



Amelie, Cassie and Elysia taking part in the 'Water-Carrying Challenge'

Saint Joseph- a Role Model for all Fathers

This week, with the celebration of Saint Joseph's Feast Day, it is timely to pause and reflect on the example he showed us all as a man and father. Listed below are some of the ways that we, as parents, might follow the way of Saint Joseph in our own family lives:

Practice Humility: Joseph is a notoriously silent figure in the Gospels. Although we receive some accounts of his actions, especially leading up to the birth of Jesus, we do not get a single word from Joseph's mouth. This is surprising, given the importance men held in society in this era. The Gospels tell us more about Mary. Once Jesus begins his public ministry, we don't receive another account of Joseph at all.

What does this mean for fathers? It does not mean that fathers should take a lesser role in the lives of their families. On the contrary, we can infer that Joseph was an extremely devoted and involved parent in Jesus' life. What it *does* mean, however, is that fathers can emulate Joseph's humility. Joseph understood that he was given a special role in salvation history, namely, raising Jesus and protecting his family. Instead of looking for attention or rewards for this huge responsibility, he quietly accepted it and put in every effort to fulfil his role.

Be Teachers of Your Children: Jesus learned the trade of carpentry from Joseph, which indicates that they spent a lot of time during Jesus' formative years in a teacher/apprentice relationship. Joseph showed true investment in Jesus' life by putting so much time and effort into teaching Him a trade. Fathers today should put in just as much effort to teach their children to earn a livelihood, understand the value of hard work, and put their God-given skills to use.

The fact that Joseph taught Jesus his own trade also tells fathers something important about how they should relate to their children. Joseph saw Jesus as not simply a child, but as a fully capable human being. Undoubtedly, he received the respect from Jesus that is expected from children to parents. But Joseph did not use his position to put himself above Jesus. Since he included Jesus in providing for the family and invited Him to join in his work, we can infer that Joseph also showed human respect for Jesus. Fathers, likewise, should respect their children.

Be Obedient: Obedience is not usually the first trait that comes to mind when one thinks about fatherhood. However, obedience is, in fact, an absolutely essential trait for a father to possess if his family is to have a strong foundation. This obedience is not obedience to other people, but to God.

Joseph obeyed God by taking Mary into his home. He obeyed God by bringing Jesus and Mary to Egypt for protection.



He obeyed God again when he brought them back to Nazareth. Even when he might not have understood the reasons, Joseph always trusted that God was leading him in the right direction and did as he was told. All fathers should practice this same obedience to God, which will be all the easier if fathers trust in God's plans for their families.

Saint Joseph's Day Fundraiser and Fun Activities

What a successful day we had on Tuesday, with our Saint Joseph's Day celebrations and fundraiser! We began the day with the 'Water-Carrying Challenge', where students walked as many laps of the oval as possible carrying bottles of water. As well as being lots of fun, this activity helped create a sense of understanding in our students of what others go through in order to gain access to the basic necessities of life. All money raised will go to the Project Compassion Lenten Appeal. We finished an amazing day with a sausage sizzle lunch and tabloid sport activities.



Saint Joseph's Day Mass

An enormous thank you to Miss Charlton and the Year 2/3 Class, who led us so beautifully in our Mass on Wednesday for Saint Joseph's Feast Day. The mature manner in which these students conducted themselves was very impressive. Thank you also to those parents and community members who came along to be part of this celebration. You are always very welcome.

Busy-Bee: New Train for K/P/1

Unfortunately, we need to postpone our busy-bee to collect and install the new train in the KP1 playground. We are now looking at the weekend of April 6th/7th. Thank you to those parents who already offered to assist, and I hope that we will be able to have sufficient helpers on this new date.

P&F Sundowner

Please make sure you join us on the afternoon/evening of Friday 29th March for our Sundowner and Big Bash Cricket event for parents and children! Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter. We hope to see you here!

Parent Teacher Interviews- Monday 1st April

Please note that this year, all of the Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on one day; the afternoon/evening of Monday 1st April. These interviews are a tremendous opportunity for all parents to have an in-depth conversation with your child's teacher on their progress and to voice any concerns that you may have.

Today, your child should bring home a letter with more information. Please keep this date free if you can.

Year 6 Student Leadership

Congratulations to Rhiannon Gibbs and Elyssa Brown, who are the latest Year 6 students to be presented with a student leadership badge. They each wrote a very impressive letter of application and I look forward to seeing their leadership skills in action.

Little Joeys Playgroup

We had a very successful first session of Little Joeys this week, with lots of sand play, painting, play dough and more! Please remind those in our community that our Little Joeys Playgroup is open to any children who turn three this calendar year and encourage anyone who is interested to get in touch with the school.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

Sports Uniform – Monday 25 March

Children are asked to wear sports uniform on Monday 25 March as we are holding an extra practice for the athletics carnival. Thank you.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wed 27	Year 5/6 class Mass at 10am
Fri 29	P&F Sundowner and big bash cricket
Mon 1 Apr	Parent/teacher interviews

Joseph the Bear Recipient

Congratulations Annie Abraham

For your welcoming and including attitude to everyone. You are always ready to encourage others and are often the last one left helping out whenever there's a job to be done. Thank you, Annie, you are a real MJR star!



