peace Church on 23rd May 2010.

Mass at 5.00pm. Dinner at 6.00pm \$5.00. 6.00pm to 7.30pm Youth Event.

Dear Parishioners of Laverton, Altona Meadows and Point Cook,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today to inform you that I have resigned from the Position of Parish Youth Minister and have offered one month's notice that will take me to the 6th of June 2010. This will give me and all those I work with the opportunity to tie up any loose ends associated with my role in the Primary Schools, the RCIA program, the Youth Ministry Group and my overall responsibilities in the Parish.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the trust the Parish has placed in me in my role as Youth Minister and I applaud the Parish for investing so much in the youth of the Church. I have gained so much in my time working with you all in the Parish. The hospitality I have received has been overwhelming. I have been particularly blessed to have worked with a talented and gifted group of young Leaders over the last year and a bit who have inspired me with their enthusiasm and dedication. These amazing young people fill me with confidence that the Ministry will continue far into the future. I take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Zeina Assouad, Nicole Barber, Rachel Barber, Nathan Bonnici, Thea Canonigo, Aruska D'Souza, Stacey Fernandes, Caitlin Lemmon, Douglas Magusic, Lionel Thomas and Kathleen Salem.

I look forward to continuing my Youth Ministry at Penola Catholic College where I will be Ministering to a large secondary school community in an expanded capacity which presents a positive challenge for me personally and professionally. My experiences with all of you in your Parish will assist me greatly in my new role.

Finally, I would like to thank Fr. Ian, Fr. Joel, Sue and Kath sincerely for their hospitality during my time working in the Parish and living in the Presbytery and I offer a special thanks to those families and individuals who welcomed me so warmly into their lives.

I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I transition from this Parish community to my new school community and assure you that you will always be in mine. Your brother in Christ, Jonathon Zarb

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If any one requires an anointing of the sick please contact the Parish Office.

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas. 5:14-15).

INTERESTED IN SINGING? If you are at least 8 years old and are interested in singing, then come and join the Laverton Parish Rondalla Club. We need young enthusiastic singers to join us. [The Club holds a weekly practice every Saturday afternoons at the Queen of Peace School Hall, 3:30 - 5:30pm. If interested, please come and visit us during our practise or email Roel Paje on \[raspkids@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:raspkids@yahoo.com\).](#)

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB PARTY NIGHT for single Catholics in 25 to 50 age group. Saturday 22nd May 2010 starting at 8.00pm. Location: Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood (Melway 61 H6). Cost: \$10.00 including lucky door prizes and supper. Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H.

The resurrected Jesus is about to ascend into heaven. He continues teaching his disciples, reminding them that his suffering and death were part of God's plan, to which they are witnesses. With the coming of the Holy Spirit they will experience gifts of hope, perception and power. The Holy Spirit will be with them always, and with us too, as we live as members of Christ's body the Church.



'CELEBRATING THE WEST'

Father Greg Bourke, Episcopal Vicar for the Western Region invites you to join with the Priests and Parish Communities of the Western Region to celebrate the Growth of the Parishes along **Geelong Rd**

As part of the Year for Priests Celebrations
Guest Speaker: Father Tony McSweeney, SSS
"The Priest Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

Parish Groups are invited to bring along Historical Records and Photographs for display and discussion

SUNDAY 6TH JUNE AT 1 PM

Venue: St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Williamstown. Afternoon Tea Provided

Contact: Catherine McGovern Ph 99265791

Email: Catherine.McGovern@cam.org.au

PARISH OF LAVERTON THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS (Inc. St Martin de Porres, Queen of Peace & RAAF Base)	
	9/5/2010
Total planned giving received	\$3,129
Total planned giving pledged	\$3,846
Shortfall	-\$719

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION
 The De La Salle Brothers are offering young men (20 - 35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity in the remote indigenous community of Balgo Hills in Western Australia. Spend 2 weeks (15 - 29 May) learning about the Brothers' life and work whilst helping young people in need. Applications close 29 March. For details please visit www.delasallebrothers.com

PARISH FUNDRAISER

3 DAY COBRAM - BAROOGA SPECIAL Departing Saturday 12th June 2010

Day 1: 8.00am depart QOP, travel to Benalla, the "Rose City", visit the rose gardens and the Edward "Weary" Dunlop memorial statue. Continue onto Cobram for the next two nights, visit Barooga Sports Club. (1 course dinner).

