Prayer

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

10th November  OLMC Kindy Orientation Day
13th November  Remembrance Day
16th November  Pupil Free day
17th, 18th & 19th November Fiona Currans’ visits

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students,
These last weeks have had us reflecting on the person we are called to be; as we are all created in the image of God. Wouldn’t it be great if we could all be ‘Christ-like’ all of the time? Jesus did make it look easy, always calm, always saying and doing the right thing. We don’t often think about the times when Jesus lost his cool or couldn’t cope. We know Jesus prayed a lot, especially for strength to do what he found difficult to do. We know that the more you do something, the easier it becomes. How can we apply that understanding to our Gospel messages?
The readings have challenged us to be more of a disciple to our faith, to strive and be a better person. Am I really the person I want to be? Am I being the best I can be to help those around me be the best they can be? It is easy being nice to the people we care about. It is easy to go the extra mile for those close to us (doesn’t quite sound the same as going the extra yard!) If only we could make the hard choices and do what does not come easy. This is character building! Children show us how easy this can be – to help someone that they do not really know or maybe even care about. And they will tell you how good it feels to do the right thing. Feeling good helps our heart to grow strong. Our inner strength also helps those around us to be strong and deal with adversity. There may be people in our community who are having a hard time at the moment and would never think to ask for assistance.
Prayers can work wonders, actions even better! We can pray to our favourite saint for guidance or to Mary the Mother of Jesus – who really knows what it is like to raise a boy! We can talk to God, asking for his help to make us stronger for those around us. In the month of November we pray for the souls of those who are no longer with us and remember it is through our prayers that they may find contentment with our Father in Heaven. We would especially like to pray for Charli and her family who has just lost their beloved mother, sister, aunty to many and also for Ashton’s family who have lost their grandmother. May God watch over them and help them to be strong at this sad time. From the little time that I have been here in Mullewa, I have noticed that country people just get up and do things so much better than the city folk. In the city, when someone is in need – there are so many more people around, and we know many hands make light work. But here in Mullewa, such a small but very strong community there are not as many hands to help - so everybody does. Can we also keep Noel Swift in our prayers whilst he recovers, and thank God for the wonderful people in our community who just ‘do’ things to help others?

Mass for All Souls Day was beautifully prepared by Miss Nicole and the Year 1/2 students last Monday. I would also like to thank Father Robert for the ease with which he makes our Masses so meaningful for adults and children alike!

Melbourne Cup Day was celebrated with the traditional ‘best hat’ wear on the day. The children enjoyed their parade and seeing the creative gear worn by others.

Graham attended the Nagle Orientation Day on Thursday and was very impressed with the resources that the school has to offer. He is looking forward to heading to Nagle for 2016 and getting into the art room and the woodwork room to develop his creative talents!

The Kindy Orientation Day was had on Tuesday with some very excited little people spending their time getting acquainted with the staff and their new classroom. Mrs Tunbridge, Mrs Messina, Ms Tamisha, Ms Bec and Mrs Swift made the children and mothers feel right at home. We can’t wait till next year when they will be our new little OLMC Kindy children. It is with sadness that I wish to inform our community that two of our staff will be heading to Perth for personal reasons. Miss Mariah who has helped our children develop many talents in the Arts and Technology, and worked alongside Ms Jill in the Years 3/4 room; will be leaving us at the end of the year. It has been a blessing to have Miss Mariah on our staff and we wish her the very best for all that Perth has to offer.

Mrs Jayne Lomas has tended Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s gardens and buildings over the last 3-4 years ensuring that our heritage and building are looking at their best. We appreciate all of the hard work that has gone into making our school look so beautiful and admired by the tourists. We wish Mrs Jayne the best for her future ventures in Perth.

God Bless
DI Nyman

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Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following students:
11th November Clayton Swift
17th November Riley Keeffe

Office Reminders

Parent/Emergency Contact and Medical Emergency Information – If your contact details change throughout the year please contact the office as soon as possible and update your information. Please also let the office know if your child has any allergy and/or medical condition. It is imperative that the school has the most up to date and correct information in case of an emergency.

Payment of School Fees
There are still a number of outstanding accounts. Please see Rachel or Bec in the office with your payments at your earliest convenience, so that the end of year financial matters for Our Lady of Mount Carmel can be completed. If you are having difficulty paying your fees, please make an appointment with the Principal, Mrs Di Nyman, as soon as possible. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Access Times
Just a reminder that in the morning before 8:30am and in the afternoon after 3:30pm, is time when staff prepare the learning environment for the students. If you wish to catch a staff member outside these of these times, please ask for an appointment by contacting the office. Students are not able to enter school until the gates are opened at 8:30am.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Thank you to Jen Critch, Melinda Weir and Robin Keeffe for running Tuckshop last week. There were some very happy customers!!

Thank you to the families who have already returned the P&F Survey. Please remember to return your Survey by the end of this week so that we can make informed decisions regarding our school community. If you have misplaced your copy, please call the office and ask for another which can be printed or emailed.

Tim Critch
President

Jenna McGregor
Secretary

Janice Park
Treasurer

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish – Mass is celebrated every Sunday commencing at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Thank you Tyler Messina for Altar serving this weekend, we love to have students both past and present, volunteer to help with our celebration of the Eucharist.

Congratulations
We welcome into our Parish community Nicholas John Crudeli, son of Michelle and Wayne Crudeli, (Baptised by Father Michael) Flynn Bernard Mills and Noah Patrick Mills, sons of Belynda and Bernard Mills and Scarlett Lucy-May McGregor daughter of Jenna and Scott McGregor (Baptised by Fr Robert) who were initiated into our community recently.

Month of November
November is a special time to pray for those who have died.
There is a Remembrance Book placed at the front of the Altar during the month.
If you would like someone remembered during the month, please fill in a November Offering Envelope and Fr Robert will place their name in the book.
If you would like a special Mass celebrated for those who have died, please ask on the envelope.

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This Term:

We started the term learning about sustainability and looking after our environment. We created signs to remind us to recycle paper, turn off the lights and use water wisely. We planted out our garden beds with bright flowers and learnt why mulch is so important in a hot climate and how it helps us save water. Next week we begin to learn about the season of advent. We will complete many Christmas crafts and activities – look it your child’s folder, it will be full!

Next Tuesday morning at 9.30am our 2016 Kindy students will join us for play and morning tea. Pre-Primaries will have a transition morning in Miss Nic’s room to get a taste of what year 1 will be like. Pre-Primaries will need a packed morning tea as they will eat with the year ones.
This term we have been looking at Christmas around the world. So far we have looked at our own family traditions as well as Scottish, American and South African traditions. We were lucky enough to write letters to Miss Caroline to ask her what the traditions were in Scotland. It was so wonderful to hear from her again. Next we are...