

# *Newsletter*

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## **Front page: “Make 2016 the Year of Mercy....but how?”**

### **From The Chaplain’s Desk**

#### ***Fr John Hill CSSR***

I am writing this before Easter, but by the time you get this newsletter, Easter will have come and gone, and the footy season will have started. I hope it was a happy and blessed time for you and your family, and that the Fremantle Dockers have started the season with a win!

Pope Francis has asked the people of the Catholic Church to make 2016 the Year of Mercy. But what does he mean by this? Will it mean anything for us? One way we can understand what the Pope means by the Year of Mercy is to remember his visit a few years ago to a prison for young offenders just outside Rome. He went to the prison for a prayer service on Holy Thursday, the day before Good Friday. As part of the service he washed the feet of twelve prisoners. He did this because Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at his last meal with them on the night before he died.

The Pope’s visit tells us two things about what mercy is. The first is that he visits people in prison. In today’s world we don’t want to know anything about what happens to prisoners. As long as they are locked up, and can’t escape, we really don’t care about prisoners. *“Lock them up and throw away the key!”* We think about them as people different to us, and it is easy also to think that we are better than they are. Our media often call them animals or scum. Pope Francis and other Popes have often visited prisons on Holy Thursday or Christmas Day to remind us that people in prison are just as much God’s children as we are. Yes, they may have done wrong and committed serious crimes, but they are still God’s children.

The second thing the Pope’s visits shows us is how he reaches out to someone who is from a different culture and has a different religion to him. When he washed the feet of the young Muslim woman in the prison at Rome, some people in the Catholic Church were very critical.

They said that he should not have washed her feet, because she was not a Catholic. But the Pope wanted to remind us that we are also called to reach out to people who are from a different culture to ours, or have a

different culture to us.

The Year of Mercy calls us to reach out, just as the Pope did. It doesn't mean that we have to visit people in prison. Most of us will go through life without ever having visited someone in prison. But prisoners are just one group of people that feel left out of our society. There are other groups who also feel left out or ignored: people who have mental health problems, or who are homeless, or unemployed. And of course, there are Deaf people who also feel left out. There are also Muslims who feel left out and rejected by people around them. The way our media describe terrorists can give the impression that all Muslims are terrorists, or at least we should be suspicious of them. We Catholics can easily forget what was happening just a few years ago in Northern Ireland. There people who called themselves Catholics were behaving like terrorists, bombing and killing innocent people. In the Year of Mercy let's ask God to help us open our hearts, and reach out to those who feel excluded or rejected by others.

John Hill CSSR

Chaplain

Photo below: HERE IS THE LOGO USED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR "THE YEAR OF MERCY":



## **From the Executive Manager's Desk**

***Rachel Miers***

Hello, I hope you had a happy and safe Christmas break with your families. The summer came and went quickly. Staff here have been kept busy in the office with organising community activities including Signee Tots, Ladies Day Outings, Deaf Art and church services.

Recently Josephine Hynes, our Signee Tots and CODA activities coordinator, resigned to accept a teaching position at a school. Josephine has been with us for the past four years while studying to become a teacher. Josephine will be missed by all—but we will still see her around in the Deaf Community. Thank you Josephine, for your wonderful contributions to Signee Tots and CODA activities and being a valued staff member of JPC.

As I write this, Lent has come and gone with 40 days of preparation for Easter. I, personally, used Lent as a time to reflect on my own.

You may have thought of Lent as a time to focus on your faith or to reconnect with God... whatever approach you took through Lent, I hope that you feel that you have become a better person for it.

Due to the rising costs from Australia Post, I would like to encourage people to subscribe JPC newsletters on email / online. JPC will reduce printing out newsletters after May and move towards newsletters online. You can give us your email address if you would like to receive these newsletters on your email (at no cost!). And, we will add your name to a special raffle of a mobile phone! For those who still wish to receive the newsletter in print by post, please send in a contribution of \$10. (We really need this to cover costs). And, you will also go into the draw to win a phone. *Please see more details on page 11.*

JPC will have its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm. Refreshments will be served 3.30pm before the AGM. You are welcome to attend.

On behalf of JPC Board and staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a lovely Easter break with your family and friends.

