

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: **9.30am** (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 16-17 October

6.00PM

Acolytes: Tony Brandt, Wayne Payton

Readers: Judy Payton, Robyn Mason

Prayers of the Faithful: Robyn Mason

Music: Cathy Flynn & Alan Stock

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: Pat McNulty, Mary Gray

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Gray

Music: St Bernadette's Choir

CHURCH CLEANERS

Trinity and Monica

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection: \$ 5.25; Jam:12.00

Total to date: \$ 28,902.00

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 17/10/21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

Is: 53:10-11

Heb: 4:14-16

Mk: 10:35-45



COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR.B 10/10/21

OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

THE ROAD THAT LEADS US TO GOD

The kingdom of God is the heart and essence of Jesus' teaching. References to the kingdom appear 114 times in the four gospels. According to our earliest gospel, Mark (1:15: cf. 3:24; 4:11, 26, 30), Jesus initiated his message with the proclamation, 'The present era of history is at an end, the reign of God has come near; convert your mind and believe in the good news.'

In Jesus' teachings, this kingdom of God emerges as a vision of a future direct rule by God upon earth. It was not, as is often thought today, a vision of heavenly spiritual realm, or even life after death *per*

se; but a future physical, corporeal, historical reality.

Jesus characterised this coming reign of God as an overturning of the present world order - a new relationship between God and creation, a 'rebirth' and a 'regeneration' when 'the first will be last and the last first' (Mk 10:31; Matt 19:30), and those who will be great in God's reign will be those who serve (Matt 20:26-27).

For Jesus, this reign of God was both a future event and present now in and through his ministry. In Luke's Gospel (17:20-21), the Lukan Jesus even goes so far as to say, "The Kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' Indeed, the kingdom of God is among you" (or, in some translations, 'within you').

In the popular imagination, the Christian proclamation of salvation and redemption are commonly identified with attaining one's heavenly reward in a 'life after death'. A fresh appreciation of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom, however, suggests that redemption is as much about living as about dying.

In today's gospel, Jesus engages in a series of discussions about the kingdom and eternal life with a stranger he meets on the road, and then, with his disciples. The gist of the two encounters is that one cannot earn eternal reward simply by obeying the commandments or doing good deeds. But one can enter the kingdom now by turning one's life over to God's will and trusting in

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the divine providence.

A good friend of mine in the priesthood often tells his congregation that heaven and hell are not 'places' as such, but 'situations' where one's life option is eternalised. The Jesuit, John Powell, wrote that 'gentle and caring elderly people have spent their entire lives practicing at being gentle and caring.'

As I read today's gospel, I was reminded of Thomas Merton's Prayer of Unknowing: 'My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going ... and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you ... I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.'

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FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

Pope Francis has made a special plea for us to pray the Rosary daily during October, and in doing so, he echoes many popes and saints down the centuries.

St Pius XI said: 'If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary.'

St Padre Pio, whose anniversary we celebrated recently said: 'Love Our Lady and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.'

St John Paul II taught that 'Simple and yet profound, it is still a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life.'

When we pray the Rosary, we mediate on the mysteries of the life of Christ. We ponder in our hearts the memory of the

great events in Jesus' life and ministry by which he has revealed the Father's love and accomplished our salvation.

As we address and greet Mary with the words that came from the gracious heart of her cousin Elizabeth, we seek Mary's intercessions, asking her to lead us to the Faith so that we may share more fully in the fruit of her womb, Jesus and love him more deeply as Mary did, and that our hearts may be beating with the same veins and rhythms of his heart, full of love and mercy for sinners.

Daily, pray the Rosary well, pray it patiently, and so let its power transform our hearts and our lives! As Pope St John Paul II said, 'With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love.'

In response to the Holy Father's appeal, each of the Parish Hub (Rockingham, Kwinana, Baldivis and Port Kennedy) has offered an extensive program of Marian Masses, talks and devotions. Please refer to our notice for full details.

We are also so fortunate to have a small band of dedicated parishioners who pray Rosary before daily and weekend Masses. Please unite with us and praying it everyday or at least during October.

This weekend's scriptural readings invite us to detach from any insidious craving for material possessions that we may be open to the gentle prompting and yearning in our hearts for truth, beauty, wisdom and all the good things that prepare and lead us toward the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

OLD IPADS AND LAPTOPS

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**

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laptop or iPad that no longer in use, please consider about giving it to these children.

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to all our Staff and Students of St Bernadette's School. We hope they you all had a great holiday.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please add these dates to your diary.

Retreat is held on the Wednesday 20th October from 9am-2.15pm in the Parish Hall.

Celebration Masses 23rd October at 3pm and Sunday 24th October 2021 at 11am

AN APPEAL FOR COVID VICTIMS

Srs Duyen and Tuyen from Dominican Religious will be appealing for their mission to Covid victims and families in Vietnam. They will be making a brief talk at weekend Masses on **16/17 October** and accepting any donation at the doors. Please pray for them and support their work generously.

A DAY TO HONOUR OUR LADY

Our Parish is hosting this special event on

Tuesday 12 October at 5pm

We would like to invite you all to come and celebrate this special event with us.

Please refer to our notice board for the details. RSVP is needed for catering and a list is provided in the foyer for this purpose.

For Rockingham, Baldivis and Kwinana Parishes full details are on our Bulletin board in our Church foyer.

BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

We warmly welcome to our Parish and God's family **Ayla Mary Bowe** daughter of Aydin &

Tara Bowe.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2022

If you would like a Calendar for next year they are on sale in our foyer for \$10 each.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION

The total amount donated by the **Port Kennedy Parish** for the 2021 Appeal was **\$835.00.**

Thank you to all who have supported our missionaries and their work throughout the world. Please hold them in your prayers.

If you would like to participate in god's mission more fully by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission and the vision of Pope Francis, in as voluntary capacity in your own parish, or by leaving a bequest, please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au to arrange for a chat about the possibilities.

***It is our part to seek,
His to grant what we ask;
ours to make a beginning,
His to bring it to completion;
ours to offer what we can,
His to finish what we cannot.***

St Jerome

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OUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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