



January 2020 Newsletter

2020 A Year of Possibilities

Welcome to the beginning of a new year.

Last year we had a little over 5,300 visitors to The Shopfront of whom 595 were new to the centre and we had almost 15,000 repeat visits. Our wonderful volunteers gave over 6,600 hours of dedicated caring and sharing service.

What will 2020 bring?

Once again we have the generosity of so many people supporting us: volunteers (the lifeblood of The Shopfront), schools and businesses providing financial and 'in kind' support.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the many thousands who have been affected by the bushfires that have raged across Australia over the past few months. The financial, psychological, spiritual and emotional scars may take months or even years to heal. 2020 will be a year of belt tightening for all of us as the costs and possible shortages of some food will begin to take effect. For many who come to us life is already tough enough.

After many years, as a volunteer and for a time a part time staff member, and for the past few years a member of the Committee of Management, Kathy has made the decision that it's time to move to other things, including spending more time with her grandchildren. Kathy thank you so much: you will be missed.

The Committee of Management is appointed by the Archbishop. This Committee is tasked to ensure that The Shopfront continues to work within the Mandate provided by the Archbishop and that proper Governance and Financial policies and protocols are followed. If you would like to be considered as a potential member of the CoM or would like further information about the workings of this important committee please speak with me.

The Shopfront has been part of Maylands since 2002 (2004 on the present site) and it is planned that by mid-year our new home in Bentley will be completed and ready for us to relocate. Site works are completed and work has begun so watch this space for updates!

Damian

Centre for Faith Enrichment

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is an important agency within the Archdiocese of Perth. The CFE offers short daytime, evening and online courses covering a wide range of topics at various locations around Perth. Topics include: theology, scripture, spirituality and much more. The courses are open to all who are seeking to explore questions of life, faith and meaning.

More information: www.cfe.org.au

Volunteers Leave and Additional Availability

From time to time, you, our volunteers need to take leave or are unable to come in for various reasons which we completely understand.

Being that we rely heavily on volunteers, it would be very much appreciated if you could let us know in advance if you are planning to be away, if it's possible of course, so that we may be able to plan for cover if need be.

Also, we would like to set up an on-call volunteer register, where we could call volunteers, possibly at short notice, to provide extra assistance when needed.

We don't expect people to always be available so there's no pressure on you to come in if we call you.

If you would like to be added to our on-call register please let Rosemary or Damian know, or email shopfront@perthcatholic.org.au with any times and days you may be available apart from your rostered day.

Opening Date for Visitors – Wednesday 29th January 2020

As most of you will already be aware, our first day open to visitors is Wednesday 29th January. We will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week and then normal hours will resume from next Monday (3rd February).