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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (2014 - 42) 19 OCTOBER 2014

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL  Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Contact Mr Larry Pankhurst

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB  This is an initiative of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. The Group, made up of Vinnies members, parents, teachers and parishioners, meets to provide breakfast for the school children.
Contact Ms Julia Mioduchowski

MACKILLOP GROUP  This Group gets together in the Parish Meeting Room on a Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. until noon.
Contact Ms Betty Hurst

GEELONG DEANERY  For more information go to: http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au
Contact: Ms Betty Hurst

Entrance Antiphon
To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Susan Joyce (26) and Hung Nguyen (32). One number is still vacant. Will you be in it? Thank you for your support.

AMBULANCE COVER
To ensure you are covered ring 1300 366 141. You would hate to think you are covered, and use the ambulance service and end up with a large bill. So do yourself a favour and ring the number just for peace of mind.

PIETY STALL
There are a number of new items in the Piety Stall. New Christmas cards are out, and more arriving sometime in October.

TRADING TABLE
Your assistance in this venture has made it a success. Please keep an eye out for anything you feel someone else could use. Fresh produce is also welcome.

COMMENTATORS, READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
More volunteers for these ministries are needed. Would those who feel they can offer their services please see Fr Ray.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
From 1 July 2012, 10% of the Thanksgiving Offering has been directed to the School Building Fund. This same amount can then be claimed as a tax deduction. It is a way of supporting our School.

PARISH LUNCHEON
Our Annual Parish Luncheon is being held on Sunday 9 November at the Croatian Club in Corio. Band on the Run will provide the entertainment. Tickets are $25 each for adults and children over 12, and $10 for children under 12. Tickets and reservations can be made now. Donations towards the Raffle are also needed.

SCHOOL AND PARISH RAFFLE
Plastic and glass jars are needed for one of our stalls. To assist us, please try to remove the labels. Thank you for your support.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
At present, we are planning Parish Sacramental Programs for 2015. Those who wish to participate are invited to give their details to Fr Ray or Betty Hurst.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel speaks about the priority we need to give to the God News so that it colours our daily life.

There is a growing conflict. The Herodians (supporters of Rome) and the Pharisees (the experts of the Law) join forces to deal with Jesus by setting a trap in the question: Jesus is in a no-win situation.

What do we put first? Is it the Gospel? Or, is it political convenience? The Gospel teaches us true love of neighbour. Political convenience enforces our selfishness. Which way do we tend to lean?

Better to illuminate than merely shine.

St Thomas Aquinas
OUR CALL TO MISSION

Intellectuals and serious journalists frequently descend to crude and superficial generalizations in speaking of the shortcomings of religion, and often prove incapable of realizing that not all believers – or religious leaders – are the same. Some politicians take advantage of this confusion to justify acts of discrimination.

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 256)