Lord, Your son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Since our departed brothers and sisters believed in the mystery of our resurrection, let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come.

For some on Tuesday there were actually two significant religious events: All Saints Day and the Melbourne Cup. We know that for many, sport is a religion or at least perceived as one. We also know that for the first time ever, the AFL will be playing a game on Good Friday involving my team. AFL is actually one of the last major sporting codes to relent and play games on Good Friday. The NBA, and others, even play on Christmas Day. But does that make it OK? Is the 4:20pm start really acknowledging those who attend the 3pm Mass?

Hopefully most people, and our students were aware that Tuesday, November 1 was All Saints Day, the special day where we acknowledge the Saints. Yesterday was All Souls Day, where we pray for all those who have died.

At this time we pray especially for the St Mark’s College community in Port Pirie who had a long serving staff member pass away suddenly on the weekend.

**Year 12s**

A wonderful and special occasion last week to farewell, in part, our Year 12s. The Mass forms one of several events to formally thank, acknowledge and farewell our most senior students. This is the first time we have included the rest of the secondary campus in the final Mass for Year 12s and combined with the links to our Year 1/2 students, who sat with the Year 12s during Mass, it reinforced the ‘whole school’ nature of our college.
Terissa's Farewell

Terissa Shepherd is formally being farewelled on Saturday night. Terissa was one of the college’s longest serving staff members and is the longest serving principal of the secondary campus, which is quite significant given the time served by Brothers Callan and Guidera and Charlie Allen. Whilst her new role in Catholic Education means Terissa isn’t really being farewelled for good, the impact that Terissa has had on all three campuses but especially Saint John’s and the start of Samaritan College, is unparalleled. Her genuine interest in the well-being of staff and students and the commitment to the parent community is a legacy that we can only attempt to continue in her absence. Terissa will also say goodbye to the students at an upcoming assembly at Saint John’s.

Lead Teachers

We are very pleased to announce that Jenna Edwards and Kay Baker have been successful in gaining Lead Teacher certification. This is a very extensive, long and independent process done by a panel from the Catholic Education Office, on behalf of a national authority. Applicants pay to have the process done and need to provide a wide range of evidence in many forms.

This is a very big deal as in 2015, in all of Australia, only five teachers from Catholic Education were certified as Lead or Highly Accomplished. Samaritan College now has two, with more to come. Congratulations to Jenna and Kay.

Upgrades

Hopefully you have noticed the wide range of capital works or upgrades that have been recently undertaken at all three campuses. Upgraded basketball/netball court at STC, new bitumen at STC and SJC, replaced shade sails and new line marking at OLHCC and to some, the most important work was the annual installation of reverse cycle air conditioners at STC and OLHCC as part of our planned roll out. With air conditioners it isn’t always as simple as putting them in as we sometimes uncover that certain areas of the school need to have an electrical upgrade before any new work can be undertaken. The Year 7 area at SJC is almost completed and we hope to announce soon some larger scale upgrades for STC and OLHCC.

November 1st was All Saints Day. On this day we remember all the believers in the family of God that have gone before us such as Saint Peter, Saint Paul, as well as the many other men and women of God who are disciples of Jesus Christ through the ages. In our own College we have many Saints worthy of our prayers in Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Benedict, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Mary Mackillop and Blessed Edmund Rice. Even one of the world’s newest Saints has a building named after them at Saint John’s Campus in Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

The church remembers our Saints in the same way a family might reflect on relatives they know, or who are cherished memories in photos on a shelf. Reminiscing about their character, naming children after great grandparents or retelling tales of the people they once knew is an act of love carried out because our relatives are an important part of our living family history.

In a similar way the Saints are part of our family in Jesus Christ and so we remember the great, inspiring or faith-filled acts of love that the Saints carried out in the name of Christ. They are part of our church Family history so we look to them with love, inspiration and hope for our own lives.

Many Catholics have a favourite Saint or pray to several Saints in different times of various needs. At our Confirmation we took a Saints name as we were inspired be this person’s earthly deeds. Do you remember your Confirmation Saint or do you have a favourite Saint?

During the month of November let us pray to the Saints and for the holy people in our own families.

