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M ASS ITENTIONS FOR SEP 25TH TO OCT 1ST, 2017

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ST. ANN’S PRESCHOOL is having their first fundraiser of the year.

They are selling the big little COUPON BOOK for $10 each. Coupon books can be purchased at the Parish Office.

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MOME (OR DADS) & TOTS will resume on Monday, October 2nd with Sister Susan. This is open to all mothers/fathers with infants and young children. Come join us for faith, fellowship and laughter. We will meet from 9:00 am to 10:30 am on Monday mornings in St. Monica’s Lounge. Come and visit with other moms and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while the children play.

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SUICASES NEEDED – pull type for Guatemalan farm workers returning home end of September. Please drop off at St. Ann’s Parish Centre. Thank you!

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Advocate Life & Education Services is looking to hire an experienced and passionate individual to manage their CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE in Abbotsford. Position is for 40hrs/wk at $20/hr. Deadline for applying is October 1st. Visit www.advokate/get-involved/ employment-opportunities for more information or email info@advokate.ca.

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