He had seen how well Jesus had dealt with the challenges put to him by various groups. He approached Jesus to ask a question which was much debated among scholars.

There were more than 600 commandments in the Jewish Law and it was often asked which of these had priority over the others. Unusual for him, Jesus immediately answers the man’s question. In answering the question Jesus does not give just one commandment but two:

– Love your God with your whole heart and soul
– Love your neighbour as yourself.

Both answers are taken from the Law of Moses and so satisfy the scribe’s request. However, as we read through the New Testament and especially the words of Jesus in the Gospel, we know that Jesus gives his own twist to these two commandments.

First, in answering a question about which is the most important commandment, he gives two commandments which, in his view, are quite inseparable; one cannot be kept without the other. We cannot say we love God and then refuse to love our neighbour. He will make two other refinements. He will extend the meaning of ‘neighbour’ to include every single person and not just the people of one’s own race, religion or family. And he will set as the standard of love not just the love we are able to show but the depth of love which he will show by dying for us.

The scribe is very pleased with the answer that Jesus gives and expresses full agreement. “In that case,” Jesus replies, “you are not far from the kingdom of God.” That is to say, the scribe is very close to having the spirit of the Gospel and to the following of Jesus. He still has to make the crucial step of committing himself to follow Jesus and become actively involved in the work of the Kingdom.

Whether he took that step or not we will never know. However, we can make our choice to start today or renew our commitment to keep this double commandment and to reflect on how well we put them together.

A Prayer for Love: John 4:19: “We love because he first loved us.”

Father, for when we find it easier to love ourselves than others, give us eyes to see how special all of your children are. Give us opportunities to sit down with those that don’t look or think like us so that we can learn what it really means to love our neighbour.

Help us to be kind, encouraging, forgiving, loving to those that may never realize their impact, and move forward with the ability to treat others with love no matter what. Give us the grace and strength to move from day to day with an outpouring of love for our neighbour.

Thank you Father that no matter where our hearts are, you are always reaching out to love us unconditionally! In Jesus’ Holy name we pray, Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kerry Miller - Principal

**ADMINISTRATION Notices:**

**POPPY APPEAL FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The Year 6 leaders will be selling Poppies next week at playtimes and lunchtimes. Poppies are $2, wristbands - $3, larger poppies- $5. There is also a limited number of hand knitted poppies available for $10. This is to support the great work of the RSL and commemorate Remembrance Day (11th November). A group of senior students have been invited to a Remembrance school service today (Friday 2nd November) to lay commemorative crosses and poppies at the Epping RSL cenotaph. Each level will commemorate Remembrance Day with a service on Monday 12th November. **All families are invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Epping RSL on Sunday 11th November.**
In 2018 we will once again run a series of silent auctions to assist in raising funds to cover the costs of staging Walk Through Bethlehem, our school’s largest annual fundraiser. Please see details below for this week’s auction item:

**Auction item #1: Family pass (2 adults and 2 children) to Polly Woodside.** Valued at $43.

To place a bid, [simply click on this link](#) and follow the instructions, leaving a comment on the post.

*RESERVE $15 - PLEASE BID IN MINIMUM $5 INCREMENTS* Bidding is now open and will close on Friday 9th November.

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**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

**All Saints Day - Thursday 1 November**

All Saints day is a solemn holy day in our Catholic faith tradition. During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. On All Saints day she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those recognised officially by the Catholic Church, we also recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Jesus who redeemed them through his Cross and Resurrection."

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home where they call on us to follow. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read on All Saints Day, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us to Heaven.

**All Souls Day - Friday 2 November**

All Souls day is a holy day set aside for honoring those who have passed away. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church. The official name of the celebration in the Roman Catholic Church is "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed". Another popular name in English is Feast of All Souls. In some other languages the celebration, not necessarily on the same date, is known as Day of the Dead or de los Difuntos in Spanish-speaking countries; halottak napja in Hungary; Yom el Maouta in Lebanon, Israel and Syria.

