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Image of person kneeling down and praying next to a cross at sunset, with birds flying around

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Help me to walk in your light and live my life in faith and glory.

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Next Newsletter Deadline

JUNE 2019

From JPC Executive Manager:

As we move very quickly through the year, I want to wish everyone well, for your families and friends, good health and safe adventures for 2019!

The JPC Team look forward to seeing you as you continue to participate in our activities, events, education sessions, fundraisers and Mass.

It is with pleasure to let you know that I will continue to work in the Executive Manager role at JPC for 2019, alongside the enormous capabilities of the entire JPC Team. The Team and our Community have my full support to help JPC in all its endeavours, as we continue to grow and learn the best way to understand a changing world and evolving social systems.

You will see some extra initiatives this year to assist in raising funds for our valuable work, so that we can continue to enrich our Community's lives to the fullest and, hopefully, offer services which are educational, informative, enjoyable, and truly add value to all our lives.

So don't forget to mention "JPC" to anyone you know who might like to support us through donations, participation or volunteering.

We are well supported by our Board who I am working closely with this year, to ensure we make the most of all our opportunities and valuable relationships so that JPC can flourish for many years to come.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have (and do) continue to support us, some of you have done so for many years, and we are truly grateful.

I look forward to a wonderful 2019 with you all!

Deb Wadsworth

EASTER NOTICE:

Easter Celebrations

Holy Thursday Mass – 18th April / 3.00pm

Good Friday Service - 19th April / 3.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass – 21st April / 11.00am*

Easter Sunday Mass will be Fr John Hill's last Mass with us as he takes on new responsibilities with The Redemptorists in Sydney. Please join us after Easter Sunday Mass for light refreshments and a farewell cake!

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PRAYER AND REFLECTION

LENT: 40 days of Renewal.

I Will Turn

(a daily prayer for Lent)

Lord, I will turn,

Turn my face towards you.

I will lay before you the desert areas I hide

And turn to soak in your refreshing words of life.

I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits

And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love.

I will draw back from the harsh pull of media

And turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit.

Lord, today I turn my face towards you.

I will turn

To soak in your words of life,

To rest in the warmth of your love,

And to bathe in the power of your Spirit.

(a Lenten prayer poem by Julie Palmer © 2018 www.prayerscapes.com)

PAGE 4 : FAREWELL FR JOHN!

From the time of his arrival in 2000, Fr John has supported, encouraged, loved and cared for our community. He learnt Auslan to be able to guide Deaf people, their families and the JPC staff, in spiritual development.

We thank you Fr John, you will be sorely missed.

From The Chaplains Desk:

As some of you already know, I have finished working at JPC, and have moved to Sydney. I belong to an international community of priests and brothers, and have been asked to work from Sydney in our leadership team. So, my work with the Deaf has come to an end — at least for now.

I will certainly miss the Deaf community at JPC. I started there in 2000, went to Perth in 2005, came back to Melbourne started again with JPC in 2009.

As you know, I don't have any Deaf background (no family or friends who are deaf). I believe that

God led me to the Deaf community. Your world and your culture were very new for me. I had a lot to learn, and after 15 or so years at JPC, I was still learning, and probably still making the same mistakes as I did in the beginning!.

But my time with you have been one of the most valuable in my life. I'm very grateful for the trust you put in me as you let me into your lives. At JPC I was with you in times of celebration and ones of sadness. I was blessed to be able to celebrate baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and funerals.

In these kind of celebrations the presence of Jesus was very real, and I was touched very deeply I will always remember them.

The experience of celebrating Mass with you in sign has meant a lot to me because signing made me feel more involved in the celebration than if I was just using my voice. In the future, when I celebrate Mass for a hearing community, I don't know what I am going to do with my hands!!

I also want to thank you the patience you (especially Deaf staff at JPC) showed with my not-so-good signing. Over the years the admin staff at JPC and the members of the pastoral team have been very good to me, and I want to thank them especially.