Day 2: After breakfast travel via Berrigan to Jerilderie, the site of Ned Kelly's robbery of the bank in 1879. Return via Finley and Tocumwal before visiting the "The Big Strawberry" on the way back to Cobram, dinner at the Mulwala Services Club. (breakfast / 2 course dinner).

Day 3: After breakfast travel via the Murray Valley Hwy to Yarrowonga & Mulwala for lunch at the Mulwala Ski Club. Return home via Shepparton, visit the S.P.C. Ardmona Cannery the largest processor of deciduous fruit products in Australia. Ardmona offers a wide range of bulk food products, souvenirs, gift packs and other produce. Return home, arriving back at QOP early evening.

Cost: \$150 per person (twin share) min. 40, \$155 (min. 35) - \$170 (min. 30). Single surcharge - must add \$60.00 (no forced singles)

Includes: • 5 star coach travel • motel accommodation • 5 meals incl. continental breakfasts • min. stays @ 3 clubs

Not included: • items of a personal nature • morning and afternoon teas.

For booking and enquiries please contact Josie Magro 9369 3511

billings LIFE Are you interested in helping couples to understand and appreciate their gift of fertility? Billings Ovulation Method™ Teacher Training Courses trains teachers to empower women to monitor their reproductive health and assist couples to achieve or avoid pregnancy. Next course over 2 days - Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th June, 2010 at our East Burwood Head Office. Spaces available, please contact us on 03 9802 2022 or email us on thebillingsmethod@woomb.org


WESTGATE CATHOLIC DEANERY SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, would like to thank all parishioners who signed the petition in support of Father Nguyen Van Ly, a Vietnamese Catholic priest and prominent human rights activist. Fr Ly has advocated for religious freedom, open media, and democracy in Vietnam for more than thirty years. For his efforts, Father Ly had suffered repeated harassment by the Vietnamese government and has spent more than 15 years in prison since 1977. After two strokes and incredible international pressure, the Vietnamese Government has released Fr Ly from prison.

"What soever you do to the least of My brethren, that you do unto Me"

ROTARY CLUB OF ALTONA CITY 20TH ANNUAL CHARITY DEBUTANTE BALL
 VACANCIES STILL EXIST FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR 2010 DEBUTANTE GROUP. PRACTICE SESSIONS START ON WED 19TH MAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE BALL IN AUGUST. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED FULL DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM FRANK LANDELLS - 9315 6650

BOOKING A BAPTISM IN THE PARISH

BAPTISMS ARE HELD TWICE A MONTH, ON **SUNDAYS** at Queen of Peace Church after 11.00am Mass. To book in a baptism you need to ring the Parish Office on 9369 6877 and be prepared that an available date could be at least 6 to 8 weeks away.



The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

LITURGY ROSTER - 22nd & 23rd May 2010 - Pentecost Sunday						
Mass	Ushers	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Prayers	Eucharistic Ministers
6.00pm	C.ZAMMIT		G.CINI	M.SULFARO	J.CINI	M.SULFARO, G.RIPPER, M.FITZGERALD, A.RIPPER, required
8.00am	A.BORG		S.BARTOLO	S.BARTOLO	K.BARTOLO	C.CACHIA, P.BARTOLO
9.00am		(Point Cook RAAF Bas)				
10.00am		(St Martin de Porres)	K.MALLIA	B.ELLIOT	T.SAMA	
11.00am	S.VASIC	D.BRIFFA	TBA	TBA	TBA	G.MALADY, D.BRIFFA, L.SEYCHELL, S.THOMAS, A.ROZARIO

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the

world. Mt 28:19, 20

THE O.O.P. PRAYER GROUP

invites you to join us every Tue. evening at 7.00pm in the Church. 7.00pm Rosary - followed by songs of praise etc. at 7.30pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Please remember in your prayers those in our Community who are sick.

BULLETIN NEWS Items of news for the Bulletin should be left at 74 Fitzroy St Sth, Altona Meadows by the Wednesday prior to 'NEXT BULLETIN' date - please include a contact name and phone number.

BULLETIN BOARD Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for more information on Bulletin news and other information.

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