



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7 October 2022

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley

Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani

Parish Mass Times:

English: Saturday 9.00am, 5.30pm, Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Vietnamese: Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7.30pm

Burmese: Every 2nd Sunday 2.30pm

Chin: Every 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 2.30pm

Tongan: Every 1st Sunday 3.00pm

School Phone: 9312 2230

School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours."
Attributed to St Teresa of Avila

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 13 Oct Year 6 Leadership Day

Mon 31 Oct School Closure Day - Report Writing (no school for the children)

Tues 1 Nov Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday (no school for the children)

Mon 14 - Fri 25 Nov Swimming Program

Fri 9 Dec Reports published on nForma Portal

Tues 13 Dec
Dinner in the Yard with Dj, Art Show 6.00 - 8.00pm
Parent Teacher Interviews by request

Wed 14 Dec Year 6 Graduation: Mass 6.00pm. Disco 7.15-8.15pm

Fri 16 Dec 11.30am End of Year Mass 2.30pm End of Year Assembly

Fri 16 Dec 3.15pm End of 2022 for students

Mon 19-Tues 20 Dec Closure Days - Handover Days for Staff.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2022 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS (students do not attend school):
Monday 31 October: Report Writing

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope the children were able to enjoy the precious days of the school holidays and relax after a very busy Term 3. Hopefully, you were able to spend more time together as a family doing the things that you enjoy. It was wonderful for myself and staff to see the students walking through the school gates with happy smiles on Monday. All classroom programs have begun as well as all specialist classes (Art, Italian, Digital and Design Technology and PE).

I thank the Year 3 and 4 students for quickly settling into their new learning spaces and showing a very positive and enthusiastic attitude to their new rooms. The Year 3s are in the Mary MacKillop Library and the Year 4 students are in the school hall. The new building is yet to commence. We are still in the process of assigning a builder to the project. As you are all aware it has been very difficult to get this project off the ground during what can only be described as very unpredictable and turbulent times for the construction industry and for all of us who are trying to build or renovate. The most important thing at the moment is that the Year 3 and 4 students are well settled in their new learning spaces and that we are ready for the builder to begin as soon as a builder has been assigned to our project. This process of choosing a builder is managed by MACS or Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic schools and not by myself.

TRANSITION TO SUMMER UNIFORM:

Just a reminder, that in the first 2 weeks of this term, students will be allowed to wear either the Winter or Summer uniform. This is because the weather can still be quite variable. We will then move into **Summer uniform only beginning in Week 3 on Monday the 17th of October.**

SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

During Term 4 all students will be required to wear a school hat and apply sunscreen when outdoors. This is an important way to ensure that our students are protected at all times from the harmful rays of the sun. The sunscreen we use at school is the *Cancer Council Everyday Sunscreen SPF 30*.

Please let your child's teacher know if your child cannot use this type of sunscreen and they will need to bring their own from home.



Prayer for Saint Francis of Assisi

On October 4 we celebrate St Francis. He loved people and all God's creation.



Dear God of creation, we know that Francis of Assisi tried always to follow your will. He reached out to the poor and lived in peace with others. He respected all of creation and praised you for your glory.

His life showed us a way to love you and all people in your name.

Help us be like Saint Francis in all things and in all ways. Amen.

Happy 103rd Birthday to Our Lady's School on Wednesday the 12th of October



It is a good time for you to re-connect with the rich history of Our Lady's School by taking a few minutes to read the following timeline which summarises our first 100 year.

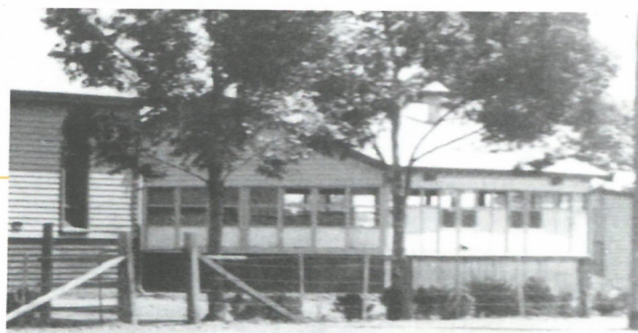
Where it all started....