So, I wish you all every blessing for the future.

The future of JPC is not just in your hands, but is also in the hands of God. Just as he led me to the Deaf community, so I am sure he will lead new people to come and work among you.

Our celebration of Easter reminds us that, although we go through times of uncertainty and suffering, God will provide a future for us. Happy Easter!!!

John Hill CSSR

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SIGNEE TOTS:

From Melissa Thompson:

The first part of this year has been a time of reflection for me, and I have spent some entertaining and enlightening time looking through the archives of JPC newsletters. Two articles and photo spreads I found were in the issue from Autumn of 2000. There was a welcome to Father John and a description of the start of the Signee Tots playgroup. That makes 2019, the 20th anniversary of our Playgroup. We are hoping to have a big celebration of Signee Tots involving past families. More information to come, but please pass this information on to any past families, and ask them to save Saturday 22nd June.

2019 is also the year we farewell Father John from JPC. Father John has been a cornerstone of JPC since I began my involvement here 10 years ago. I so value his experience and wisdom, and on both a personal and a professional level I will find it hard once he has gone.

Dealing with change and letting go are issues that we all must face at different phases of our lives. Parenthood in particular brings these challenges. "We cut our child's umbilical cord physically at birth, but there is an emotional cutting of the umbilical cord that happens, little by little, through various seasons of their lives until the last cut, which is when they go to live on their own. The final task of parenting, releasing your grown children to the world of adulthood, is the hardest one."

There are many children's books which help families deal with goodbyes and letting go. The first line of the book 'Goodbye Brings Hello' by Dianne White says "there are many ways of letting go. With each goodbye, a new hello." This reflects what Father John said in his article, reminding us that just as he was led to work at JPC, so too will new people come, bringing talents and wisdom of their own. Another book for children which I love is 'Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You', by Nancy Tillman. This author has written this and another beautiful book, 'On the Night You Were Born', which I read to my son on each of his birthdays. Like anniversaries or farewells, birthdays are reminders of time passing and change occurring. I find the message of Nancy's first book comforting. It shows a little boy traveling from the ocean, to a farm, to a forest and a snow covered field. In each beautiful illustration he is surrounded by sparkles that represent the love of those not with him. When I read this book with my son, I assure him that no matter where his life's adventures take him, my love will follow him.

Rest assured that although change is occurring around us, there are resources like these books to help us move through and explain it.

Signee Tots is also here to stay! We have welcomed a number of new families this year, and we look forward to a joyous anniversary celebration on later this year.

Upcoming dates 2019:

26th March,

23rd April,

7th May & 21 May,

4th June & 18th June (keep an eye for information about our special 20yrs anniversary celebration on Sat 22nd June)

For more information please contact:

Melissa Thompson

E: [m.thompson @jpc.org.au](mailto:m.thompson@jpc.org.au)

DEAF ART:

We hope you've enjoyed the 2019 program so far! We have some exciting things planned for the rest of the year. We will share the news of the upcoming activities on each date on Facebook and through email to you.

Got any suggestions for classes?

Tell us what you would like and we can try and add to the program.

NOTE: The admission is now \$5.00 per person, to cover costs of tea, coffee and morning tea. BYO lunch and craft tools.

Additional materials/teachers cost may be required. Get in touch to find out more!

2019 Fridays:

10am- 2pm

29th March

APRIL—5th, 12th, 26th (TBA)

MAY—3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

JUNE—7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

JULY—5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

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LADIES DAY OUT:

We had a great time recently at Abacus Bar and Kitchen on Chapel Street. We highly recommend it!

We hope you can join us for our upcoming outings and lunches. Please keep these dates in your diary and keep in touch to find out what is planned. You can see on Facebook or contact Katrina Mynard.

Ladies Outings:

WED 17th April

WED 22nd May

WED 26th June

WED 24th JULY

DEAF MENS GROUP:

Deaf Men's Group meet fortnightly on Mondays (from 10am to 2pm). Most meetings are held in the JPC Hall and we play cards, talk, share news.