*Rachel*

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## **51<sup>st</sup> International Eucharistic Congress (ICE) 2016 & Deaf Track, International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons (ICF) January 2016**

***Rachel Miers***

Recently there was an IEC held in Cebu, Philippines. The last one (2012) was held in Dublin, Ireland where Gail Finn and Fr John Hill went.

This year, I attended along with over 200 Deaf pilgrims from countries including Malaysia, Ireland, America, Philippines, and Hong Kong went to the "Deaf Track". Deaf Track was organised by International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons (ICF). The mission of the ICF is to support and promote the religious formation and pastoral care of, with and by Deaf people within the Catholic Community. "Deaf Track" provided many presentations on interesting topics:

- \* Mary O'Meara discussed the social media platforms (Facebook/ twitter) for the Deaf Ministry.
- \* Laureen Lynch Ryan explained the resources available and the methodologies taught to the Deaf children.
- \* Peter Noyce explained of the only all-deaf fraternity "Secular Franciscan Order (OFS). It was formerly known as third order of St Francis. Peter then explored the Franciscan family / spirituality, steps in becoming a secular Franciscan, fraternity life and steps in establishing a new fraternity.
- \* Deacon Larry Sutton explained of several approaches to include the children in understanding more of their faith. He wrote a book "How to welcome, include and catechize children with autism and other developmental disabilities, a parish based approach".
- \* Fr Charles Dittmeier works in Cambodia and showed each country in South East Asia and of the deaf ministry in each country.
- \* Frankie Berry is registered as a Deaf interpreter in Ireland and does church interpreting work at sacramental events like baptism, communion, confirmation, weddings and funerals. Frankie shared of her experiences with church interpreting especially with Mass for you at Home.
- \* Fr Min Seo Park is a Deaf priest now ministering in Seoul, South Korea. He also showed the photos of each priest and nuns who are deaf, working in the Deaf Ministry in Asia. Fr Min is a very popular priest and is well respected by Koreans. In his audience, there were two archbishops from Korea and 50 hearing delegates.
- \* Fr Cyril Axelrod, a deaf blind priest gave a presentation on deaf blind and several types of deaf blind. He went on to explain of the best practice in teaching the deaf blind people to learn about their communion and their faith.

Also several highlights worth mentioning:

- There was a visit to Gaulandi Mission for the Deaf in Cebu where the deaf people were given a warm welcome. And also to meet the locals and have dinner with them, with the traditional food and the locals dancing.
- His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle DD, engaged with the audience of his catechesis, with his presentation "The Eucharist and the Dialogue with Cultures". Cardinal Tagle took the time to greet in different languages and in sign language to the deaf community. He explained of the intelligence quotient (IQ), emotional quotient (EQ) and the most important which is cultural intelligence (CQ) defining a cultural awareness allowing us to meet people and be more sensitive towards others.
- There were several stories shared by these people including a man from Japan who filmed his house floating away in the Japanese tsunami. This man explained how his community helped out each other and built temporary shelters. Another story was a former street child who set up a charity helping the street children. When she was a child, she asked her local church if she could sleep there and the community helped her with food, clothing and education. Recently 500 street children had received their first communion at the Mass.
- The hearing performers taught to sign the theme song in Filipino sign language.

Of course Fr Cyril was very popular and the police man asked to be blessed by him!

More than two million people walked along the street to Plaza Independencia after an outdoor Mass in the Cebu Capital Building.

**POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCED THE NEXT IEC IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY IN 2020.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND START SAVING FOR THIS TRIP!**

Photo below: Nicole Clark (from Sydney Ephpheta Centre team and Fr Cyril and Rachel Miers from JPC).



## **Special Award for one of our old friends:**

**Brother Francis Thomas Hennessy received the medal (OAM) of the Order Of Australia in the General Division for his service to education and to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.**

Brother Hennessy was heavily involved with JPC and the Catholic Deaf community.

He was a friend to the deaf community, in his working life, but also friend and volunteer by nature!

Throughout his service, he had worked with various schools and catholic organisations, and he started working with JPC in 1980. During his time with JPC, he was Acting Chair, Volunteer Centre Manager (from 1992 – 1997) and he was always a part of management sub committees.

We congratulate him on his award and wish him all the best with his current work in East Timor. (Brother Hennessy is now a Team leader for the Edmund Rice Foundation in East Timor).