1919

The history of Our Lady's school in Sunshine dates back to 1919 when Father John Carney quickly realised the urgent need for a Catholic school. He lost no time in proceeding with the work and the school was built at a cost of just over 366 pounds. His Grace, Dr Daniel Mannix, the Archbishop of Melbourne opened the school on the 12th of October 1919.



Miss Mary Archer was the school's first official principal from 1919 to 1921. In 1919 the school had 48 students. Miss Archer worked tirelessly at the school for two years and was remembered as a tall, well-dressed woman who taught the students songs and plays that they would perform in the town hall. Miss Archer lived in the city and travelled to Our Lady's school by steam train.



The opening of the School Hall in 1926 by Archbishop Daniel Mannix was a grand event attended by many students and parishioners.

In 1921 Miss Archer married and the second principal Miss Catherine Mc Mahon was appointed. Miss McMahon remained at the school for seven years and is remembered as being a dedicated and effective teacher. Each day she would choose an article from The Age Newspaper for use as a dictation piece for Grades 6, 7 and 8. Miss McMahon was very respected by the community and worked hard to provide an excellent education for all students who attended Our Lady's School.

During her time the school grew from the original 48 students to 112 students.

1920s-1950s

1920s – 1940s

In 1927, the Parish of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception was formed and Father Pat Fennessy was appointed the first Parish Priest. Father Fennessy described as a very spiritual man, is pictured here in 1927 with first communion students. Father Fennessy served Our Lady's from 1927 to 1935. In 1933 he and the Sisters of St. Joseph built a new brick school along what is now Monash street to cater for the growing number of students.



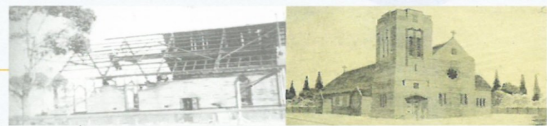
In 1928, The Catholic Church acquired property next to the school and renovated it in preparation for the imminent arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Mildred Duncan (Superior), Sister Leo

Byrne and Sister Eustace took up residence in the new convent. Sister Mildred became the first religious principal of Our Lady's school which she served from 1928 to 1934.

A talented artist, Sister Mildred often raffled her work to raise money for the financially struggling school. The community of sisters quickly grew from 3 to 20 and they often taught classes of over 100.



A major setback for the parish and the school occurred in 1939 when the timber church burnt down. Father Ryder who was Parish Priest at the time ran in to get the Blessed Sacrament. Father Ryder established the Tennis courts behind the church for use by the school and parish.



A new brick church was blessed and opened in 1941 by Archbishop Mannix. The new church was made in the English Gothic style. Archbishop Mannix had this to say about the new church, "The new Church in Sunshine is a fine addition to the Churches of the diocese. I hope that God's blessing will come down in abundance upon you all. You have reason to be proud of all that has been achieved here."

By 1945 the school's population had grown to 262 students. The Sisters of St. Joseph worked hard, providing the students with a good education as well as serving the community

1950s-1980s

1950s – 1980s

In 1950 the number of students attending Our Lady's school rose dramatically from 369 to 623. There were students from Year Prep to Year 8 attending the school.



The enrolments continued to rise throughout the 1950's until in 1957 they reached 1075 students. The school was changing and becoming more multi-cultural with the influx of families from post war European nations. The school became so overcrowded that the Parish hall and the tennis pavilion were used as classrooms.



Father Egan the Parish Priest at the time purchased land in Station Place and, with voluntary labour who over 26 weekends, in 1952 built two classrooms. These two classrooms have been extensively renovated and are still in use at the school in 2019.



