

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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PARISH HOUSE AND MEETING ROOM

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: **9.00am; 6.00pm**

Sunday: **7.30am; 9.00am**

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: **5.15pm—5.45pm** (prior to Mass)

Also available on request.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: **6.00pm**

Wed - Fri: **9.00am**

ROSARY

Each weekday Mass: 25mins prior to Mass

Monday afternoon: 3.20pm (during School Term)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Tuesday: **4.45-5.45pm**

Sunday: **6.15-7am**

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Friday morning: **7.30am**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Each Friday: after 9.00am Mass

CATECHISM CLASSES

Contacts: Fr. Francis 9593 4670

Angela Bregger 0412 507 505

RCIA CLASSES

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

For Enquiries, please contact: Fr Francis or Lucia Allison at our Parish Office: 9593 4670 (during Office hours) or email.

PRESBYTERY SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every **Monday 9am-12pm** at the Parish Meeting Room. Spend some time in contemplative prayer. Enq: Angela Bregger 0412 507 505

BETHANIE NURSING HOME

Holy Communion **every Wednesday.**

ROSTERS FOR 7-8 August

6.00PM

Acolytes: Tony Brandt & Wayne Payton

Readers: Judy Payton, Robyn Mason

Prayers of the Faithful: Robyn Mason

Music: CD Music

7.30AM

Acolytes: Claude Coutinho, Ken Hannaby

Readers: Bob O'Neil, Mary Burns

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Burns

9.00AM

Acolytes: David Browne; Claude Coutinho

Readers: Francesca Reimers, Joe Andrews

Prayers of the Faithful: Tina Andrews

Music: St Bernadette's Church Choir

CHURCH CLEANERS

Trinity and Monica

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection: \$ NIL

Total to date: \$ 28,799.05

MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

56 Benbecula Loop, Port Kennedy 6172
or to our email address.

PLANNED GIVING FOR CHURCH LOAN

If you would like to contribute or be a part of the Parish planned giving, the Parish has **Planned Giving Envelopes** and **Direct Debit** forms available in our Church foyer.

If you would like to set up or make a Direct Debit through your bank or a **ONE-OFF DONATION** please send to:

Port Kennedy Parish
BSB: 086 006

Account No: 665505492

Reference: (Your Name)

MANY THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

FOR YOUR PRAYER CHAIR 8/8/21

Mary of the Cross Yr. B

1Kg: 17: 8-16

Col: 3:12-17

Mt: 6:25-34



COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY



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18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 1/8/2021

OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

I AM THAT BREAD, SAYS JESUS

In today's gospel, the people ask Jesus three questions and each time his response suggests, think again.

The first question comes after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes on the other side of the sea and they're wondering where is he? On locating him they ask, 'When did you get here?' Jesus' answer is puzzling: you've seen the signs of God's love he says, but haven't understood their meaning and can only see that you've had plenty to eat! He goes on to contrast working for what is here today, gone tomorrow and what sustains you forever. It's this I'm offering you, he says, through the Father.

We'd prefer it if Jesus would stick to the script, but he doesn't. He doesn't answer to our expectations. Instead, he leads his listeners into what seems like uncharted territory and, like the Israelites in the first reading, we may begin to yearn for the certainties back in Egypt, when enslaved, but at least we weren't hungry. But then, that's what the spiritual revolution referred to in today's second reading is all about, our secure selves being overturned by what Jesus says, our minds opening up.

This leads to the second question: what must we do in order to do what God wants? Again, he wrong-foots them when he responds: Believe in the one he sent. They sort of get what he's saying and respond by thinking of him in the time-honoured way and ask, can you show us a sign like the manna given by Moses in the desert, so we might believe in you? And a third time he brings them undone. It's not about me, or Moses, he responds, but about my Father who gives you true bread from heaven, for the world's sake.

When they say give us that bread always, Jesus replies, I am that bread. It's a breathtaking statement, a new Passover, a new revelation of God. We've gone from loaves and fishes and manna in the desert to this pledge of God's love, where our hunger and our eating is the way into Jesus, into God. In eating this bread 'we receive what we are and become what we receive.'

We're learning to receive what God gives us

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and learning that we can't program it, or earn it in some way, but have only to receive it. It's so simple we don't quite get it and we're back to their questions and having to re-think our lives.

It all comes down to this simple act of eating. Food and eating and bodies, now transformed, so we might be bread for others. Jesus is the sign of God's unending love for us made real in his broken body, the Church. To experience something of this reality is to believe in him who was sent. Is he the one we have been looking for? Come and eat.