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**LEARNING & TEACHING**

**Evidence of Learning Growth for our Students.**

Teachers at St Peter’s collect and analyse student learning data on a daily basis to ensure that future learning opportunities are personalised for each student. This allows both the teachers and students to know 'where to next' in learning. Assessment for learning by teachers is ongoing through observation, monitoring and recording of children’s progress. It informs and directs teaching and leads to program evaluation. Opportunities for student self assessment and peer feedback provide additional information for students to know where they are in learning and where to next. Progress is reported to both children and parents with constructive feedback. Students are supported to be assessment
capable learners able to identify where they are in the learning cycle along with the next steps in learning. Progress walls, learning data tracking walls, rubrics and teacher/student conferences are some of the visible ways that students are encouraged to identify their learning progress.

As the year draws to a close teachers are celebrating the learning growth for their students.

Formal assessment in fourth term includes

- **Pat R and M testing.** Each year all students in Years 1-6 complete this online testing in literacy and numeracy in late October/early November. This provides evidence of learning growth over 12 months and is tracked by teachers, analysed and used to set new learning targets. Students are currently completing this testing.

- **Prep- Year 2 Literacy Data.** Reading text levels and oral language scores for students are updated regularly by teachers. This is tracked across the whole school using an online forum. Teachers regularly collaborate on effective strategies to support the learning of all students. In December the final data for the year is shared with Catholic Education Melbourne for validation and system accountability. Teachers also collect evidence of print concepts, understanding of phonics, word recognition and spelling.

- **SINE (Success in Numeracy Education) testing** supports growth in mathematical understanding.

- **Writing analysis.** Twice a year students complete a whole school piece of wiring that is analysed by teachers against curriculum standards. We have a whole school writing wall visible for both students and teachers to check their progress and identify the ‘where to next’ stage.

**Japanese Words of the Week**

みなさん **Minasan (everyone)**

あなた **Anata (you)**

**Prep Excursion to Melbourne Museum**

We had such a rich and exciting learning immersion when we went to watch ‘Flight of the Butterflies’ at IMAX and to interact with the African animal, dinosaur and bug displays. Since returning to school the students have been using **LAUNCH** learning cycle to unpack their understandings and create wonderings to investigate their passions further.

**Visit by St Monica’s Writers Group**

Last Tuesday a group of students from the St Monica’s Year 9 Professional Writing Class visited our Preps to share the storybooks they had written and published. Our Prep children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gave positive feedback to the authors.
PREP REQUEST
READING HELPERS NEEDED - 9AM ONWARDS

We are in need of some parents or grandparents who would be willing to come in and offer some literacy support (listening to reading and sight words). If you are available to help please come into the learning space and speak with either Deb or Narelle.

Middle School News
Thursday 1st November was Outdoor Classroom Day for Australia. The Middle School students took the opportunity to work outside whilst doing Reading Stamina and their Reading Rubric. Students then were asked to do a piece of writing about being outside. Some students wrote a persuasive about why we should work outside more often, a descriptive piece about what they could see and some combined to do a joint narrative. It was a nice way to spend the morning before the heat kicked in!

Just a reminder to parents that Wednesday 7th November is the Middle School excursion. The bus will be leaving school at 8:45 to make sure we are in the city by 10am. Please ensure students are at school on time that morning. We look forward to a great day of learning.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Walk Through Bethlehem
Families have now received a volunteer for Walk Through Bethlehem. We ask all families for consider this a personal invitation to support St Peter’s School through their participation in the event. Walk Through Bethlehem is our school’s largest annual fundraiser and the biggest community event in the City of Whittlesea. This year we aim to create the most vibrant city yet with even more participants. Your family is invited to participate in one of the many scenes during the event. Your relatives and friends are also welcome to participate.
If you have any questions please contact Emma Canning (Email: ecanning@stprepp.catholic.edu.au or phone 9401 1157)
Additional volunteer forms are available at the office should you require them.

Grandparents Day
On Monday we celebrated grandparents day. It was great to see so many grandparents and friends come along and join in the learning. Grandparents shared their stories from when they were at school and were able to engage in learning with their grandchildren.

Julie Percy - Director of Learning & Teaching juliep@stprepp.catholic.edu.au
On Monday, we welcomed our 2019 prep students to St Peter’s for a stay and play session. This provided them with an opportunity to play in their new learning space and build social relationships with their peers.
Every Wednesday the senior students make coffee for the parishioners after Mass. They sit and have a drink and a chat. All parishioners are welcome to come along for a wonderful cup of tea or coffee.

Thank you. Such a good organization. Had plenty of biscuits and smiles.

I enjoy the coffee every week. Well done.