*Here is a passage of what was written about Brother Hennessy by Margaret Urquhart for his JPC Directors Award in 2013.*

*Frank, his brother and two sisters were raised by deaf parents in the city of Geelong, Victoria. His father passed away before JPC opened in Ripponlea. He was Charles Francis Hennessy who was born in 1899 and passed away in 1976. He had attended the School for the Deaf in St Kilda Road. His mother, Gertrude Mary Hennessy (Kinsella) was born in Tasmania in 1911 and attended the Deaf School in Hobart and then Waratah in NSW. She passed away in 2000. Gert was a regular attendee of Masses for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in both Ripponlea and Prahran. She also attended the National Conferences for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired held annually in a different city. Gert was often accompanied by Frank's sister, Anthona and occasionally by his other sister, Monica. Frank's brother, Kevin, is a priest in the Order of Passionists and has celebrated Mass at Prahran in sign language.*

*Frank naturally has a great understanding of Deaf History, Culture and Language and is therefore a friend and sometimes adviser of the Deaf Community. Individual deaf people have sought his advice about various issues and respect his knowledge. His presence, advice and experience have always been greatly appreciated.*

*Another of Frank's special works has been to accompany Pankina on their annual bus trips for short holidays. Frank went as their much appreciated interpreter.*

Photo Below: Brother Frank



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### **I connect—update:**

*Mariana Voggenreiter*

It is with delight and joy that the Pastoral Team has received wonderful news from our very first “ICONNECT” client who now owns a mobile and is involved in social media (e.g. Facebook) which is beyond our goals.

Without the support of the John Wallis Foundation, this woman would still be lonely and would not have grown in confidence and happiness.

We continue to have regular contact with this client and have found an alternative ways to

keep in touch.

JPC have now given a new client a loan iPad to help us have regular contact and it is wonderful to see this person also smiling and feeling engaged and not isolated.

We could not have been happier with the outcome.

We have started to overcome the problem of isolation within our community and we are excited to be able to provide more services, especially in our rural Victorian clients.

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## **Community Member Profile: (Photo: Monica with her husband Mal)**



### **Monica Stevenson**

*Monica will be 75 years young on 30th March! We wish her all the best for this special birthday and we thank her for all she has done for our community! You are a star Monica!*

**Favourite colour?** Blue

**AFL team?** Collingwood

**Favourite holiday place?** Moruya NSW—where I was born!

**Ideal dinner guests?** My family! I love to have my 8yr old and my 5 yr. old grandchildren at my house!

**Favourite meal?** I love going to the RSL with my closest friends.

**Coffee or Tea?** I am a true Café latte lady!

**Favourite TV show?** Home and Away

**Favourite part about the JPC Community:** It is really my second home! I love BINGO and I love being a part of the Pankina group. I have really enjoyed being the president for 11 years now!

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## **Mass for you at home:**

*By Mariana Voggenreiter*

What a great couple of weeks it has been for me as I started the year recording the Mass For You At Home (at channel 10 studio in South Yarra). I was very “holy” and blessed by the end of the week. I am back in the office but I did enjoy the experience.

This year Channel Ten have decided to change their layout for Mass For You At Home. It is much better as you will soon see on channel ten/eleven.

The Masses were filmed and will be aired once a week over the course of the year.

There were priests from different parishes who came to say Mass, some were new and others were familiar with this program.

It was great to have 5 different interpreters from Melbourne and they all had varied styles and signs and it was interesting to share our signs with each other.

Thank you to Echo for the wonderful job, it was a pleasure and delight working with the interpreters.

There are so many people and organisations that are involved and we are very grateful to all! Special thanks to Archdiocese of Melbourne, Channel Ten, John Rowland Media, Echo interpreting and John Pierce Centre.

**Mass For You At Home is broadcast on channel eleven on Sunday at 5.30am to 6.05am then is repeated on Channel ten from 6.00am to 6.30am.**

**I hope you will wake up early on Sunday morning to watch and enjoy the mass!**

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### **Thankful Thought:**

**Life is full of give and take.  
Give thanks and take nothing  
for granted.**

(Author unknown)

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## Reflection – Life is a Gift:

Today before you think of saying an unkind word,  
think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food,  
think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife,  
think of someone who is crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life,  
think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children,  
think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house, someone didn't clean or sweep,  
think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive,  
think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job,  
think of the unemployed, the disabled and those who wished they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another,  
remember that not one of us are without sin and

we all answer to one maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down,  
put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.