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FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

The Archdiocese of Perth is blessed with two Seminaries and some Religious Orders' Formation Houses where men from across the State spend time in discernment or training for the priesthood and religious life. St Charles' Seminary is located in Guildford and Redemptorist Mater's Seminary in Morley.

It normally takes a minimal of seven years to train Diocesan priests, centering on the four pillars of formation: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral. During this time, each seminarian may be sent to two or three different pastoral settings depending his needs.

As a seminarian, I was placed under the care of a host Australian family in Badgingarra, part of the Moora Parish, then with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Glendalough, then All Saints Parish Greenwood and finally St Mary McKillop Parish Ballajura. The excellent input of generous support and proper guidance I received from these placements have helped to prepare for my future priesthood and shape the form of my ministry today.

On behalf of our Parish, we extend a special welcome to **Jason Yeap** for his pastoral placement in our Parish. Jason is in his sixth year of training at St Charles'

Seminary. He will move in and live at the Presbytery from 3 Aug to 25 Dec, experiencing the life of our Parish and School community.

The Gospel continues with the important discourse on the Eucharist (Jn 6: 24-35). Jesus refers to himself as the bread of God, the bread from heaven lovingly given for the life of the world.

Jesus is not only the living bread of God's Word but also the living bread of God's Eucharist poured out for everyone, giving a pledge to eternal life. 'Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever, and the bread that I shall give is my fresh for the life of the world.' (Jn 6:51)

Bread is the most common and accessible form of staple. By giving himself as bread from heaven, Jesus generously provides for all that we need to grow into the fullness of life. God's unfathomable and extravagant love is demonstrated through the way God cares for all forms of life, nourishment and maturity.

We hope that Jason will be quickly settled and finding his place through our acceptance, love and support. We pray that it will be an enjoyable, informative, enriching and rewarding time for him and us.

CHURCH WORKERS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP

I invite **all who are involved in any volunteer position or role to attend this mandatory workshops.**

The next available workshop is held in our Parish on **3rd August 2021 between 10-noon**. To register, go to www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/ or call Mary Mantle on 9221 7762.

If you have any query please refer to the notice board for further information OR contact our Parish Office for assistance.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

A New Journey for RCIA 2021-2022

If you have been thinking of becoming Catholic or know of someone who is, now is the time to act! The new **R.C.I.A Journey begins on Thurs 29th July 2021**. For more information and registration please contact our Parish Office 9593 4670 or txt our R.C.I.A Co-Ordinator **Lucia Allison on 0404 758 700**.

MEN'S GROUP

At the next meeting of Men's Group on **Wed 11th Aug at 7:00 pm** we plan to host a session of **National Catholic Men's Gathering 2021** by video presentation called **Man of God** by Tomasz Juszczak followed by group discussion and fellowship. Anyone (men or women) interested please register with our parish by email or phone call, or go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au and register with St Bernadette's Parish Men's Group. **Please register before the 8th of August.**

A DAY OF PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT

We are planning to have a parish pilgrimage and retreat on **Sat 9 October**. It will be a one day visit to the Shrine of Virgin of the Revelation Bulsbrook and the new Divine Mercy Church Chittering. Holy Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Benediction, hymn singing, prayers, a walk (for those who are able) and picnic are included.

Please save this date and join us. If you are interested, please register your details on the sign up sheet in the church foyer or call our Parish Office. For transport and organization purposes, please let us know in advance. Please watch this space for further details available in the coming weeks.

MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion, Communion to the Sick and Lectors & Children's Liturgy of the Word are held on **Sat 7 August at St Vincent's Parish Parmelia**. Please refer to our notice board for the workshop timetable.

9:30-12:30 pm: Combined EMHC and Communion to the Sick. Repeat 1:30-4:30
9:30-12:30 pm: Lectors Workshop
1:30-4:30 pm: Children's Liturgy.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS

St Mary's Cathedral, Sat 28th August at 10am. Do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary this year 10, 25, etc. years in 2021? In addition, the Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary can register for a certificate at: <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2021>.

Certificate details must be received before: **August 19, 2021**.

COUNTERS

New Roster for Counters is available for pick up in our Church foyer.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank Craig Asphar for all his hard work in bringing three loads of rubbish to the tip.

Mary Coton, Lucia Allison, Robyn Mason, Angie and Fr Francis for the tremendous clean up of the Parish shed and storage areas.

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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OUR PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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