**Photo: Cover
Caption: Feast Day of Mary Help of ChristiansHeadline: Pray for Us**

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800’s at the time of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary’s Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady’s help on this feast day.

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady’s intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer.
Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady’s intercession God will “grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens”, so that “under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace”.

**Installation of Archbishop O’Regan**
It’s a rare thing to witness the installation of a Bishop or Archbishop. Yesterday’s installation of South Australia’s 9th Archbishop was witnessed online by over 6000 people. In a ceremony steeped in tradition, Bishop O’Kelly formally handed Archbishop O’Regan’s crozier before reading the Papal Bull from Pope Francis making official his appointment. Archbishop O’Regan has come to us from the diocese of Sale where he has been Bishop since 2014. Clearly moved by the occasion, and somewhat saddened that family and friends were unable to attend in person, the new Archbishop was pleased that “this virtual alternative” gave people a chance to share in the ceremony in some small way. He paid tribute to Bishop O’Kelly and Father Philip Marshall, Administrator Delegate, for “keeping the show on the road so brilliantly and so beautifully” through troubled times and happy times as well. We congratulate Archbishop O’Regan on his appointment and pray the Holy Spirit continues to grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion.

**Photo: Crozier
Caption: Bishop O’Kelly hands the crozier to Archbishop O’Regan.**

**Reconciliation Week**
In 2020 Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia’s journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

Much has happened since the early days of the people’s movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution.

2020 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

As always, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and Australians now benefit from the efforts and contributions of people committed to reconciliation in the past.

Today we work together to further that national journey towards a fully reconciled country.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Music Concert Series**We hope you are enjoying our Music Concert Series, which features each Friday for the remainder of Term 2. Our program for the next two weeks…

**Wk 5** School Choir sings, “*I am a Train*”
 Assisting Artists Nyah, Paeton, Alexis, Maddie, Piper, Anwen & Sophie sing “*My Favourite* *Things*”

**Wk 6** School Choir sings, “*Cherokee Morning Song”*
 Assisting Artists Indee, Reagan, Elise, Harper, Abbey, Katia, Kalia & Quinn sing “*Tipuna*” with Elise as soloist.

**Virtual Assemblies**
Please be advised of the following schedule for our Facebook Live assemblies this term…

 **Wk 6** Thursday, June 4 @ 2:30pm Year 3/4
 **Wk 8** Friday, June 19 @ 2:30pm Year 1/2
 **Wk 10** Thursday, July 2 @ 2:30pm Year R/1

**Sport & Wellbeing**
This term St Albert’s will be offering your child the opportunity to participate in an organised morning sport activity, that will be structured and catered for students of different year levels and varying sporting abilities. The morning activities will be altered each week, with an emphasis placed on Fundamental Movement Skills, Team Work and being physically active.

The voluntary morning sport activity will take place Thursday mornings, from 8:00 am to 8:30am. If your child is interested in participating, you will need to contact the school to notify us, as we will need to limit the number of participants to 30.

This is a great opportunity for students to increase their daily physical activity output, socializing with students from various year levels and social groups, as well as improving their Fundamental Movement Skills.

Activities that students will participate in include:

Week 5 – Small sided soccer games
Week 6 – Target Games
Week 7 – Circuit with a variety of activities being undertaken
Week 8 – Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games
Week 9 – Striking and Fielding Games
Week 10 – Circuit with a variety of activities being undertaken

If interested please contact the school via email or phone by Wednesday, May 20. Thursday Morning Sport will begin in Week 4, May 21.

Brogan Whitelaw
**Wellbeing Coordinator**

**Photo: Sport1, Sport 2**

**REMINDER – Friday June 5 is a Pupil Free Day (Report Writing)**

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM TWO, 2020**

**Monday, May 25**
Reconciliation Week

**Wednesday, May 27**Rylan Philp’s Birthday

**Thursday, May 28**Jaxon Whyte’s Birthday

**Friday, May 29**
Music Concert Series (Facebook Live @ 1:15pm)

**Wednesday, June 3**Parents & Friend’s meeting (7pm)

**Thursday, June 4**
Year 3/4 virtual assembly (Facebook Live @ 2:30pm)
Sophie Angeleski’s Birthday

**Friday, June 5
Pupil Free Day** (Report Writing)
William Schmaal’s Birthday
Grace Singh’s Birthday (Saturday)

**Monday, June 8**
Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday

**Thursday, June 11**Memorial of Raamah Size

**Friday, June 12**Music Concert Series (Facebook Live @ 2:30pm)