Bernie Meixner
Assistant Principal in Religious Identity and Mission

God our Father,
source of all holiness,
the work of your hands is manifest in your saints,
the beauty of your truth is reflected in their faith.
May we who aspire to have part in their joy be filled with the Spirit that blessed their lives,
so that having shared their faith on earth we may also know their peace in your kingdom.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Parish News

“Parish vitality can therefore be likened to the ‘saltiness’ or ‘luminosity’ of a parish community.” – Trudy Dantis

Reflecting upon the meaningful and recently concluded Year 12 End of the Year Mass this quote is so timely. Kudos to all who planned and organised the liturgy. An appropriate exhortation to all the Year 12 students to continue to be “the salt of the earth and light of the world” as they embark on another phase of their journey.

It is also a wonderful reminder for our parish community, our spiritual home. The parish is sailing quietly and steadily despite the many things that are happening daily. Aside from Mass various activities happens each week. Thanks to our faithful parishioners who help visit the sick and the elderly, serve at weekly Mass at the nursing home, feeds the poor and the needy, assists to bury the dead, welcome children and adults in baptism and RCIA and others. Our parish is a busy place both in prayers and in its pastoral and social ministry becoming “the salt of the earth and light of the world” unknown to many.

Let us continue to pray for our parish community especially the following activities. First, the RCIA, a wonderful program for mature individuals who wants to know more about the Catholic faith. It is a noncommittal program that allows someone to journey and find out if he or she is called to join the faith. Please pray for the people in this program. Next is to pray for the twenty four students who are on their journey to receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. Thanks to their family for their support and to the sacramental team who are preparing them. And lastly, the Parish Youth Group. For two sessions now, more than ten young people from the parish are meeting every Monday per fortnight from 6pm – 7:30pm at Our Lady’s. Check the parish facebook page for some photo updates. So far both sessions have provided a wonderful opportunity for young people to have fun, to meet new friends, to learn bits and pieces about faith and to enjoy chats over pizza. Thanks to the faithful Year 12s who are taking the lead. Please join us if you are a Year 7 to Year 12 student. Next session will be on Monday, November 14, 6-7:30pm at Our Lady’s Church.

Below are some comments from those who took part in the Youth Group.

“The youth group is a fun session where we all get along, it would be nice to have some more members.”  
– Liam

“It was great to meet everyone and it was lots of fun! I enjoyed playing the games and getting to know people. I didn’t know what to expect but it was really fun!”

– Sequoia

“It is good to go to the youth group because it’s a good place to start making new friends and having lots of fun. It gives you something to do on Monday night rather than staying at home doing nothing.”  
– Raf

Fr Harold Camonias
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Aside from the regular weekday and weekend Masses please join us for:

Blessing/Prayer at the Graves (Whyalla Cemetery) – Sunday, November 6, 4pm

Mass of Remembrance (for deceased family members and friends) – Tuesday, November 8, 7pm

BLESSED ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY TO ALL.

College News

Second Hand Uniforms

Uniforms being returned for credit at the uniform shop will be assessed if they are suitable for resale by the Uniform Shop staff. Terms and conditions may be found on the college website. Any garments that you wish to resell MUST be washed, ironed and stain free before they will be considered.

Overdue: 2017 Student Information Forms. If you have not returned this form yet please do so promptly. Replacement forms are available on the web (forms for families), or at any campus office.
Carols and Family Night

To assist with forward planning please note the dates for both Carols and Family night.

As was the case last year we will commence the evenings at 7:00pm as it allows people more time to get ready for both nights and will also provide relief from potential warm weather.

Carols Night - OLHCC on Wednesday, December 7, 7pm
Family Night - STC on Friday, December 9, 7pm

Uniform and grooming

As we are now well settled in to the term, just a reminder about uniform and grooming expectations. Both the College website and the school diary clearly outline the uniform requirements and expectations regarding jewellery and hair. Please speak with your child’s teacher if you have any queries. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Year 7 and Year 8 2017 Transition Information

Next week our Year 6 and Year 7 students will visit the secondary campus for their first transition visit. Students will be bussed form the primary campuses and dismissed from Saint John’s Campus at the end of the day.

Whilst this is the first formal transition visit to the campus, many of our students are familiar with the campus and have been visiting regularly throughout the year.

There are many key dates for Year 6s and Year 7s this term, all of which are on the calendar.

