
From the Pastor's Desk.....

In Lent we are encouraged to take up the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three practices can be viewed as doorways to reconciliation. Prayer brings us into a relationship with God. Fasting brings us into a relationship within ourselves: a right ordering of mind, body and spirit. And almsgiving brings us into relationship with others, especially those in need. To be reconciled with God, self and others is an important goal of Lent. During this season of Lent the parishes of Kippax (March 19) and Kaleen (March 25) will host the Second Rite of Reconciliation.

The parish has acquired a second-hand organ (although second-hand, it is in perfect condition). The organ is recognized as the preeminent instrument for church music. However, the organ is a very different instrument to the piano. It is not a question of one or the other; both are needed to accompany the full range of music that is available for worship. Therefore our newly acquired organ will not be replacing our present keyboard (clavinova) but rather adding to our musical resources. Music is such an integral part of the liturgy. I am grateful to all our singers and musicians who dedicate their time and talent to this ministry. Of course, we are always seeking new members to this important ministry.

Finally, a big thanks to the St Joseph the Worker team for taking on the repair work outside the St Vincent de Paul entrance to the parish centre. This was a big job spread over a number of days which required a concreting and repaving of a large section of pavement. Their time, effort and expertise save the parish a substantial amount of money. I'm sure we are all grateful to this dedicated group of parishioners.

***Peace and blessings,
Gerard***