

# **FATHER'S DAY**

Sunday 1 September is Father's Day and we give thanks for all fathers with us or remembered by us.

A customary day for the celebration of fatherhood in Catholic Europe is known to date back to at least 1508. It is observed on March 19, as the feast day of Saint Joseph, who is referred to as the

fatherly *Nutritor Domini* ("Nourisher of the Lord") in Catholicism and "the putative father of Jesus" in southern European tradition.

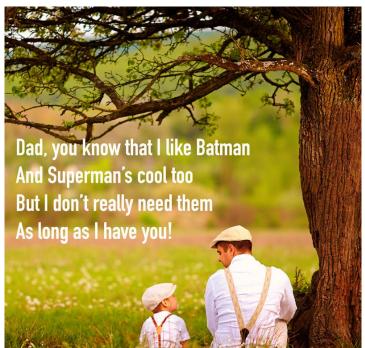
In some countries it is recognised as a public holiday but in Australia it is more a time for families to gather to celebrate together and ,with the commercialisation of the day, to give gifts.

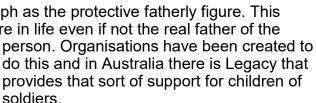
But not all want to celebrate their fathers, due to lack of attention, hardship or abuse, and we as Christians need to be supportive of them.

In the Bible we see many references to fathers not just from a genealogical sense but through the work they do

together. Of course we have the most known prayer of all given to the disciples (and us) by Jesus—Our father in heaven ...

We look to God as the father of Jesus but with Joseph as the protective fatherly figure. This reminds us how important it is having a fatherly figure in life even if not the real father of the







### **MESSY CHURCH**

The August theme for Messy Church was "Mountains and hills". We made snow globes, chocolate crackle mountains, mountain climber, lantern and created a volcano. Our October service theme is "Jesus loves me".

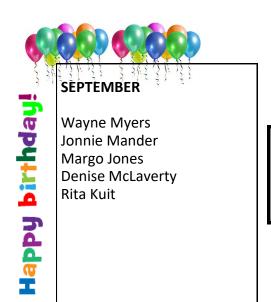
### COMBINED SERVICE

Sunday 29 September is our next fifth Sunday service and this will be a combined Linked Congregations service at Portarlington starting at 10.15 am to be followed by a shared lunch. Transport can be provided if needed—speak to Wayne Myers.

#### SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrate the 70th birthday for Wayne Myers.

We record our congratulations and God's continued blessings to him.



Happy birthday!

#### **LOOSE CHANGE**

Target is \$800 for the Geelong Mums organisation.

Offerings to date \$253.

## THE FETE IS COMING

AS noted in the news sheet the

date for the fete has been confirmed as Saturday 26 October. We would love you to help on the day or to supply items for sale—home made cakes, produce, handcraft, plants, books, bric-a-brac and garage items. There will also be Devonshire teas and sausage sizzle. As our main fundraiser for the year we seek your support.





1 Sep—9.00 am Graeme's Team

10.45 am Graeme's Team

8 Sep—9.00 am Rev Temukisa HC

(Wayne's Team assisting)

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15 Sep — 9.00 am Jenni's Team

10.45 am Jenni's Team

22 Sep—9.00 am Rev Temukisa

(Denise's Team assisting)

10.45 am Rev Temukisa

29 Sep—10.15 Combined

Congregations service at Portarlington

21 Sep —8.00 am Prayer Breakfast @ the Zoo Café



10.45	KITCHEN	WELCOM	E READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
SEP 1 8 15 22 29	Win & Andrea Glenice & Kelvin Brenda & Melva Audrey At Portarlington	Wilma	Graeme's Team Kelvin Jenni's Team Win	John / Graeme's Pat Bob / Jenni's John / Carol

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
22	Graeme's Team	Jenni Colleen Margo Ian	Angela Marguerite - Wilma -

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