

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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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**

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday: **9.00am** (Sacrament of Healing)

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

Saturday 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 4-5 December

6.00PM

Acolytes: Tony Brandt, Wayne Payton

Readers: Miranda Swann, Robyn Miller

Prayers of the Faithful: Robyn Miller

Music: CD Music

7.30AM

Acolytes: Claude Coutinho, Ken Hannaby

Readers: Ann Underwood, Mary Coton

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Coton

9.00AM

Acolytes: David Browne; Claude Coutinho

Readers: Angela Bregger, Isaac Hilton

Prayers of the Faithful: Valerie Hilton

Music: St Bernadette's Choir

CHURCH CLEANERS

Simeti Family

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection: \$ Nil

Total to date: \$ 28,973.55

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 5/12/21

2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr. C

Baruch: 5:1-9

Phil: 1:4:6, 8-11

Lk: 3:1-6



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 28/11/21

OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION PREVAILING HOPE, NOT DESPAIR

Over the centuries there have been terrible disasters that to the people of the time would have seemed like signs of the apocalypse. There was the Black Death in the 14th century that killed 50 million people in Europe or some 60 percent of the population; the First World War followed by the influenza epidemic; and the destruction wrought by the Second World War.

When we hear Our Lord in Luke's Gospel warning of 'signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony ... people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world,' we may think of the threat of nuclear war, followed by a long nuclear winter destroying most life on earth.

Or perhaps we recall the warnings of scientists, echoed by Pope Francis in his document *Laudato Si'*, about the imminent catastrophe from global warming and climate change. This is no longer science fiction. As many farmers know, we are facing longer droughts, more severe flooding, more extreme weather events and fiercer storms. Rising sea levels will displace hundreds of millions of people from low-lying areas, including the major river deltas which produce much of the world's food.

Jesus knew nothing about these frightening new threats to life on earth. But he knew a lot about the trauma and tragedy that had occurred in Jewish history over hundreds of years, and he knew what his followers would encounter.

Despite all this anguish, curiously Jesus' message is one of incredible hope, not of despair. Jesus says to stand tall and confidently when the Son of Man comes 'with power and great majesty', since our 'liberation is near at hand.' We can barely imagine what this mysterious 'liberation' implies as the Reign of God transforms the universe.

Neither Jesus nor Luke are claiming to be futurologists, forecasting the future. Rather, they are affirming hope in the promises of God to guide our lives. We have here no lasting home; our lives are preparing us to be welcomed into our home in heaven, delighting in the intimacy of God's presence.

Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and pray 'for the strength to survive all that is

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going to happen.' Jesus is not handing out free tickets for an easy ride to heaven. He is warning of the need for courage when his followers face threats of death and persecution, as do Christians in parts of the world today. While warning the disciples against backsliding, Jesus is not telling them to withdraw from the challenges of life. He urges them not to let 'your hearts be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life.'

As St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, may the Lord increase 'your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you.' Today the words 'the whole human race' take on new meaning as we face great and new challenges such as the current pandemic.

Bruce Duncan CSsR© Majellan Media 2021

FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

Since my arrival to our Parish, I have taken a great deal of time and effort to help with the mammoth task of maintenance and improvement of the large site of building and car park premises and unused lands. It often takes me more than a day just to complete mowing the site once. I like to see it tidy, safe, visible and more importantly free from fire hazards, especially during the Summer months.

As I surveyed the site, I discovered a neglected cluster of grass trees largely obscured by the outgrow of small trees and shrubs. I have tried to save them and turn them into a natural icon of Australia natives. My hope is eventually to give them a haircut, trimming their 'hair' and revealing more of their unique natural character and beauty when I find a bit more of spare time to care for them.

You may have noticed some grass trees recently added to the corner of the lawn

between the church and the hall. They have been taken from the cluster on the reserved lands for the future parish presbytery. Hopefully they will survive and provide some lovely feature to our existing landscape.

They were transplanted by the work of a former parishioner and friend in his late seventies with some knowledge and experience in grass tree transplant (Peter), his son-in-law (Chris), 14 year old grandson (Adam) who came down from Woodvale, together with Geoff Vincent, Jason and me. The trees were named Peter Senior, Chris and Adam Junior respectively and in a sense represent some sort of generational continuity. Some parishioners have queried 'what about a great grand parent?'

I have also planted a variety of frangipani around the fence of the hall playground. Some were donated as pots and others as cuts which were cultivated for the past years. I hope I'd live to see the day they will grow to mature size and blossom.

Advent reminds us of the importance of keeping our gaze on the coming of Christ and patiently waiting in hope and laboring in love. Our scriptural readings invite us to look back and share in the joyful expectation of his first coming (First Reading) and looking forward in confidence to his second coming at the end of the world (Gospel).

Meanwhile we are called to make good use of the given time and gifts between these comings and prepare our best for Christ's coming at any time by maturing in faith and making the kind of steady progress in love (Second Reading).

HEALING MASS

Saturday 4th December at 9am.

AGM MEETING

Held on the **5th December** after the 9am

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Mass. There is a position available for another member to join our Parish Council. Nomination forms are on the table in Church foyer these forms can be placed in the suggestion box or emailed to our Parish Office. **Last day for Nominees will be on the 28th November 2021.**

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION IN OUR PARISH & HUB

14th Dec St Vincent's Kwinana at 7pm
15th Dec Baldivis at 6pm
16th Dec St Bernadette's at 7pm
17th Dec OLOL - Rockingham at 7pm

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Christmas Cards are available for purchase in our church foyer at \$2.50 per pack.

CALLING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, KINGS, INN-KEEPER AND OF COURSE MARY AND JOSEPH.

Calling for all Children interested in joining this year's Christmas Eve nativity play (6pm Mass). We have lots of roles available including Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, Angels, Shepherds and even an Inn-keeper so please meet us at the Church after school on **Friday 3rd December** for our first rehearsal where roles are assigned. We would also love for some parents to take home the costumes on this day to wash and repair if needed. For all enquiries, please contact **Monica Hunter on 0438 950 248.**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

5th DECEMBER - 12th DECEMBER

Our Parish will be holding a Christmas craft stall this year, thanks to Mary Coton and her wonderful ladies. Please put these dates in your diary and help support our Christmas Craft Stall.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Fr Francis Nguyen (Parish Priest), Cathy Flynn (Chairperson), Mary Gray (Secretary), Monica Hunter, Geordie Thuijs (Principal), Christine Stock, Allan Stock, Tony Brandt (Vice Chairperson), & Pat McNulty

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARY....

3rd & 10th Dec Nativity Play Rehearsal at 3.15-3.45pm in our Church.
4th Dec Parish Craft Stall is held in our Parish foyer after each weekend Mass.
5th Dec Parish AGM is held in the Church after 9am Mass.
8th Dec School End of Year Mass at 9am in the Church.
8th Dec Kolbe College Awards Night at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre at 6pm.
10th Dec St Bernadette's Choir Christmas Party in the Hall.

BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

We warmly welcome to our Parish and God's family **Vera Evelyn Adams** daughter of Kevin & Heather.

THANK YOU!!!

To our wonderful Cleaners **the Simeti family** for the beautiful cleaning of the Church. To **Maureen Mackney** for the donation of the three floor mats.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

If you like to donate any item for Christmas hampers, please drop it in the provided container in the foyer.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence.

~ Pope John Paul II

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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