Well done guys, You are all awesome, Thanks for the hospitality.

Great coffee! Keep up the good job. Thanks.

Very good. Keep up the good work.

Wonderful Service! Well mannered children! Well done!

Emma Canning - Director of School Community ecanning@stprepp.catholic.edu.au
STUDENT WELLBEING
PREP - JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

A reminder that there will be a Prep-Junior Assembly today (Friday 2/11) in the Galilee starting at 3pm.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

What an amazing morning we had sharing our learning and play with our grandparents and special visitors on Monday. It was wonderful to see and hear some many special stories behind family artifacts, photos and learning books from the past. Our grandparents are always very welcome to pop into our learning space anytime.

JUNIORS

On Grandparents Day, the Juniors were lucky enough to have lots of special visitors spend the morning with us. We listened to stories and had lots of conversations about how different and similar we are. We even had some special grandmothers teach us how to knit! We hope they come back and visit us soon, they are always welcome in our space.

SCHOOL HATS

Can we please ask that everyone has a hat check to ensure their child has a hat and that it’s clearly labeled with their name. All students need a hat so they can fully participate in outside activities including playtime and sport/Bluearth. Can we also ask that jumpers and jackets are also clearly labeled. Thank you.

SEASONS

Seasons is a program designed to assist children, young people and their families in coping with grief experienced through death, separation or divorce.
Seasons recognises that people experience grief through separation and divorce and aims to promote healthy and meaningful adaptation to loss through a peer support program.
Seasons believes in the effectiveness of mutual help for people grieving and allowing other people who are going through similar situations to learn from each other.
The program runs at school from 2.30 - 3.10pm in small groups facilitated by Silvana Sgarlata, one of our teachers. The program will run for 4 weeks and will begin in wk 6 (Mon 12th Nov and conclude on Monday 3rd Dec). The children participate in age appropriate activities that help bring awareness to their family situation and give them strategies to cope with them. If you would like your child to be part of this program please speak to one of the level teachers or send me an email.

Jackie Fleischmann - Director of Student Wellbeing  jfleischmann@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

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**Extend Before & After School Care at St Peter’s Primary School**

**Recap**

Last term educators contacted the fire department to get a few books and posters from them, so this week all the children got together and read through the books we had fire safety at home and a comic book, the children then went around in a circle telling us what they learnt from the book, we then wrote what we learnt on a paper with a drawing this will go up on the wall with our posters, after children completed this activity they chose if they wanted to do a colouring in, all children got involved and had so much fun participating in the activity.

**Things we learnt:**
- Stop, drop and roll
- Test your smoke alarm at least once a month
- Practice your escape plan
- Keep candles away from curtains
- Avoid using double adapters
- Use low watt bulbs in lamps

**Our Extend Superstar is…**

Gabriella Uniacke for participating in activities

**What’s on next week?**

**Monday 5th November**

Textured painting  
Child initiated activities

**Tuesday 6th November**

Ball games  
Child initiated activities

**Wednesday 7th November**

Paint a garden  
Child initiated activities

**Thursday 8th November**

Adventure playground  
Child initiated activities

**Friday 9th November**

Child initiated games

**Bookings:** extend.com.au
The Catholic Parish of Epping, Epping North

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday, 4 November 2018

FIRST READING - Dt 6:2-6
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Moses said to the people: “If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what shall make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 
Listen, Israel; The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R.V.2
(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.
1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)
(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING - Heb 7:23-28
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Plenary Council Prayer
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.

Let us pray for the sick: Rebecca Englezakis, Jason Azzilla, Nicholas Lodersamy, Palmera Tanse, Cherryl D’sa, Mark Paul Flavier, Rita Carusi, Dominic Pratcico, Janex Hoorigan, Jay Larkas, Jennifer Harbour, Shanon Farrugia, Sabrina Ianzs, Carmel McKenzie, Faten Elmenawi, Michael & Roni Donovan, Carmen Caruna, Rosa Maria Santos, Mario Paola, Laura Patullo, Patsy Heffernan, Dean Screr, James Sheppard, Madison Parker, Mary Attard, Danny Callaghan and Bernadette Arathoon.

Recent Death: Frank Nolan
Anniversary: Vincent Gambrin, Drago, Ana and Ivan
Vrabac, Frank and Pauline Murello, Joseph and Filipa Buric, Denise Cardamone, Bernadette Godinse, Barbara L’Oiseau, Raffaele Berde and Elintra Lades.

