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Jim Coakley

ROSARY GROUP

A Rosary Group has been proposed as a prayerful exercise with two special intentions. Firstly in gratitude for the tireless service given by our departing Pastor, Father Pickering, that he may be blessed in his retirement and secondly that God will pour abundant blessings to welcome our new Parish Priest. If you would like or be able to join the group, please leave your name with Maureen at the Rectory on phone 598 1334.

"In the reign of King Henry VIII the entire English Catholic episcopate, with the glorious exception of St. John Fisher, betrayed their God and their flocks when they abandoned Catholicism in favour of Anglicanism."

It is time to tell that my letter of resignation from this parish, considered long before, was decided, finally, upon reading our Archbishop's response to Michael Barnard's article and his castigation and repudiation of Catholics in large numbers, and your priest who has long felt that he afforded an oasis of Catholic worship and fidelity, ridiculed and disapproved by the Church in Melbourne and its present bureaucracy.

It seemed to me, in the circumstances, time to tell.

*Heitorateh
Rhonda Graham
Maureen Wright*

FAREWELL TO FATHER PICKERING

On PENTECOST SUNDAY, 30TH. MAY 1993.....
Following the 11.15 a.m. Mass :
LUNCHEON in the School Hall, ALL PARISH FAMILY AND FRIENDS MOST WELCOME.....
Please phone:
MARY CLARE HOARE 523 8813
RHONDA GRAHAM 598 7414
MAUREEN WRIGHT(Rectory) 598 1334

S. JAMES' SCHOOL

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL SPORTS are to be held at KOSTKA HALL OVAL, BRIGHTON BEACH, on SUNDAY, 18th. MAY, from 1.00 P.M.

MASS COUNT 1993

His Grace the Archbishop, requests a count of all at Mass over the weekends, MAY 8/8; 15/18; and 22/23; for planning purposes. Collectors are asked to record attendances at the time of the second collection so that latecomers are included.

JESUIT MISSIONS - INDIA

CARD & GAMES LUNCHEON for the Jesuit Mission in India. Kostka Hall Ladies Association are holding their annual card luncheon on TUESDAY 11TH. MAY, 1993 from 11.00 a.m. at MARITIMA KOSTKA HALL, BRIGHTON. \$15.00 per person includes 5 raffle tickets. Senior citizens \$12.00 Contact numbers Margaret Carey 571 4371. Ros McInerney 592 8930 or Pauline Gordon 592 2201

BAPTISMS: Sundays after the High Mass,
WEDDINGS: (One party MUST be a Parishioner) by prior arrangement.
A brochure is available at Rectory.
S. JAMES' SCHOOL: St. James Close, Gardenvale
TEL.: 596 4768

announced.

My dear Parishioners,

With all of you, I have followed the sad saga of contention regarding the visit of Archbishop Rumbert Weakland of Milwaukee, U.S.A., as keynote speaker at the recent National Liturgical Music Convention here in Melbourne. The visiting Archbishop should have allayed our misgivings and dismissed our reservations about his integrity after our hearing, or reading, his brilliant address at the opening of that convention.

In response to a dissembler, who forged Archbishop Little's signature on his official 'letterhead', and to very many of the faithful of Melbourne who objected to the advertised participation of Archbishop Weakland at the Conference, His Grace, our Archbishop did, it seems to me, the greatest harm in the whole sorry affair by most unkind, intemperate and, worst of all, selective censure of a proportion of his people, more numerous than he thinks, surely, or he would not have been so rash or assured.

It was from wounds self-inflicted, that our Archbishop wrote to "The Age" in response to an article by Michael Barnard, published on the 18th. March, 1993, in support of those objecting to Archbishop Weakland's selection and welcome. Archbishop Little referred, from stress or preference, to his people of different evaluations as, "on the fringe of church life", "dissenters and traditionalists". Those of us who subscribe to the same, were associated with the Archbishop's statement that, "it is a style of innuendo, guilt by association, near slander and near character assassination which one finds paraded in fringe publications such as AD 2000 and the misnamed FIDELITY".

Fr Michael Shadbolt, of this Archdiocese refers to such chastisement and all before, in his letter in the May Issue of AD2000

"For twenty years, so-called conservative Catholics, loyal to the teachings and traditions of the Church, have been ignored and marginalised in the Melbourne Archdiocese. In recent days they have been publicly reviled as a despicable minority; their basic crime? - insistence on unequivocal loyalty to papal teaching..."

Archbishop Little, in the same article his in "The Age" proffers the lame argument that, "Archbishop Weakland's orthodoxy is impeccable. Otherwise he would not simply be Archbishop of Milwaukee".

Valentine Gallagher also writes in the May Issue of AD 2000,