Come and join the men's group whenever you like — It's an open house! Coffee/ Tea are provided, but please BYO lunch.

Men's Time Out – DATES:

MONDAYS-

April—15th, 29th

May—13th, 27th

June-24th

July—8th, 22nd

PANKINA:

Pankina Group meets every second Monday from 9.30am till 3.30pm.

We have a variety of activities like Bingo, 777 cards, Crazy Whist and also special events like Mother & Father's Day Raffles and football days and Melbourne Cup celebrations!.

Come and join our large group for activities and catch up's!

Special events include:

MONDAY 8th APRIL—BINGO and Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Buns!

MONDAY 3rd JUNE—AGM (Free entry—all welcome)

MONDAY 15th JULY—Christmas in July Lunch (details TBA)

See the list here:

Pankina—Mondays:

8th April—Bingo and Easter

22nd April—closed

6th May—Cards day and Mothers Day Raffle

20th May—Bingo

3rd June—AGM

17th June—Cards

1st July—Bingo

15th July—Christmas in July

29th July – Cards

Remember!! For information on any community activities, please contact Katrina: SMS: 0400 660 601 / E: k.mynard@jpc.org.au
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Auslan accessible Mass:

Third Sunday Mass: (with Auslan Interpreter)

Every month at John Pierce Centre at 11AM

Note: We will not be having 1st Sunday of the month mass in 2019

Second Sunday Mass at ST FRANCIS in Melbourne : (Integrated hearing mass with Auslan Interpreter) - TBA

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. 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 in need. For more information, please contact our office on 03 9525 1158 or email admin@jpc.org.au Thank you.

REST IN PEACE:

Leslie Mansergh – 21st November, 2018

Kevin Moore – 26th November, 2018

Vince Honan – 2nd December, 2018 (brother of Monica Stevenson)

Nathan Rees – 31st January, 2019 (grandson of Joy Moloney)

Sr Vendremina Puiatti RSJ - 11th March (pastoral worker at JPC in 1980's)

Joy Ingram -28th February, 2019 (Grandmother of Belinda Ingram)

Stuart Platt - 15th March, 2019

JPC HALL FOR HIRE:

Did you know that you can hire JPC hall for a small fee, for your workshop, seminar, events or meetings? We are proud of our centre and we have many features to offer like parking (easy access to tram line), large indoor space, natural lighting, AV equipment, full kitchen, accessible toilets, cooling and heating. Contact us for more info - Ph.: 03 9525 1158 / E: admin@jpc.org.au

CALENDAR FOR MASSES:

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3rd Sunday Mass – 19th May	JPC , Prahran 11:00am , JPC 11.00am
3rd Sunday Mass – 16th June	JPC , Prahran 11:00am , JPC 11.00am
3rd Sunday Mass – 21st July	JPC , Prahran 11:00am , JPC 11.00am

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REST IN PEACE: Rest In Peace Sr Vendremina.

Sr Vendremina Puiatti RSJ passed away on 11th March in Box Hill Hospital.

She was a pastoral worker in the time of Fr Peter Robinson and also through Fr Greg Reynolds' chaplaincy. Altogether offering seven and a half years of her service to the Deaf community.

She was a Josephite Sister and during her ministry she lived in the convent at Sunshine and worked from Ripponlea.

She shared her ministry all around Victoria but was particularly involved in the Western Suburbs and with Italian families. She did a lot of catechetical work (teaching faith) and preparing children for the sacraments.

She had a very creative flair when it came to setting up for mass and arranging the flowers and decor. She was the leader of the liturgy group for approximately five years. She was on the team of the first D.E.C (Deaf Encounter Christ) in 1985.

She will be remembered as wonderful pastoral carer with a passion for cooking and gardening.

Thanks to Greg Reynolds for kindly sharing this history with us.