The number of staff at Our Lady's school rose to 14 Sisters of St. Joseph. At that time religious sisters staffed the school.



On the 25th of September 1958 Archbishop Simonds opened further new classrooms. The then Parish Priest Father Murphy had decided to add another storey onto the existing school building. He dedicated the new building to Father Egan the previous parish priest who died suddenly before their completion. It is still to this day called the Father Egan Memorial Building. The new classrooms helped to more comfortably accommodate the huge number of enrolments.

1990s

1990s – 2000

In 1987 Father Brendan Lane became Parish Priest and oversaw enormous changes to the school made possible by the acquisition of the lane which separated the convent and school sites. He also acquired land along Station Place which was used by the parish but eventually the school's needs were considered greater. It is because of Father Lane, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the parishioners' foresight that the school was able to grow and develop into the wonderful educational facility that it is today. Father Lane left Our Lady's in 1996 leaving behind a great legacy.



Father Brendan Lane
– Parish Priest
1987-1996

1996 saw the arrival of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Father Lewy Keelty was the new Parish Priest accompanied by Father Harry Dyer and Father Vin McGillicuddy who settled well into the parish and school. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate contributed greatly to the improvement of the school's facilities with renovations and new buildings occurring throughout their time at Our Lady's school. They left the school in 2015 having accomplished much and leaving a school community which was very grateful for their vision and generosity.



The school and parish waved a sad good-bye to the much-loved Sisters of St. Joseph in 2000, when the sisters moved out of the convent in Station Place. A wonderful celebration was held in their honour and was attended by many of the sisters who had taught at the school or worked in the parish. Sister Eileen King was the last Sister of St. Joseph to be principal of Our Lady's school. In 1999 she completed the building of a new Junior Block consisting of 6 new classrooms and a new toilet block. Sister Eileen left Our Lady's school in February 2001, bringing to a close 72 years of Catholic education and service to the school community by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Our Lady's school will always honour and be grateful for the Sisters of St. Joseph. They have left an inspirational legacy and their charism continues to live on at Our Lady's school.



2000s

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On the 1st of March 2003, Mr Peter Moore was officially appointed principal of Our Lady's school after serving as Acting Principal for nearly a year. He was the first lay male principal of the school Father Harry Dyer OMI who was the Parish Priest at the time and Mr Peter Moore realised the need to improve the facilities at the school and quickly acted.



A much-needed new administration building was built on the site where the original convent had stood in Station Place. The convent could not be saved as its structural integrity was beyond repair. Two new classrooms, an Art room and a Planning Room were also added. The school was changing rapidly and the new amenities were welcomed by students, parents and staff.



In 2009 with Father John Maher OMI as Parish Priest, Mr Moore completely refurbished the old and dilapidated school hall. During the refurbishment, extra doors and windows were added, allowing much needed light to enter the space. The old flat at the back was demolished and replaced with a modern and functional kitchen. This historic building was given a new lease of life and became once again a wonderful asset to the school.

On June 9th 2010, the St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Learning Centre was completed. Mr Peter Moore dedicated this building to Mary MacKillop in acknowledgement of the dedicated service of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The educational vision was to build a building that would meet the needs of the students well into the 21st century.



The building incorporated the Mary MacKillop Library, an ICT studio and the Father John Maher Auditorium.

Later, the principal Mr Peter Moore dedicated and named the auditorium after Father John Maher (OMI), a much-loved Parish Priest at the time who sadly passed away very suddenly. The Saint Mary MacKillop Learning Centre is a lasting legacy which will be enjoyed by the Our Lady's school community for decades to come.



2019



And now we keep
creating history...

Preparation for 2023 Classes

At this time of the year the school is making arrangements for staffing and classes for 2023. Next week we will begin the process of class compositions for 2023.

This process usually takes about a month and a great deal of time and energy goes into the decision-making process. We give the children a voice by asking them to list 6 children they would like to be in their class and we guarantee that each child will have one friend that they have listed.