This week your child brought home further information about these dates. Please contact your child’s teacher if you did not receive this information.

TAFE Courses

As the Year 12s gear up for their exams and finalise assignments, thoughts inevitably turn to their plans for 2017. Many of our senior students have engineering as a tertiary study goal but the entry requirements can be daunting for some and others, despite their best efforts, might not get the necessary ATAR. Students might therefore be interested to know that there is an alternative pathway to engineering for those students who do not have the Maths and Physics of ATAR uni entry requirements or those looking for a flexible, supportive and hands-on uni pathway – TAFE SA’s Associate Degree courses!

An Associate Degree is a 2 year full time Higher Education course. With specialisations in Biomedical, Electrical, Electronics and Civil & Structural Engineering, they can be studied on their own, or as 2 + 2 dual offers (2 years study at TAFE SA + 2 years at Uni).

Entry requirements: ATAR of 60 with completion of SACE Stage 2 Mathematics (one of the following: Specialist Mathematics OR Mathematical Studies OR Mathematical Methods OR Mathematical Applications)

Check out the course http://www.tafesa.edu.au/courses/associate-degrees

SATAC applications are now open at www.tafesa.edu.au

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES (SECONDARY)
Remembrance Day

Next week marks Remembrance Day. This is the time to remember those men and women who served our country and dedicated their lives to ensure our security and peace. The primary campuses will hold a service commemorating Remembrance Day, including one minute’s silence.

Saint Teresa’s service will be hosted by Year 1/2 Helmers at 10:40am on the asphalt area.

The Our Lady Help of Christians service will be hosted by Year 5/6 Arcobelli/Schmidt at 10:40am in the church. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Band Showcase

All students in Years 4 - 7 will be attending the Samaritan College Band Showcase on Friday, November 25 at Saint John’s Campus. This is a wonderful opportunity for the primary and secondary bands to showcase what they have learnt in music up to this point and also to have their peers participate and listen to an instrumental performance. Students will be bussed from the primary campuses and dismissed from Saint John’s Campus at 3:00pm on this day.

Children's Mass

There will be a Children’s Mass at St Teresa’s church on Saturday, November 12 at 7pm. A preparation workshop will be held at St Teresa’s church on Saturday, November 12 at 6:00pm.

For our students celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this weekend is an opportunity to attend mass with families for the renewal of Baptismal promises. Parents please consider attending this Mass with your children.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

Religious Education Literacy Assessment Tool

Last term the Year 4 students sat the Religious Education Literacy Assessment test. This assessment is given to all Year 4 students across the state in Catholic Education. The individual results for each student who sat the assessment will be distributed with this newsletter. If you have any queries regarding the assessment or these results, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Visit from Veena

During Science and Physical Education (PE) with Mrs Baker, R/1 Leech had a lovely visit from Veena.

We showed Veena how learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture helps our understanding in Science and PE.

We shared how we learnt to count to 10 in Kaurna (the language of Aboriginal people from the Adelaide plains), play traditional Indigenous games during PE and use natural resources to create traditional jewellery and artwork.

Veena then showed us some of her own traditional items that her family had either found or made for her. As a class we loved learning about hunting tools, food sources, music sticks, basket making and cultural rituals.

We had a great time. After Veena’s visit some of us went out to play some traditional Indigenous games at recess.

Thanks Veena, you are always welcome in our room.

Kay Baker
Numeracy

During the 2016 school year, Samaritan College has continued its focus on Numeracy and how students learn Mathematics. We have also had a significant focus on how our teaching supports students’ understanding of the content and skills in the Mathematics curriculum and the development of problem solving skills.

Our staff have continued their work with the Numeracy team from Catholic Education and have established strong partnerships with one another in order to share and discuss Numeracy practices in classrooms. A key teacher and mentor teacher initiative was established at the beginning of the year to continue teacher’s development. Teachers who worked closely with our Numeracy consultant in 2015 have now taken on a mentoring role for this year’s key teachers.

Feedback clearly shows the positive impact that the project has had on student's attitude, confidence and learning in Mathematics. Teachers have embraced the learning opportunity as they work tirelessly to develop a love and understanding of Mathematics in their classrooms.

We look forward to continuing the learning journey as the project enters its third and final year in 2017.

