

## 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**

### HEALING MASS

1st Saturday: **9.30am** (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 & RESPECT FOR ALL

### HUMAN LIFE

Saturday morning: 8.00am

### 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 25-26 September

#### 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:** Mary Burns, Bob O'Neil

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Bob O'Neil

#### 9.00AM

**Acolytes:** David Browne; Claude Coutinho

**Readers:** Valerie Hilton, Angela Bregger

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Isaac Hilton

**Music:** Teachers Choir

### CHURCH CLEANERS

Simeti Family

### SILVER COIN DONATION

**Collection:** \$ 35.00

**Total to date:** \$ 28,864.75

**Jam:** \$ 57.00

### 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**

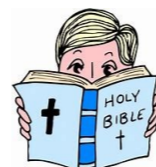
### FOR YOUR PRAYER CHAIR 26/9/21

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B**

**Num:** 11:25-29

**James:** 5:1-6

**Mk:** 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR.B 19/9/21

### OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

#### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

#### BEING LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN

Imagine the scene. Jesus and his disciples are making their way along the road to Capernaum. Being a few paces away from the others, Jesus is not part of their conversation. Nonetheless he picks up the vibe: the disciples are squabbling among themselves. So, when they arrive at their destination, Jesus confronts them: 'What were you arguing about along the road?' Attempting to cover their shame, the disciples say nothing.

Before advancing the story, let us put it in context. Just a few days earlier, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John to Mt Tabor,

some thirty miles from Capernaum, where he was shown in all his glory. Then, on the way down the mountain, they came across a boy possessed by an unclean spirit. The disciples try unsuccessfully to heal the boy. Jesus says, 'Bring him to me,' and the boy is healed. The disciples reaction: 'Why could not we heal the boy?' Their concern is not with the boy, but with their own power.

Moreover, on the mountain and along the road, Jesus has been telling the disciples that the Son of Man was to suffer and die, but after three days would rise again. Understandably, too many things are being said and done by Jesus. The disciples are confounded, confused. Their response is to fear Jesus: 'they did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask'. So, what do they do? They start debating about which one of them is the greatest!

We can picture the scene. Peter argues he has been appointed leader of the group. John announces his special intimacy with Jesus. His brother, James, known for his fiery temperament, portrays himself as the most courageous. Philip reminds them it was he Jesus first approaches about feeding the five thousand. But, says Andrew, it was me who found the boy with five barley loaves and two fish without which there would be no miracle. Judas harangues them all: without financial planning (his special gift), the discipleship mission would collapse.

At this point, Jesus has had enough. And so he calls the Twelve to him and says simply: 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all'. Although the

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disciples should immediately relate this to Jesus' earlier teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, he knows all too well people with ears so often cannot hear! So Jesus, ever the true teacher, takes a little child, symbol of vulnerability, telling them they too must become like 'little children' if they are to learn true discipleship.

We are not told how the disciples reacted. Hopefully, they began to realise the question of 'who is the greatest' is very much the wrong question. The questions we need to ask are: how can I become like a little child; how can I best learn to serve others; how can I put my ego aside in order to be an instrument of God's love for others in our world?

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### **FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS**

Some of the highlights from this past week include the special celebration of Angela and Richard Pereira's 40th Marriage Anniversary. It was a remarkable and touching milestone as they were remembered during the 6 pm Mass and followed up with a celebratory banquet in the presence of their son and daughter, some relatives, friends and parishioners.

*God moves in mysterious ways* sounds like a catchword but I never stop wondering about it. A request came in asking for my assistance at a funeral service in Mandurah as the Bunbury clergy were having their annual retreat week. I knew nothing of the deceased and his family but was content to offer my willing support and prayer.

As it turned out the deceased and his family were a well known identity in the Goldfields where I had worked for two years. There were many locals coming down for his service. It was a great delight to catch up with several of them whom I

had served previously.

During a Baptism preparation, I found that the mother of the child to be baptized happened to be the sister of someone whom I had known some 25 years ago. As a young seminarian I was placed in my first pastoral experience in Moora Parish where St Joseph's Catholic School was nearby.

The young teacher was working at St Joseph's School at the time; and my fellow seminarians and I were learning to visit and speak to the students. I was kind of green and lack of confidence and got much encouragement and support from her. Little did I know that I would have a chance to return a little favor to her family many years later.

Jason gave his first reflection at a Kolbe College Pastoral Care Group Mass on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, inviting us to ponder and reflect on the greatest and the most profound of all the mysteries of God's love and saving acts. Through the crucifixion, God's Son died and was raised to new life. The cross is therefore no longer a symbol of shame and but healing and hope for those who believe.

I have given my support and prayer to a Philippino woman whose mother sadly passed away this year while she had been on a visit. Because of the Covid lockdown she could not return home. One of their customs regarding keeping respect and memory of the deceased is to pray for them especially on the 7th day, 100th day and one year anniversary. I was invited to bless the deceased person's room with holy water and offer some prayers for her soul.

We are grateful that most of the parents and children turned up for the Confirmation workshop held in our parish hall. They were taken through the various components of the Sacrament in an informative and engaging manner by Clare Bennett. We all felt much benefited - thanks to her love and desire to hand on the gift of faith.

I was asked to conduct a funeral Mass for my friend's sister in Leederville. Her life

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was incredibly generous and fruitful. She lived for God and Christ; loved Scriptures and shared the fruit of her prayer and reflection. Her heart was sensitive and reaching out to the pains and hurts of people, especially the poor, needy, indigenous, refugees and migrants.

A friend from Vietnam has made a request for the poor children from remote areas as Covid infections were widely rampaging and taking heavy death tolls. These children have had no access to online learning as lockdown was totally imposed for an extended period. **If you have any old laptop or iPad that no longer in use, please consider about giving it to these children.**

I am happy to be a point of collection and send them over to these children. You can drop it off at the church foyer or parish office. Please spread the words to your friends and colleagues.

As this weekend's Gospel reminds us that Jesus really counts on us to be of good service to our brothers and sisters, especially the little ones, those most in need of our care, protection and guidance. It is the way to achieve one's greatness by maximizing our God-given gifts, talents and potential.

### **MASS CHANGE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Thursday 23rd September 8am** Mass **NOT 9am**, Fr. Francis has a meeting in Perth city.

### **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP**

We are holding another Workshop on **Wed 22 Sept at 6:15 pm in the Parish Meeting Room**. For those who **could not** attend previous workshop, please come along.

### **BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH**

We warmly welcome to our Parish and God's

family **Marleah Haeusler** daughter of Zachary & Candace Haeusler.

### **CAMBODIA UPDATE**

Lyn & John Quilty are grateful for the many parishioners who continue to take an interest in and to support their work in Cambodia. In their latest newsletter they paint a picture of the tragic impact Covid is having on the community they assist there. Many families have lost jobs, and school closures have resulted in many children missing out on more than a year's education. Some may never return to school, seeking work instead to help families plunged deeper into poverty by loss of employment. Others will struggle to catch up on what they've missed in a year without schooling.

So far this year Lyn & John have sent over \$21,000 to Chumkriel Language School (CLS) to support its programs. These programs now include providing food and medicines to families who have lost employment, and providing "remote" schooling for CLS students. This schooling is offered through Zoom for those who have access to smart phones, and through work booklets given out each month to the majority who collect these booklets from the school or from staff who visit their villages and homes.

### **OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS**

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### **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