Please take the time to talk to your child about who they will list as their friends and encourage them to think about listing children who will support them in their learning and help them to be a better learner in the classroom rather than someone they would like to play with. The staff work very hard to make sure that we provide a supportive and engaging learning environment for each child and this process plays a large part in this.

The class structure for 2023 will not change; we will still maintain two classes for each year level. None of the classes will be composite; they will all be straight classes from Foundation to Year 6.

If you have any educational concerns about your child's placement for 2023 you will need to communicate these to myself (Ms Bertani) in writing via email on pbertani@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au by Friday 14 October 2022. It is essential that all emails have been received by next Friday.

As we are planning for 2023, we ask that parents let us know as soon as possible if their children are not returning to Our Lady's next year. We have had many inquiries about places for 2023 and we need to let these parents know if there are places for their children. We currently have a waiting list for Prep and several of the other year levels are full, with enrolment enquiries coming in. **If your child is not returning in 2023 (apart from our current year 6 children) please let the Office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au





FI

Aliyah - For showing your knowledge about location well during Mathematics. Well done! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

Klara - For great work during Mathematics in relation to location. Well done! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Zeb - For putting in a huge effort to produce amazing writing, both at home and at school! You are a superstar! *From Miss Wendy*

Willow - For being a great Self-Manager. You get yourself ready to learn and listen carefully to directions. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Ethan - for being a deep Thinker when sharing your knowledge about different ways we can change water! *From Miss Shai*

Mia - for recognising and practicing how to change your voice and pace while reading. Keep it up! *From Miss Shai*

1L

Chanel C - For being an excellent Collaborator who made sure everyone had a fair turn when making our jelly! Great job taking the lead in your group. *From Miss Steph*

Sadie K - For being a Self-Manager who is reflective in her learning. You did an amazing job learning your Magic 100 Words! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Amelia T - For taking the initiative to create a poster for our classroom stall. Your leadership qualities and creativity shines through. Keep it up! *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

Samantha N - For always trying your best during writing. Well done describing your little pony drawing and using full stops and capital letters. *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

2N

Sung Khun T - For using your initiative to create a poster for our Treasure Stall. Well done. *From Mrs Mitchell*

Anthony V - For consistently following directions and remaining focused on your work. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Xavier S - For using the Learning Asset of Collaborator when working with others while making Honey Joys. Your peaceful nature and helpfulness were greatly appreciated. Well done Xavier! *From Miss Karen*

Mina N - For trying your best to learn as much as you can and for being a very responsible member of the class. Keep up the great work Mina! *From Miss Karen*

3F

Mason M For using the Learning Asset of Communicator and Collaborator when working with others. Keep up the great work Mason. *From Mr Josh*

Grace R For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect through your positive interaction with others. *From Mr Josh*

4G

Saiyam S for trying really hard in his writing and creating a fabulous information report on Greek Gods for his writer's workshop. *From Ms White*

Tracey L for showing courage to try her best, even when the work is challenging. *From Ms White*

4H

All of 4H- For embracing change in a positive way. You all helped to make the move happen smoothly. You are all superstars! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Sam A- for displaying enthusiasm and resilience, especially when facing challenges in Maths. *From Mr Membrey*

Lucas D- for challenging yourself by writing poetry of different styles. Well done! *From Mr Membrey*

5D

Don For working to the best of your ability by being a positive engaged learner and providing encouraging feedback to others. Well done Don! *From Mrs Muscat*

Raphaella For demonstrating the learning assets of Thinker and Communicator as you stretched out of your comfort zone to justify and reason your thinking during mathematics this week. *From Mrs Muscat*

6A

Ruth Z For identifying ways to improve a written text during a Writing Conference. *From Mr Wickham*

