

KLOMP CLUB

During the term holidays this year St. John's will be hosting a Holiday Program for primary school children called KLOMP Club. KLOMP stands for "Kids Love Our Mission Program". How can you help?

- 1) Pray -
 - a) for the team in its preparation
 - b) for publicity for the program and that children will be enthused to come
 - c) for the time spent with the kids - that they will see Jesus in all that is done.
- 2) We will need some people to come on the mornings of KLOMP Club and help with cordial and biscuits and/or general help with the children.
- 3) The team will be having lunch together, after the kids go home, to evaluate what we have done. We would love it if some members of the congregation could make some casseroles and help with the serving of lunch.

The Club itself will be running in June from the 11th to the 14th (during the second week) from 9.30am to 12.30pm, but during the first week the team will be setting up the Parish Centre and doing all the other preparations that need to be done.

PARISH LUNCHEON WITH
BISHOP WITT

Sunday, 19th May, 1985
Bring food suitable to share
Meal will commence around 12.30 p.m.
ALL INVITED

- NOTE TO PARENTS -

Have you linked your children into the clubs at St. John's? Girls with G.F.S. Wednesday night (contact Mrs. Judith Moxon, phone 27 3883), or boys to C.E.B.S. Thursday night (contact Mr. Glenn Clark, phone 31 8996).

Don't forget the children's program to be run in the second week of school holidays - called KLOMP CLUB (Kids Love Our Mission Program) - watch for publicity details or contact Sister Jan Syme (phone 31 4896 or 34 1234). A request for help appears above.

CONFIRMATION 1985

Applications are now available at the back of the Church or from the Rector. Those wishing to join the class need to get their Application to the Rector by SUNDAY 2ND JUNE. Confirmation is planned for the 10am Service, Sunday 10th November 1985.

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER...

Dear friends,

A politician's lot is not an easy one because so many pressures are brought to bear on them. They are a very vulnerable group of people, open to the devices and deceptions of Satan, and constantly tempted to sell their integrity for the price of a vote. Once principle has been surrendered to pragmatism, and when statesmanship is lost to party politics and pressure groups, then politics itself is in question and the ordinary people of society suffer at the hands of the powerful, the greedy, and the manipulator.

Temptations of grandeur can so easily engulf the politician, while flattery panders the ego. An artificiality of outlook builds up around people who travel in comfort, are waited on by Public Servants, are given the red-carpet treatment in most situations

- NEWS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS -

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet again on Monday, 13th May at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre. Afternoon hostesses: Miss M. Barclay, Mrs. J. Coombe, Mrs. G. Wherrett. A reminder of the MORNING TEA ON THURSDAY, 23rd MAY. The usual well stocked stalls - cakes, preserves, vegetables, fancy etc. We are hoping that the takings from the function will enable us to finalise the payment for the Resuscitate Trolley, which we donated to the Hospital (approximately \$860.00). We do cordially invite friends of St. Luke's and their friends to assist us with this very necessary equipment.

WOMEN'S GUILD

There was a good attendance of members at our meeting. Final arrangements were made for the Mannequin Parade to be held on 23rd April at 8 pm. The next meeting on 9th May will be our Annual Meeting. Supper hostesses: Mesdames J. Fletcher and O. Harris.

MOTHERS' UNION

Sister Jan Syme will demonstrate the art of chocolate making at our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 21st May at 7.45 pm in the Parish Centre. A special invitation has been given to young mothers of the Church and would each member bring a small plate of supper and be present to welcome any newcomers.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

G.F.S. Townsend are having a Stall and "Salamagundi" Afternoon on Saturday, 25th May at 2 pm in the Parish Centre for their Church Carpet Fund. Donation: \$1.00.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Commencing in May, St. John's rostered Sunday will move from the second to the FOURTH Sunday each month, i.e. commencing with 26th MAY. Would any parishioner presently rostered for May or June and unable to assist on 26th May or 23rd June, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Perkins on 264600 or the Parish Office. The following are rostered for Sunday, 26th May:-

H. Bourke, D. Plumridge, M. Easter, A. Green/H. Pitt, J. Moxon, L. Knowles, J. Stevenson, J. Watts.

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HAVE YOU ENROLLED ON THE PARISH ROLL. PLEASE OBTAIN A FORM FROM THE CHURCH OR OFFICE AND HAVE IT IN BEFORE THE END OF MAY.

A REMINDER! May is box opening month for BCA boxes. These can be left at the Parish Office or given to Mrs. Celia Hill, BCA Box Secretary.

and whose financial security is beyond question. Compare the politician's comfort and station in life with those at the other end of the spectrum. Every price rise, no matter how small, sends anxious tremors through the nervous system because the money just isn't there to go around all the commitments. These people don't have the comforts of life, nor do they get waited on by Public Servants, all too often they feel humiliated and belittled every time they approach "officialdom". Their financial security is non-existent, no job security, no super-annuation, they don't vote in their own salary scale, nor can they, at the expense of others, go off on "junkets" overseas with their girl friends or boy friends on expense accounts.

Because the politician is at the beck and call of the public, considerable sacrifice is experienced in home and family life. Decisions are constantly being made, and sometimes with little thought or background information, plus no time to do the homework. Face to face contact with hostility, hurt or political manoeuvring also proves costly to the nervous system. As Christians we need to surround our politicians with prayer. We also need to love and encourage them with a Christlike compassion. We will still need to react when discussion, in our view, is moving in a wrong direction. There is nothing wrong in us expressing our view and we need to do it more often, otherwise an imbalance can enter into the decision making mechanism. We also need to react so as to protect the politician from demonic deceptions and those who desire to advance the darkest side of human enterprise.

The Anglican Church has, quite rightly, made high priority of praying for those set over us in authority. However, that doesn't mean we put them on a pedestal where loneliness and unreality encourage them to separate from the very people who most need their leadership. Above all, we need to pray that politicians will listen to Christ and follow in His footsteps.

Your Rector and friend,



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Bishop Witt's Visit - Sat/Sun. 18/19th May - Preacher at all services on Sunday-Bishop Witt.

Annual General Meeting - 7.30pm Wed. 31st July, 1985.