



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

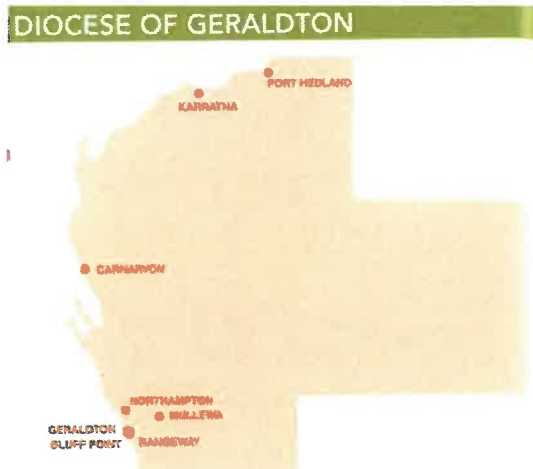
Wednesday 23 June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Communio Week

St Cecilia's will be celebrating Communio Week during next week, 28 June – 02 July. This special week is a priority for us at St Cecilia's as we are raising funds to support the people in our very own Diocese of Geraldton. The funds raised go directly to the needy people in our local area. *Communio* is very dear to Bishop Michael's heart and we at St Cecilia's have committed to supporting Communio every year.

On the back of this letter is a fact sheet of Communio Week and the agencies that are supported throughout the Geraldton Diocese.



- Area - 1,318,310 Km sq.
- Total Population - 101,166
- Total Catholics - 23,060
- Parishes - 12
- Diocesan Priests - 18 (4 residing elsewhere in Australia)
- Religious Priests - 4
- Religious - 37
- Catholic Schools – 10
- Catholic Hospital - 1

Please help to support our fundraising events for Communio. This year our fundraising events will include:

Friday 02 July:

***Recess Pre-order:** Miss Lockyer, our canteen manageress, will be making Jelly Cups, which will be available for pre-order to all children, Kindy to Year Six, via FlexiSchools. To select the special Communio Week recess, select Lunch & Recess from the dropdown menu, Recess and then Communio Week 2.00. Orders will be open from today until Wednesday 30 June. Please only put the order through once. If you are unsure if it has gone through, please contact the school. If you have any problems ordering the Communio recess, please contact Mrs Heke or Miss Lockyer.

***Free Dress Day:** Our Free Dress Day will be held on this same day. Children are invited to wear (appropriate) clothes of their choice for the cost of a gold coin donation. (Please note: no shoestring straps for girls; no shirts with inappropriate slogans or logos, shorts of appropriate length and appropriate footwear.)

***Ice-blocks:** The Year Six class will be selling ice-blocks as usual for the cost of \$1.00 with 50% of the money raised from being donated to Communio.

Thank you in advance for your support with our Communio fundraising. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Principal

Faith Family Friendship

Communio Week in Schools

Information Sheet

Communio is a name given to a plan to help the needy people in our own Diocese of Geraldton.

We as a Church, support needy people in other parts of Australia and the world through Catholic Mission and Caritas. Various people themselves support other countries through other organisations as well. Money collected through Communio though **goes to the needy people here in our own Diocese.**

The word is a Latin one which means 'Communion – union with'. In other words it says that in our Church we are linked to and connected to people all around the Diocese. Needy people are part of us and our family. In fact all needy people are part of Jesus and therefore a part of us because Jesus said *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me"*.

Each year we have Communio Week in Schools. This is a time to learn more about some of the people that our Diocese supports, to pray for these people and to raise funds for them. Various activities are suggested during the week to help young people understand and be involved in all this

Centacare. This organisation was set up over twenty five years ago and reaches out in a big way to people in our Diocese. Regardless of race, beliefs, colour or circumstances – all are helped in many ways.

Such people assisted are:-

- Individuals and families who need counselling
- Parents in their important role of relating to and caring for their children
- Children who have separated parents and difficulties in relationships
- Separated parents who seek help to do the best for their children
- People who need food and some basic financial help.
- Unemployed people – helping them train for work
- Children who have to be witnesses in court
- People with personal problems or with mild disabilities who find it hard to get work
- Victims of violence
- Drought Relief – counselling for farming families struggling because of drought conditions.

Centacare is in Geraldton but has centres in Carnarvon, Exmouth and Yalgoo. However it reaches out beyond these places to the Midwest and other rural areas according to needs that can be met by this organisation.

Nazareth House Nursing Home. Our contributions also support the great work done by the Sisters and Staff at Nazareth House where one hundred and twenty people, either frail aged or with dementia, are lovingly cared for.

DrugArm. A State organisation for young people and those who want help with drug addiction. It has a base in Geraldton which we support.

Other outreach. Then there are individual people and families who sometimes find themselves in difficult financial circumstances which our Priests and Sisters working in our Parishes know about and bring to the Bishops notice for support.

Communio Week in Schools takes place in Second Term. Adults in Parishes get the opportunity to support Communio at the end of the year during Advent when a campaign is launched as we prepare for Christmas. In this way parishioners can include the needy of our Diocese in their Christmas Gift.