Simon T: For using skills and knowledge in solving area problems in Mathematics. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Lachlan B - For the way in which you embraced your iTime project and reflected on the journey and your learning, consistently displaying the Learning Asset of a Thinker. Well done! *From Ms Gurry*

Asha K - For your enthusiasm and organisation when presenting your iTime learning to your peers. You consistently displayed the Learning Asset of a Communicator! *From Ms Gurry*



Julianna L 6B
Jacqui M 6B
Liam N 1K
Indiana L 1L
Sienna C 4H
Ms Bertani
Klara M Fi

Mae F Fi
Kanieshka V 5C
Leonardo S 4H
Elke K 3F
Justin C 2M
Will F 5C
Aaliyah A Fi

Brian L 2M
Ms Muscat
Nathan T Fi
Anna V 4H
Bella D 5D
Charlotte M 3F
Dean Z 5C

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM NEWS



Coming together to make a change.

Dear Families,

We, the Year 6 Social Justice Team, have taken it upon ourselves to plan a variety of events for the school community to engage with to raise money for ETHIOPIA in 2022. It is an initiative that many Catholic Schools take up during OCTOBER each year through MISSION AUSTRALIA.

Today Our Lady's will mark the beginning of SOCKTOBER with a **casual clothes day** where your generous donation will be appreciated, and stored in a Crazy sock!

In week 2, the Year 3s and 4s will engage in a GAME OF CHANCE.

In week 3 Foundation to Year 2 students will be invited to participate in a HULA HOOP competition.

In week 4 the Year 5s and 6s will participate in a game of DODGEBALL.

The winners will be given a prize at an assembly at the end of the month when we will also announce how much money has been raised.

In addition, each classroom is invited to create a stall during a break time during the day so that more money can be raised. Your child's teacher will keep you informed of what that stall might be.

Throughout Socktober in 2022, students will learn about Ethiopia and support children and their families in need. Although it is a beautiful and deeply historic place, Ethiopia's challenges, including conflict, poverty and famine, have troubled its people for centuries. The growing influence of climate change will only serve to exacerbate these issues, and we are called to act now to work with local communities to support children and families in need, to preserve their dignity and to safeguard their future.



Thank you for your support during SOCKTOBER.

Jasmine, Sharon, Mikayla & Zoe





OUR LADY'S SCHOOL SUNSHINE SUMMER 2022-23 UNIFORM PRICE LIST

<u>JUMPERS</u> 6 - \$53.00 7 - \$55.00 8 - \$57.00 9 - \$59.00 10 - \$61.00 12 - \$63.00 14 - \$65.00 16 - \$67.00 18 - \$69.00		<u>SHORTS</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 \$24.00	
<u>SHIRT</u> <u>Short Sleeve Open Neck</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 \$25.00		<u>SOCKS</u> <u>(Cotton/Nylon Anklet – School Colours)</u> 9 – 12 13 – 3 2 – 8 \$10.00	
<u>DRESS</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 \$26.00			
<u>WINDCHEATER WITH SCHOOL LOGO</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 \$28.00		<u>TRACKSUIT PANT – RIBBED CUFF, DOUBLE KNEE</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 \$28.00	
<u>SPORT POLO T-SHIRT WITH SCHOOL LOGO</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 \$24.00		<u>RUGBY SPORT SHORTS (Draw cord) & SKORTS</u> 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 \$22.00	
<u>SCHOOL BAG WITH SCHOOL LOGO</u> ONE SIZE \$48.00		<u>ART SMOCKS</u> SMALL MED LARGE \$17.50	
<u>LIBRARY BAGS</u> ONE SIZE \$8.00		<u>SCHOOL HATS</u> LEGIONNARIES (ONE SIZE FITS ALL) - \$10.00 SLOUCH (SMALL MED LAR) - \$10.00	

UNIFORM NEWS

Summer uniform is now available via our QKR App.

Prices have increased on some items due to our suppliers increases/delivery costs.

