



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 4

Week 3

23rd October 2015

Gospel Reading

[Mark 10:46-52](#) Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Family Connection

This Sunday's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. Then read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:46-52. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? (Some people in the crowd are telling him to be quiet.) What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? (He calls out to Jesus all the more.) When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? (He restores Bartimaeus's sight; Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has saved him.) When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God.

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that our community learnt of the death of Luke Beckhaus. Luke and his siblings attended our school in their primary years. We ask that you join with us in praying for his family at this difficult time. We thank God for the life of Luke and are comforted by the knowledge that he is now at rest with our God.



THANK YOU FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the P & F Committee to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped in the lead up, as well as on the day of the Fete. Your participation helped make the day run smoothly, and made my job much easier.

I would also like to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Williams and Mrs Falconer, the teachers, and of course Mrs Bellenger, with your support and guidance, organising the fete was accomplished with enthusiasm.

Our profit of \$8249.82 will help replace the blue seating in the infants area.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

A reminder that our Staff Development Day will be on Friday 30th October. There will be no supervision for students on this day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The St Francis staff will be working with Father Gerard on our formation goal.

DATES COMING UP

- FRI 30/10 - Staff Development Day
- TUE 3/11 - Year 4 Excursion
- FRI 6/11 - Swimming Carnival
- FRI 13/11 - Year 1 Excursion

Good Shepherd Mass Times

Saturday: 8am, 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am, 6pm
Weekday: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 6am, 9am
Spanish: Sat 7.30pm
Vietnamese: Sunday 10.45am

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SWIMMING PROGRAM

The swimming program continues next week. The last day for swimming will be Thursday 29th October. Please remember to bring your swimming gear each day. Don't forget your underwear!!

WHOOPIING COUGH

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055

CHANGE TO BUS NUMBERS—BUSWAYS

Commencing Monday 2nd November, many school bus numbers will be changing. Please be aware of the new bus number for your morning and afternoon trip as both will be different. This change is to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in term of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870.

AM-PM	Current Bus Number	New Bus Number
AM	4	6071
PM	2	6598

Busways wish to apologise for any confusion this upgrade may cause.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015/2016 GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PLUMPTON

Enrolment forms for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are now available at Good Shepherd Church and St Francis of Assisi School office. Children who are seven years old or older are eligible for enrolment in these sacraments. Forms are to be returned on enrolment day (Sunday November 1st 10.30am in the Parish Hall [Bingo]) along with a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Classes will commence on Sunday November 8th and continue each Sunday (at 10.30am) until Sunday November 29th. Children will make their first reconciliation this year following completion of the 4 lessons. First Holy Communion will then take place early in 2016.