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*Bulletin Highlights*

*Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B*

*21st October 2018*

*Magdalene Catholic High School*

*Vietnam Immersion*

During the School Holidays a group from Magdalene Catholic High School consisting of 14 Senior students and 3 Teachers, travelled to Belem Orphanage in Vietnam with Father Joe. The group bundled up gifts from the school community and were equipped with tools in order to assist the sisters by providing and installing some new handrails and playground equipment. We were so welcomed by the Sisters and the smiles on the children's' faces will remain with us forever. The hospitality shown from all the sisters cannot be adequately addressed in words, suffice to say we felt very loved and extremely grateful.

The students involved themselves in everyday classroom activities and chores with the children and sisters, for all involved this has truly been a life changing experience.

We had time to explore the area, visiting Father Joe's mother and family. A number of historical sites including beautiful Churches and a Catholic Cemetery were also on the itinerary. Some of these experiences were somewhat confronting, however on reflection, a very special lesson in the value of life.

We thank Father Joe for celebrating mass with us at 6:00 each morning and educating us about Vietnamese culture. He proved to be an invaluable tour guide, translator and mentor. We are also very grateful for the hospitality of the lovely Sisters at Belem, who captured our hearts. Friendships were formed and connections were made and we are very happy to now have a special bond with Belem. Magdalene looks forward to future visits and reconnecting with the children and sisters in the years ahead.

We recommend that if you have the opportunity to contribute to this ongoing Immersion program you will be part of something very special in the lives of all involved.



*Plenary Council 2020 Information Evening*



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

There will be a Plenary Council 2020 information night in St Paul's parish meeting room on Wednesday 24th October commencing at 7.00pm. Come and get the latest information on this most important event of the Catholic Church in Australia. All welcome to attend.



## *Mater Dei Open Day & Fair - 21 October 2018*

Sunday 21 October there is the 2018 Country Fair from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM held at Mater Dei, featuring raffles, chocolate wheel, food stalls, rides and live entertainment. And there's lots more – attractions everywhere. Not to be missed! Please try to be supportive. Coinciding with the fair will also be the school open day, as well as the ex-students reunion. We also hold our ex-students reunion on the same day and we welcome students from around the country back to visit and share their stories. This is a very powerful and wonderfully moving day in the life of Mater Dei.



## *First Holy Communion Programme*

This weekend, a preference sheet is available to be completed by all families in the First Holy Communion programme for selecting Mass times of the sacrament. The sheets will need to be completed and returned – not taken home. Also, a second leaflet is available to confirm the workshops to which families have been assigned. This is almost exactly the same as the previous one issued as there were only a few requests for changes. Please be mindful that workshops begin Monday 29 October. Workshop books will be issued after all Masses next weekend. A form given out during the Masses needs to be presented in exchange for your child's workbook. Thank you.



## *World Mission Month Appeal - This weekend*

The 2018 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal highlights the variety and scope of the work of Catholic Mission around the world. It also encourages the donors to recognise their important role in mission work – through prayer and donations towards life-giving projects. This year for World Mission Day 2018 Pope Francis says: "Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me."