

# KIT @ KIPPAX

Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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## Religious Sisters' contribution at Ripponlea

A previous KIT reminded me of the important contribution religious sisters made to many of our lives. I was educated by the Presentation order, and year 8 was unusual, even for that era. During that year we were fortunate to be taught by Sister Mary Louis, at Holy Redeemer, Ripponlea. We were a class of 60 girls from different suburbs who had been awarded a one-year scholarship to improve our chances of gaining a 4-year funded Government scholarship. We sat in 6 rows of 10 single desks, and Sister taught every subject. She made sure we all ate our lunch at tables in a dining room, and then played our allocated games according to a strict roster, which also included washing up after lunch! She was efficient, firm and very well organized. There was only one other class at this school, for girls studying secretarial skills. These two nuns had a unique role in our lives and our entire formation. After our external examination 47 of the 60 girls were awarded the scholarship, a great result! Now, if you Google the former school, you discover Germaine Greer was an alumnus! No mention of the dedicated nuns. So many families thank God they were there. (Germaine was a few years before me!)

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**Today's KIT is the penultimate in its daily format. From July, KIT will become a monthly newsletter. Still powered by parishioners – to keep it going it will need your contributions.**

**Today's Gospel Matt. 16: 13-19**



**How do we respond to people when they reach out to us for help?**

*Give us strength, Lord*

For sometimes things would get tough  
And we are ready to quit.

*Give us your love, Lord.*

Because sometimes people reject us,  
And we are tempted to hate.

*Give us your eyes, Lord*

Because sometimes life gets dark,  
And we lose our way.

*Give us your courage, Lord*

Because often we are put under pressure,  
And it is hard to do what is right.

*Give us yourself, Lord*

Because our hearts were made for you,  
And we will not rest until we rest in you.

Amen.

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**THE IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE IS TO HAVE A CENTRE SO SOUND THAT NOTHING OUTSIDE OURSELVES CAN DISTURB IT.**

In a High Spiritual Season – Joan Chittister