Office Hours

The office will be open on Thursday this week (Mrs Ebsary) and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week.

Project Compassion - Water Carrying Challenge

Yesterday with great enthusiasm and a willingness "to give it my best" the whole school embarked on a "Water Carrying Challenge".

The aim of the challenge was to help raise the students' awareness of how big a challenge it can be for many children in the world to gather water for their families every day. While walking their laps the children were also raising funds for Caritas' annual Project Compassion program by gathering sponsors to sponsor them for each lap of the oval they walked carrying 4 litres of water.

It was wonderful to see the ongoing encouragement that the students gave each other throughout the morning, especially as the morning began to heat up and the bottles of water felt heavier and heavier in their hands. As the laps clocked up the students' increased their understanding of just how precious safe drinking water is and that there really is a need to value every drop.

As a collective school in approximately one hour we walked over 85km. That is about 2km per child. Some of the children in Africa that the students have learnt about walk over 7km every day to gather water for their families before going to school.

With the challenge now over, it is time for the children to collect their sponsors' donations and return their sponsorship forms and money raised to school.

All forms and money need to be returned to school by next Wednesday 27 March.

Also, any Project Compassion Boxes at homes can also be returned to school and we will send the money on to Caritas for you with the funds raised at school.

**Altar Server**

Sunday 24 March
Bella

P & F News.....**Canteen Roster:**

Tuesday 26 March
Erin (Lisa)
Henderson

Tuesday 2 April

Kirby Bendotti

Celebrating their birthday

Edge Van Hazendonk

Sunday 24 March

**Easter Raffle**

It's Easter raffle time! This is our first fundraising event for the year, and we need your help!

We are seeking donations of Easter eggs etc. for prizes. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

Ticket books went home this week They are books of 20 tickets, the ticket cost is \$1 each.

We look forward to your support. P&F executive



Sundowner

and Big Bash Cricket- Parents vs Students

FRIDAY 29th MARCH

Venue: St Josephs School

5.30pm- Big Bash Cricket

6.30pm- Sausage Sizzle and Drinks

BYO drinks

Sausage sizzle will be provided.

Bring a plate to share- savoury, sweet or salad.

RSVP to office by Wednesday 27th March

SUNDOWNER REPLY SLIP-Friday 29th March

Family name: _____

How many family members attending: _____

What will you bring to share? _____

Please return to office by Wednesday 27th March

Sacred Heart Pemberton's Annual Fundraiser @

Bendotti's Shed

Saturday 6th April 2019

Mass 6.00pm

Followed by
a BBQ
and Fun & Games
and an auction



PLEASE BRING A SALAD TO SHARE

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE A SATURDAY MASS IN MANJIMUP ON 6th APRIL

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



'Our PhotoStories' Workshops in Manjimup

The Shire of Manjimup Libraries, the Manjimup Photo Club and the Southern Forests Photography Club are collaborating to host a **two-part** Our PhotoStories photography workshop with Astrid Volzke in Manjimup in April/May 2019.

Part 1 of the **Our PhotoStories** workshop will teach photography enthusiasts how to create a photo story using their cameras (from digital SLR cameras to smartphones). It will focus on teaching different photography skills including portraiture, capturing action, wide-angle and close-up details, storytelling and more.

Part 2 of the **Our PhotoStories** workshop will take place five weeks later. Participants from the first workshop will return with small printouts of their photo stories to learn about editing and ordering them into a visual story for maximum effect. A selection of the PhotoStories will be posted onto the Our PhotoStories facebook page and the Shire of Manjimup website.

Details:

Open to: Photography enthusiasts of all ages and all levels of proficiency

Workshop Part One (3 hours)

Date: Saturday 6 April 2019

Time: 9.00am-12.00pm

Location: Manjimup Art Gallery, Cnr Rose and Mount Streets, Manjimup

Cost: \$55 per person
\$5 per head for Shire of Manjimup kids/teens (5-21 years)
\$15 per head for non-Shire of Manjimup kids/teens (5-21 years)

Workshop Part Two (2 hours)

Date: Saturday 11 May 2019

Time: 9.00am-11.00am

Location: Manjimup Art Gallery, Cnr Rose and Mount Streets, Manjimup

Cost: \$35 per person
\$5 per head for Shire of Manjimup kids/teens (5-21 years)
\$10 per head for non-Shire of Manjimup kids/teens (5-21 years)

You can book your place at the workshop at
<http://www.ourphotostories.com.au/event-page/>

Further information is available via the Manjimup Public Library (tel. 9771 6940)

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