Life is a gift – Live it, Enjoy it, Celebrate it, and Fulfil it.

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## Prayer – Everything has its Time:

*For everything there is a season,  
and a time for*

*every matter under heaven:*

*a time to be born,*

*and a time to die;*

*a time to plant,*

*and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

*a time to kill,*

*and a time to heal;*

*a time to break down,*

*and a time to build up;*

*a time to weep,*

*and a time to laugh;*

*a time to mourn,*

*and a time to dance;*

*a time to throw away stones,*

*and a time to gather stones together;*

*a time to embrace,*

*and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*a time to seek,*

*and a time to lose;*

*a time to keep,*

*and a time to throw away;*

*a time to tear,*

*and a time to sew;*

*a time to keep silence,*

*and a time to speak;*

*a time to love,*

*and a time to hate;*

*a time for war,*

*and a time for peace.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-18*

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## News - WE will have a RETREAT:

Join us for reflection and quiet prayer time.

**When:** Saturday 18th June

**Where:** 25-35 High St, Prahran

**Time:** 10am—3pm

**Cost:** free / BYO lunch

**RSVP:** Wed 1st June to: [g.finn@jpc.org.au](mailto:g.finn@jpc.org.au)

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## Deaf Masses and Funerals are a time to reflect

### *Katrina Mynard*

Everyone loves to come to mass to reflect and to attend funerals to pray and pay respects to family and friends. It is an honourable thing to do. And even though these services are sometimes sad, they can also be a time to catch up with old and new friends. However, these times do call for reverence and Katrina has some points for all of us to consider, so that our community can help to make these events memorable, comfortable and respectful for everyone involved.

### ***Is it Appropriate?***

*To use the phone / mobile through the Mass and Funeral Services?*

*It is best to:*

- Turn your phone off or put on silent.
- Not to text while the service is on – it can wait for another half hour or one hour.
- Not to play an Ipad or games during masses.

*Can I take photo / Selfie during Funerals?*

*Answer is:*

- It may feel rude and not look right. Often it is best to ask the person who organised the funeral. Out of respect for the person's family who died, it is best to let them decide if you can take a photo or not.

*Can I talk / sign to my friends through Mass or Funeral?*

*Over the years, I have seen people talking/signing whilst the priest/celebrant is conducting the service, and I personally find this distracting.*

*It is also considered by most people, to be very rude to talk/sign through the service.*

*Other people will see you and they will be able to read your conversation too, so it's best to chat after the service.*

*Funerals are important and should focus on respect for the religion and for the person who died.*

*Last of all, these events should not be treated like a Deaf Club. It is best to wait till the service is finished and use that time to sit and talk/sign to your friends for as long as want.*

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## **Community Activities / Signee Tots:**

***By Melissa Smith***

We had a wonderful end to 2015 and a special Xmas party where Mark Hageman donated his jumping castle! It was fantastic! Thank you again Mark!

2016 has started so quickly and we were happy to see some old and new faces and our recent gatherings.

We also send our best wishes to all the kids who have now started school. We miss you!

We also miss Josie who has left JPC to start her teaching career! We know she will be back to visit us in the school holidays.

We have some exciting activities planned for this year and we welcome any suggestions too. And we have a volunteer working with us who has already given us some great ideas. Pallavi Singh has studied in this field and has been helping us at some of our gatherings.

Remember, Signee Tots is for any families who are related to deaf people and who have kids in the family around 0-5years. We have a safe, comfortable, open space for kids to play, sign, talk and for carers to sit, drink tea and relax!

### **Upcoming dates – for Signee tots:**

5th April—Outer Space (School Holidays)

19th April—Playdough creations

3rd May—Mothers Day

17th May—Autumn Crafts

31st May—Into the Jungle

14th June—Senses

28th June— Footy Day (School Holidays)

**For more information please contact:**

**Melissa Smith: [m.smith@jpc.org.au](mailto:m.smith@jpc.org.au)**

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## **Community Activities / Deaf Art:**

JPC has organised many exciting classes for each Friday. It's going to be a busy term. Do come along and learn a new art or chat with friends.

### **Upcoming Friday Dates:**

TERM TWO:

Starting Date is on 15th April which is a welcome gathering.