The Uniform Shop is provided as a service to our families and we thank you for your understanding.

PREPARATIONS FOR 2023

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If your child is not returning in 2023 (NOT OUR CURRENT YR 6 STUDENTS) please complete the form below and return it to the office. It is vital that you return this form as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

Children NOT returning to Our Lady's School in 2023

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

1. _____ 2022 Grade: _____

2. _____ 2022 Grade: _____

3. _____ 2022 Grade: _____

Name of our new school: _____

And / Or

Our new address: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible

INSIGHTS

Seven ways to be a positive influence on children and young people



Parents and teachers influence children most during their first twelve years of life. We have less influence over teens as they become increasingly independent and look to their peers for guidance and approval.

The following strategies will help ensure that you have a positive influence on children at any age.

1. Be available

Nothing says “You matter” more than a busy parent giving a child undivided attention. Research has established that children whose parents are emotionally present for their kids have better social, academic, and wellbeing outcomes than those whose parents aren’t available.

2. Be warm

Sometimes we can forget that our children are people too – particularly when they’re irritable, tired and obnoxious. By responding to kids warmly (even when you don’t feel like it), you show that you value them as people. A gentle touch, a smile, or soft words bring warmth to a relationship, and increase the likelihood that you’ll be listened to and be a positive influence on their lives.

3. Listen, but don’t fix

Parents can fix sore knees, broken hearts, messy friendships, and even some difficult homework projects. But kids generally don’t need adults to fix them. They just want us to ‘get’ what they’re going through. When you see the world through their eyes, you are more understanding – and more likely to be listened to when they need us.

4. Set limits

Nothing says “I love you” more than a firm and clear “No!” from mum or dad.

“No, you can’t say that to your sister. How can you make things right?”

“No, it’s not ok for you to stay out until midnight. You’re 14.”

“No, I don’t feel right about you having your smartphone/tablet/laptop in your bedroom. Ever!”

Children and young people will often argue with you, but setting limits means that you are having a positive influence on your children. The trick is to not become too authoritarian or you’ll simply drive unwanted behaviour underground.

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5. Play

Playing games and laughing together binds us close to our kids. Through play you build a relationship of trust with that facilitates our ongoing positive influence.

6. Be grateful

Grateful people are happier, healthier, have better relationships, sleep better, have more income, are less materialistic, achieve better academic outcomes and are more energetic. By being grateful you'll be a positive influence in the lives of your children. Say thanks often – and mean it.

7. Love them and show it every day

We're always correcting our kids or telling them what to do. Pick this up, put that away, get off the computer, pack your bag, tidy up your room, and so on... and that's before 7.30 in the morning! Our ratio of negative to positive statements can often be the wrong way round. So find opportunities to tell your kids such things as:

- "You really make a positive difference around here."
- "I am amazed at the exceptional effort you make at..."
- "I love you – no matter what."

Your time with kids is short. By setting a positive example, you can be a positive and lasting influence in your children's lives.



Dr Justin Coulson

Dr Justin Coulson helps families be happier. His Goalcast and TEDx positive parenting videos have been viewed by more than 80 million people. He is the author of 6 parenting books and the cohost and parenting expert on Channel 9's Parental Guidance. He hosts Australia's #1 podcast for parents: Dr Justin Coulson's Happy Families. Justin and his wife, Kylie, are the parents of 6 daughters.



Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

When are some of the times when you can ask Jesus for help?

Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

- Jesus was on h²s way to Jeru¹⁰alem.
- Te⁸ lepers asked Jesus to take pi⁵y on them.
- Jesus told them to s⁶ow themselves to the pri⁴sts.
- One of the men disco³ered he was heale¹⁵,
and returned to Jesus, giving praise to ¹od.
- He b¹²wed down at Jesus' fee¹¹ and than⁹ed him.
- Jesus then told him, " ¹³et up and g¹⁴.
Your f⁷ith has made you well."

1	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12				
13	14	15			