Thank you to our volunteers!

JPC has many boxes of old photos and documents that needed to be sorted through; we need to record people's names and special events and keep our history alive. So, with the volunteering help of Sr Bernadette Wallis and Michael Wilson (who have been helping since 2017) we have sorted through many documents and JPC artefacts. They have done an amazing job! Now, with Margaret Urquhart's help in 2019, they have all come to the rescue and have dedicated their own time to work on this special project. Ably supported by Kathleen Carroll (JPC Management Subcommittee Chair) JPC has now officially established its Archives Policy. We feel this is important as it is helping to preserve our JPC history for many years to come!

Here's Margaret sorting through many hundreds of photos and recording names and dates on the back of them and labelling them into new photo albums. Margaret has always been a strong supporter of the Deaf Catholic Community, and still today, she is volunteering and helping us with her participation in two of JPC's subcommittees and in the special Archives project.

Thank you Margaret, Sr Bernadette, Michael and Kathleen!

SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

DEAF COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON – AT JASONS RESTUARANT

Sunday 7th April 2019 / 12 noon—4pm

Jason's Restaurant, Bradford Estate Winery

Cost: \$65 pp * / Limited Seating Available

***please kindly pay for your own beverages, tea and coffee, on consumption. Thank you**

Luncheon Package Includes:

Canapés & Bubbly on arrival, plus Seated Main Course Lunch and Dessert, MC by Deb Wadsworth (JPC Executive Manager), Guest Speakers Including Theresa Mills (JPC Chairperson) and JPC Pastoral Team, Silent and Public Auction with Auctioneer

RSVP Booking & Payment: Friday 29th March

To: Deb Wadsworth

Phone: 0407 483 771

Email: manager@jpc.org.au

Credit Card Payment preferred, however other arrangement can be made.

Need a Lift?

We have a small van to take 10 people to the lunch.

(Limit of 10 seats only).

Driver will pick up from JPC in Prahran—then drive to lunch—then drive back to JPC in Prahran.

Please see JPC Staff member ASAP to make arrangements.

NOTICES:

JPC—Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17th April

25-35 High Street Prahran

Start 4pm—for light refreshments,

AGM—4.30pm-6pm

PLEASE RSVP to EMAIL: manager@jpc.org.au

(for catering purposes, Thank you!)

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RECIPE:

Make a: Lemon-blueberry hot cross bread & butter pudding

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Coles Bakery Hot Cross Buns, split
- 40g butter, softened
- 1/4 cup (85g) orange marmalade
- 1 cup (150g) fresh blueberries or frozen blueberries
- 6 Coles Brand Australian Free Range Eggs, lightly whisked
- 1 cup (250ml) milk
- 1/2 cup (125ml) thickened cream
- 1/2 cup (110g) caster sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon rind, finely grated
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Recipe from :

www.taste.com.au/recipes/lemon-blueberry-hot-cross-bread-butter-pudding/

METHOD

Step 1—Preheat oven to 160C. Lightly grease an 8-cup (2L) ovenproof dish.

Step 2—Spread the cut side of each bun half evenly with butter, then with marmalade. Arrange in the prepared pan, alternating the bases, marmalade-side up, with the tops, cross-side up. Sprinkle with the blueberries.

Step 3—Whisk the egg, milk, cream, sugar, lemon rind and lemon juice in a large bowl. Strain through a fine sieve into a jug. Pour the custard mixture evenly over the buns. Set aside for 15 mins to soak.

Step 4—Place the dish in a large roasting pan. Pour enough boiling water into the roasting pan to come halfway up the sides of the dish. Bake for 30-35 mins or until the custard is just set. Set aside for 5 mins to cool slightly before serving.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

NOTE: OFFICE CLOSURE:

JPC will be closed on public holidays—Mon 22nd April and Thurs 25th April If you have any urgent queries, please contact Christine Elder : 0407 774 935 (voice or sms)

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Or pop in :

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