22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April—Crochet with Adrian Doyle

6<sup>th</sup> May—Floral Punch Craft with Leone

13<sup>th</sup> May—Card making with Dawn May

20<sup>th</sup> May— Macramé with Gina

27<sup>th</sup> May— Origami with Hiro

3<sup>rd</sup> June—Scrapbooking with Rachel

10<sup>th</sup> June— Card making with Dawn May

17<sup>th</sup> June—an activity will be confirmed

24<sup>th</sup> June—Heide, Museum of Modern Art at Heidelberg

Donations will be appreciated to cover morning tea.

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## **Community Activities / Ladies Day Out**

Ladies Day Out is as popular as ever in 2016 and it's great to see the ladies every month.

If you would like to join us, you will certainly have a great time chatting and experiencing new places and new activities.

Recently we went to see the exhibition of costumes which was featured in the movie "The Dressmaker". It was a lovely day and was very interesting to see all the beautiful dress costumes.

In March we went to the Strawberry farm—and it was an enjoyable day and the smell of the fresh strawberries was amazing! Lorna said that she enjoyed the trip to the farm and appreciated the drive. It is with thanks to Deaf Children Australia for the hiring of the bus.

The dates have been made for **Wednesdays** each month:

\* 20<sup>th</sup> April: International Food Outing

\* 18<sup>th</sup> May: Marilyn Monroe exhibition in Bendigo. Meet at Southern Cross Station 9am or 11am at Bendigo Art Gallery. RSVP 9<sup>th</sup> May

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## **Deaf Men's Group:**

Deaf Men's Group is run on a Monday, each fortnight from 10am to 2pm. Most of the men come to the JPC Hall and play cards, talk, share news. Recently JPC had a visit from VCD students and the deaf men's group enjoyed telling stories about their days at school! They really loved to share with the youth of today!

**Come and join the men's group whenever you like — it's an open house!**

Coffee/ Tea are provided, but please BYO Lunch.

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## **Pankina:**

### **Cheryl Clarke (Secretary)**

Pankina group had a great end to 2015 with a Christmas raffle on 23rd November. So many raffles were drawn and a lot of people were very happy!

Our attendance at the Christmas lunch was also high, around 75 people and we enjoyed our time there at the Royal Hotel in Essendon.

We will continue with our gatherings and playing bingo, crazy whist and 777s...We hope you can come along sometime!

In other news, Cheryl Clarke became a grandmother to grandchild number 7!  
We congratulate Cheryl's daughter Tamara and her partner Zoran who had beautiful Zara on 16th January.

Photo: Cheryl Clarke daughter with her partner and her own daughter



**Upcoming Dates – for PANKINA:**

Mondays and some Tuesdays due to Public Holiday

Monday 11th April,	Tuesday 26th April
Monday 9th May,	Monday 23rd May
Monday 6th June,	Monday 20th June
Monday 4th July,	Monday 18th July

**For more info on any of these community activities...Contact: Katrina Mynard**  
**Mobile SMS: 0400 660 601**  
**E: k.mynard@jpc.org.au**

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## **The Colour Run – fun run:**

The JPC team will be participating in The Colour Run on the evening of Sat 16th April. The event promotes healthiness, happiness and individuality and.....it will be hilarious!

Come and join us for a fun night walking, dancing and skipping in colour (running is not essential but laughing is!).

To join our team - go to The Colour Run website, register and buy your ticket, then look for our team name "JPC FUN IN COLOUR".

<http://thecolorrun.com.au/event/melbourne-night/>

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## **REST IN PEACE:**

Olive Howe – 29th November, 2015.

Merle Spargo - 25th December, 2015- aunt of Janet McDonald and Dorothy Thomas.

Clare Jasek - 28th December, 2015  
sister of Kathleen Carroll.

Ana Lamaro - 2nd January, 2016, sister of Nola Harrison.

Arthur Robinson - 4th January, 2016, brother of Fr. Peter Robinson.

Terrance Symons - 20th February, 2016, husband of Margaret.

Marie Therese Janes - 23rd February, 2016 mother of Kathy Wise.

Timothy Pysarenko - 24th February, 2016, son of Jennifer and Peter.

Stan Batson—11th March 2016, husband of Myra.

Scott Blackett - 13th March 2016.

Carl Thornton—14th March 2016, husband of Raylene.

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## **Leave a bequest:**

By leaving a gift to John Pierce Centre in your Will, you will have a lasting impact, supporting our centre for years to come.

