

# Honouring Our Past ... Planning Our Future (Top Up)

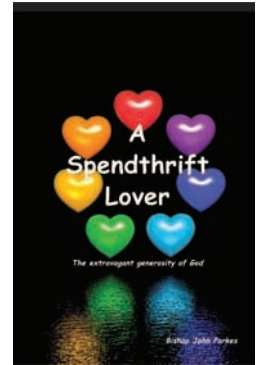
Here it is the end of January, and a new year is ready and raring to go (even if we aren't). From next Tuesday (Feb 2) the parish office will be back in swing and the opp shop has been trading madly.



Lent is fast coming upon us and commences on Wednesday (**ASH WEDNESDAY**) 17th February. Special services that day will be 10am at Gisborne and 7.30pm at Riddells Creek. Simply go to the service that suits you.

## LENT HOME GROUPS

It would be an encouraging sign of the spirituality of the parish to see all parishioners involved in a home group for the five weeks of Lent commencing in the week beginning Sunday 21st February. You are encouraged to indicate your interest on line via our temporary web site <http://www.grassroots.com.au/Gisborne.html> or via email to [frmax@grassroots.com.au](mailto:frmax@grassroots.com.au)



## ACTIVITY PLANNING MEETINGS

**Sunday 7th February Gisborne Centre after 8am & 10.30am Services**

**Sunday 14th February - After Macedon & Riddells Creek Services**

It is time for each of the centres to:

- Truly value their strengths and uniqueness and to plan ahead a strategy to grow that centre
- To recognise that we are a parish who needs three STRONG centres but who also value opportunities to do certain things together as a parish and to be very supportive of this.

To assist with this process, please consider what ideas you would like to see implemented.

## *Don't waste this opportunity*

There will be no sermon on these days to allow time for a meeting after church to discuss moving ahead, and to consider ways we could be a more effective centre and parish.

Why not offer your thoughts now so others can consider the ideas. Just click here and tell us your suggestions. Including your name is not necessary.



## PANCAKE NIGHT

Shrove Tuesday this year is on **16th February**, and a special family pancake day celebration will be held in the Gisborne Parish Hall commencing at 7pm. Cost of the three course meal is ADULTS \$10 CHILD \$5 FAMILY \$20. It is important you pay in advance so we know you are coming. Please let your wardens know you are coming and pay them direct. **Cut off point is the sunday prior.**

**You can also advise us of your intentions by signing up on our temporary web site <http://www.grassroots.com.au/Gisborne.html>**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday Mass and imposition of ashes (Feb 17th)**

Gisborne 10am

Riddells Creek 7.30pm



## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY VERY SOON



*February 12th - Margaret Young of Mt Macedon*  
*February 24th - John Mesger-Schofield of Riddells Creek*  
*February 28th - Neil Anderson - Gisborne*

*We also congratulate the following as they celebrate their wedding anniversary*

*February 4th - Jim and Mavis Wright - Mount Macedon*  
*February 14th - John & Fiona Mesger-Schofield of Riddells Creek*



**SUNDAY JOURNAL PUBLICATION** - (Feb - Apr : \$10) - Essential for those who have the privilege of sharing the Sunday readings and gives helpful background preparation. Sign up for this edition **on line at** <http://www.grassroots.com.au/Gisborne.html>

**This current edition will be a little late owing to printing difficulties from the perth publisher.**

### PARISH DIRECTORY

**slowly on the way.....**

The final photo taking of parishioners will be this sunday at Riddells Creek (Jan 31). Come along as a family and have your photo taken.

*The directory will be available to all parishioners for \$5 a copy and will contain the following information.*

- 2010 Parish Program & key dates
  - Mailing address & phone contact of parishioners
  - A who's who of parish contacts and various co-ordinators.
  - Guidelines for the various parish tasks and duties throughout the parish and in each centre
  - Pictorial of various parish events (If you have any photos that could be added, please hand them to me.)
- The plan was to have this available at the end of February, but this will depend on the enthusiasm of those charged with the responsibility of material for the publication.



### AVOIDING DATE CONFUSION

Can all organisations in the parish please send to me their firm meeting dates/times as well as any special events you have planned for 2010. Please do this as a matter of urgency as few have been received to date.



#### AN ANSWER TO THAT 'BIRTHDAY' PRESENT YOU PROMISED YOURSELF

Come away with me (and Margaret White from Macedon) and others, to either or both - Africa in August 2010 also visiting CMS missionaries to know more about their work, and in March 2011, I am taking a tour party to Turkey (In the steps of Saint Paul), Gallipoli and Greece. What about YOU! - More in depth material, itinerary, photos etc can be found at [www.anglicantours.com.au](http://www.anglicantours.com.au)

### GIGANTIC SALE PLANNED FOR GRAND NEW OPENING OF RIDDELLS CK OPP SHOP

The Riddells Creek Op Shop was flooded on New Years Day. They lost a lot of stock as well as the carpet, a show case and the curtains to the change room. The assessor has been, the shop has been cleared out of the carpet and disinfected, and they are now waiting for the painters & carpet people to complete the job so that the opp shop can be restocked, and then it is open for business with a Gala Sale Day planned. At this stage they have not got an opening date, but plenty of practice is being undertaken for the cake stall and BBQ.



*The disappointment from the hard workers at the Opp Shop would have been obvious when you take a look at the following photos taken by Jim.*



Still if we pull together as a parish and support the Riddells Creek people as they put a good foot forward, in some ways this could be a wonderful celebration of “Support of one another in action”



*Regards - Father Max*

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