Rite of Welcome for Baptism

We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children in our Church.
As Pope Francis has invited us to pray The Rosary “with the special intention of protecting the Church from the attack of Satan” the following is Part 2 of an article -

‘The Devil, the Fallen Angel’
By Father William Saunders (from CERC Catholic Education Resource Centre)

Our Lord identified Satan in various ways. He called Satan the Prince of this World: Satan uses material things to distract us from God. He tempts us to adore the material, the sensual, and the powerful rather than to adore God. He lures us into a sense of false security of thinking we can build our own little kingdom here and now without any need of God.

Jesus referred to Satan as the Father of Lies: The devil perverts the truth, as he did with Eve. He fills our minds with doubts. He provides all the rationalizations why something is right even though our Lord and the Church teach it as wrong.

Satan is the Prince of Darkness: He lurks about and is crafty. He fills us with the pessimistic thoughts, the bad thoughts, the hateful thoughts. He shows us all the hurts, frustration and troubles of this world and of our own lives hoping to lead us to despair.

Finally, Jesus called him the Murderer: The devil seeks to kill the grace of God in our soul, and then take our soul to hell.

Traditionally, the devil is known as Lucifer, meaning “light-bearer,” one of the seraphim, the highest choir of angels who see and adore God directly. Given his sin, his activity and his identification by our Lord, it is little wonder that Christian art has depicted Satan as an ugly, horrible beast with horns who has lost all light and beauty. Even in the morality plays of the Middle Ages, Satan could appear in disguise, but was always recognized by his limp, a sign of his fall from heaven.

Nevertheless, we are confident that the power of God will always triumph over that of Satan; good, over evil; and love, over hatred. St John reminds us, “It was to destroy the devil’s works that the Son of God revealed Himself” (1 Jn 3:8).

COMMUNITY NEWS!!!

END OF YEAR BALL – FUNDRAISER FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN’S & WOMEN’S MOVEMENT

DATE: Saturday, 10th of November 2018, 7.00pm
This is an 18+ event. ID is required

TICKETS: Group: $50 (for bookings made up of 10 people or more)
Full price: $60
You can purchase your tickets at: www.trybooking.com/YAI
Your ticket includes a free drink on arrival and a delicious assortment of canapés with live music.

DRESS CODE: Cocktail
LOCATION: St Brigid’s Parish Hall (378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North)
CONTACT: ymgnorth@gmail.com

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?
Have your say by Wednesday 6 March, 2019

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal
CatholicCare would like to thank the community of St Peter’s Parish Epping for its generous donation of $15486.06 to the recent CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare, who work on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
Together we fulfil the Church’s mission of service to the community. We help families and individuals to develop strong and healthy relationships, and ease the pain of difficult life transitions so that they can live ‘life to the full’. Thank you for enabling us to continue this vital work.

Church cleaning Saturday 10 November – Julie Salvatore and Elisa Fraccesi

St Peter’s Charismatic Prayer Group
1/ Mass, 1st Friday of every month with Youth Band 7.30-9pm
2/ 2nd & 4th Friday Rosary, Praise Worship and talk 7.15-9pm
3/ 3rd Saturday Retreat and Mass with Chorus 1.30-4pm

2018 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION: WIDENING THE DOOR OF HOPE
Tuesday 20 November, light refreshments at 7pm, 7.30pm start
Mercy Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy
One year after the Victorian Parliament legalised euthanasia and assisted suicide, the Office for Justice and Peace offers an opportunity to explore where we go from here. The eminent speakers are: Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael, Director of Palliative Medicine at Cabrini Health, and Dr Stephen Parnis, Former Vice-President AMIA and Emergency Physician at St Vincent’s Hospital. All are welcome.
RSVP required.
RSVP: by Monday 12 November on 9926 5727 or justice@cam.org.au
Download flyer: https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/RERUM%20NOVARUM%20Flyer%2020%20NOV%202018.pdf

Reflection
“And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself" is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

2018 Parish Contribution
A note to school families that if you have not yet commenced contributing please contact the Parish office ASAP

If you would like an item/anniversary included in the weekly Newsheet it is important that you give it to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning
Contact 9401 6300 or email epping@cam.org.au

Our Parish recognises the Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the traditional owners of this place.