A bequest makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

For more information, please contact our Administration Office on 03 9525 1158 or email [admin@jpc.org.au](mailto:admin@jpc.org.au)

Thank you.

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## Calendar for Signed Masses

**First Sunday Mass** every month at John Pierce Centre (start in March 2016)

**Second Sunday Interpreted Mass** at St. Francis Church, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

**Third Sunday Mass** every month at John Pierce Centre

(1st Sunday Mass) Sunday 3rd APRIL Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Mass) Sunday 17th APRIL interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(First Sunday Mass) Sunday 1st MAY Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Mass) SUN 15th MAY interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(First Sunday Mass) 5th JUNE Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11:00am
(3rd Sunday Mass) 19th JUNE interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11:00am
(First Sunday Mass) Sunday 3rd JULY Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(3rd Sunday Mass) Sunday 17th JULY interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11.00am

(1st Sunday Mass) Sunday 7th August Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
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## **Catholic Youth Festival**

### **Mariana Voggenreiter**

In December 2015, the pastoral team - Katrina, Josephine and Mariana—were given the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide.

Katrina said “We were overwhelmed to see the excitement and connection that the young generation have and how they connect is very different to other generations that exist within our community. It is pleasing and interesting to see how the young generation connect with the bishops, priests, sisters and nuns via technology and music”

Mariana said “It was amazing and fantastic to also see how the bishops, priests, sisters and nuns were open and flexible to selfies and technology!

The pastoral team presented several presentations based on their upbringings and faith in the Deaf Catholic Community and they also taught the attendees how to sign a song - ‘Pure in Heart’ by Genevieve Bryant. You can watch the video of the team signing on Youtube or Facebook. The youth were so excited and they of course participated in signing the song at the closing ceremony.

A special thanks goes to Patricia Mowbray, the disability project officer from the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life (based in Canberra).

The JPC team was very proud to be a part of this special event for youth within our Church around Australia.

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## **Want to be a volunteer?**

*Leading up to Mothers Day—we will be gift wrapping at the Good Guys Store in Chadstone (for gold coin donations to JPC) and it would be great if you can help on a day for a couple of hours! We may also have other opportunities to help us throughout the year, so please give us your name and we can add you to the list! Or please share our details with someone you think may be interested! Please contact [admin@jpc.org.au](mailto:admin@jpc.org.au). Thank you!*

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## **The Good Guys—supporting us through the years.**

For many years now, John Pierce Centre has been a very fortunate Community Partner of The Good Guys Chadstone.

Mr Travice De Silva the proprietor of the store, chose to support the Family Support Services provided by the Centre and especially to Deaf families in the wider community. The Signee Tots Program continues to be eventful and fun—and this is all thanks to the support of Travice and the store's generous donations.

Travice's team can help you with technology and home theatre needs and much more. His staff are fully trained and can help you with any questions you may have. So if you are thinking of buying some new appliances, visit Travice at Chadstone.

Visit the store: Chadstone Lifestyle Precinct at 675 - 685 Warringal Road in Chadstone.

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## **LEARN HOW TO:**

### **What to do with left over Easter eggs.....make an Easter rocky road:**

**400g dark chocolate, chopped**

**1 and 1/4 x 250g packets assorted chocolate mini Easter eggs**

**100g packet mini marshmallows**

**2/3 cup (100g) pistachio kernels, toasted**

**1/4 cups (150g) dried cranberries**

**10 sponge finger biscuits, chopped**

### **METHOD**

**Grease a 6cm-deep, 20cm (base) square cake pan. Line base and sides of pan with baking paper, allowing 2cm overhang on all sides.**

#### **Step 2**

**Place chocolate in a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high (100%) for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds with a metal spoon, or until smooth. Set aside to cool for 20 minutes.**

#### **Step 3**

**Place marshmallows, pistachios, cranberries, biscuits and half the eggs in a bowl. Add chocolate. Stir gently to combine. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Press with the back of a spoon to level. Lightly press remaining eggs into top. Cover. Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight, if time permits, or until set.**

#### **Step 4**

**Remove rocky road from pan. Cut into 25 pieces. Serve.**

**<http://www.taste.com.au/recipes>**

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- *our Facebook page*
  
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And, if you would like to share some news with the community, please contact us. We may be able to add it to the next issue of our newsletter.

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