Nikki Hall
NUMERACY COORDINATOR R-7

The biggest thing for me and our class has been making maths lessons fun so that the students can bring out their inner mathematician. I was always aware of how mathematically clever they are but I think some students have surprised themselves with their brilliance!

Tash Free

My focus looked at challenging students in their thinking. I have developed a sense of questioning students, leading them to think more creatively and outside of the square.

Genevieve Foran

Students of different ability levels have been able to experience more success by having open inquiries with different access points. Students now have more time to use manipulatives and share their understanding of topics with peers.

Dale Raymond

Canteen Rosters

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No help required at OLHCC. Thank you for your assistance.

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS
SJC farewells Year 12
This year we decided to hold our final Mass with Year 12 students in their last week of school, week 2 of this term. It was an opportunity for the secondary students to thank the Year 12s for the work that they have done throughout the school year and to wish them well in their final push with external assessments and examinations. House banners and colours were placed around the gymnasium creating a festive atmosphere, and the symbolism of the primary children leading the Year 12s in the procession mirrored that of the Opening Mass.

Outdoor Education Camp
Last week a small group of Year 11 students participated in their Outdoor Education camp. The students were ably lead and supported on this camp by their teachers Mark Heath and Erin McIntee. During their three days they had to put into practice the classroom theory around hiking and camping.

Year 7 Gardens
We have been fortunate to have a number of students involved in projects around the school grounds. Last term they were landscaping the cricket nets and this term they have been helping landscape the Year 7 area. These are great opportunities for the students to put some of their classroom skill into practice.

Congratulations
Three of our young lads, Bailey Biedenweg, Luke Karssen and Mitchell Biedenweg, will be traveling to Singapore in a few days to participate in the Singa Cup. Bailey and Luke will be representing South Australia in the under 14 team whilst Mitchell is representing Underdale High School. The Singa Cup is touted as Asia’s Premier International Youth Football Tournament and is a potential springboard into higher levels of Football.

For the boys, getting to the Singa Cup has been a lengthy process and has required ongoing commitment. Last year their respective coaches saw some potential in them and put their names forward to be part of a training camp. From here both Luke and Bailey were chosen as part of a team to compete in Fiji. This year there have been further training camps and now they are representing South Australia in Singapore.

It is a similar story for Mitchell. Last year he represented South Australia in Europe competing against teams from Italy and England. As South Australia isn’t sending an U16 team to Singapore it is fortunate that Mitchell’s name was passed on to the coach of the Underdale team, after a few try-outs they recognised his potential and asked him to be part of their side.

In the minor rounds the boys will play against four teams from either the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, Singapore and India. To progress to the semi-finals the team needs to win three of these four games. We wish all the boys the best of luck and hope that they can keep us informed of their progress via our facebook page.
**Community News**

“The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”

**Volunteers from the Good Sam Inn, meals program of the Catholic Parish of Whyalla, will be manning the kitchenette at the last Bubblegum Markets on November 13. They will be selling raffle tickets, tea, coffee and biscuits with all proceeds going to the Good Sam Inn. Come and support these volunteers who give freely of their time every Monday night to feed the disadvantaged in our Whyalla community.

**Year 12 Final Mass**

Last Thursday the Year 12 students were given a farewell by the entire Saint John’s Campus community. Having finished formal lessons the Year 12 students were our guests at Mass at which their contribution over the years to college life was acknowledged.

We wish all our Year 12 students the best in their final upcoming assessments and hope they enjoy a well-earned break before deciding on future directions.

**Class Masses**

- 8 Blue Wednesday, November 9 at Saint Teresa’s Church
- 8 Gold Wednesday, November 16 at Saint Teresa’s Church

Parents are always welcome to join us at any school and parish Mass.

Wednesday morning Masses begin at 9:00am. Students are to meet at the church by 8:45am on the morning of their class Mass.

_Bernie Meixner_  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

A group of Year 11 boys will be growing facial hair for the month of November. In doing so they are trying to raise awareness and much needed funds for research into Men’s Health. Our appreciation to James Keating who has supported the boys in this endeavour. Members of the wider community can get behind these boys by making a monetary donation through the Movember website, just search for “year 11 mobros” or follow the link [http://moteam.co/year-11-mobros](http://moteam.co/year-11-mobros).

_John Lyons_  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)