

## OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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### PARISH HOUSE AND MEETING ROOM

56 Benbecula Loop

**PORT KENNEDY WA 6172**

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday: **9 am & 6.00pm**

Sunday: **7.30am; 9.00am**

### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: **5.15pm - 5.45pm**

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: **4.45-5.45pm**

Sunday: **6.15-7am**

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Tuesdays: **3.30 pm**

### 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 Service every **Wednesday at 10.00 am.**

### ROSTERS FOR 26/27 Feb

#### 6.00PM

**Acolytes:** Wayne Payton; Tony Brandt

**Readers:** Maureen Mackney, Robyn Miller

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Miranda Swann

**Music:** CD Music

#### 7.30AM

**Acolytes:** Claude Coutinho

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

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

#### 9.00AM

**Acolytes:** David Browne; Claude Coutinho

**Readers:** Tracy Cosgrove, Tony Brandt

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Tony Brandt

**Music:** CD Music

### CHURCH CLEANERS

Mary Burns, Maureen McKney, Robyn Mason, Judy & Wayne Payton

### SILVER COIN DONATION

**Collection:** \$ 14.30

**Total to date:** \$ 29,078.80

**Fig Jam:** \$ 60.00

### 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**

### Readings for weekend 26/27 Feb

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27: 4-7, 1Cor 15: 54-58, Lk 6: 39-45



## COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY

**Parish Priest: Fr Francis Nguyen** Mob: 0401 797 313 (for Emergencies)

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 20.2.22

### OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

#### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

### THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

#### **DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU**

In the Book of Samuel, we find two mortal enemies, David and Saul, in conflict. Saul is the anointed King of Judah and David has been anointed to succeed him. What happens next is an all too familiar human story.

David is jealous of Saul's power; Saul is suspicious of David's motives. How often family feuds and human relations take on these negative forces of jealousy and suspicion resulting in the breakdown of

relationships. We also see this operating at the international level between ethnic groups and nations resulting in open conflict and even warfare.

To return to the story of King Saul and the yet-to-be appointed King David, there is a glimmer of light. Previously, in a rage, Saul attempted to kill David by throwing a javelin at him! In today's story, David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but relents.

Choosing not to kill your enemy is a good first step! Even here we note David's motives are not entirely pure. He acts partly out of guilt, fearing divine anger if he was to kill one of God's anointed. However, fear of God has its role as a pathway to a more authentic and loving life.

Let us now compare this approach to the words of Jesus in today's gospel: 'Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you.' At a logical level, Jesus' reasoning is difficult to dispute: 'If you only love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?' No, says Jesus, you must overcome all those narrow views of love and forgiveness: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.' Moreover, 'don't judge others, don't condemn, always forgive.'

We may complain that Jesus is asking too much of us! Surely all this love and forgiveness will be seen as pure weakness, leading us to being eaten up, spewed out and trodden underfoot by our enemies! Yet, something within us knows we must break the cycle of violence and vengeance if we are to achieve peace, harmony and goodwill among people and nations. This is the way of the Gospel as lived and proclaimed by Jesus.

## SAINT BERNADETTE'S PARISH NEWS

This is also the centre-point of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (2020) where he uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to insist that love must go beyond tribe, family and nation to include stranger, migrant and refugee. We also note Francis' joint statement with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayeb in Abu Dhabi (2019) which acknowledged that 'God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters.'

In today's world, 'loving your enemy' is best expressed in terms of commitment to dialogue and mutual respect among peoples of diverse religions and cultures. This enables us to open our hearts to become people of love, service and compassion. This way, we allow God's love to enter our lives and world keeping in mind Jesus' words: 'The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back!'

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### FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

The uncertain and rapidly changing conditions concerning the Covid pandemic continue to impact on the way we live, work, worship and plan our lives. The gifts of resilience and creative adaptation are frequently called upon to mitigate and contain the wide spread of the virus and protect our vulnerable citizens.

As part of update protocols for Aged Care and Nursing Homes, I received my first application of a RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) when I visited and gave Holy Communion at a local aged care. I was glad to pass the test

and allowed to enter the premise.

In similar veins, the enrolment and delivery of our Sacrament Program are subjected to the recent directives of Catholic Education WA. All adults and children of different ages are ensured to meet these requirements. A huge thank you to our Coordinator, Catechists, teachers, staff, parents and children for their enormous tenacity, courage, determination and flexibility working through the new changes to make it happen.

At our local scene, we are battling through a time of leadership transition. It can be a time of sadness, disappointment and anxiety as we say farewell of our Priest and waiting for the arrival of our new Parish Priest.

The eyes of the world have turned to the escalating tension and possible war breaking out on the border of Russia and Ukraine. The increasing military build up and deployment into the area is a fearful sight of great distress. Please pray for all diplomatic solutions to be exhausted and a peaceful resolution to prevail.

This weekend's readings call on us to respond with love and mercy in all situations and to all peoples, including our enemy. It is certainly a tall order but the most magnanimous and noblest act of human conduct and Christian witness.

## NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

In the first reading (1Sam 26: 2-23), King Saul's successor and future King, David had a perfect opportunity to put his pursuer and enemy away but he found some divine grace to resist it. His enemy survived and walked free. In Luke's Gospel (6: 27-38), Jesus teaches his followers to 'love enemy and pray for those who hate them.' He exemplified it perfectly during his life and especially at the time of his suffering and death.

May we embrace this challenging form of Christian love and give it the most powerful form of Christian witness by forgiving, treating them with unmerited grace and praying for everybody, even our enemy.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Two Masses are held for Ash Wednesday 2 March at 9 am and 7 pm. Please come and join us.

### FAREWELL MORNING TEA

A farewell morning tea for Fr Francis will be held after 9 am Mass on 27th Feb in the Hall. Thank you those who plan and coordinate it. Food and drinks are provided. If you want to bring a small plate, you are welcome.

### FAREWELL SOCCER GAME

A friendly farewell soccer game for Fr Francis will be held after morning on 27th Feb at St Bernie's Oval. Mums and dads, girls and boys are welcome. See you there.

### RCIA CANDIDATES

#### OUR PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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

#### OUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr. Francis Nguyen (Parish Priest), Claude Coutinho (Chairperson), Joe Andrews (Vice-Chairperson), Isaac Hilton (Treasurer), Edith Vimpany (Secretary), Angie Raharuhi, Michael Turner & Cathy Flynn (PPC Rep)

Welcome to **Shana Thomas & Aimee Palmer** who are on their journey to be received into the Church at Easter.

### CD/DVD

A range of CD/DVD music and movies are donated and kept in the foyer. If you would like any copy, it's yours for a gold-coin donation. Please place it in the box.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

This wonderful devotion is now held on every Tuesday from 3:30 pm. Please join us and pray for our dear priests before the Blessed Sacrament.

### RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS

Takes place during Sat 6 pm Mass or Sun 9 am Mass. Welcome to our children, parents and family.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church **Silas Butson**. Congratulations to Kathryn & Curtis, and the Bock and Butson families.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

*However tired and physically worn out I am, I will go with joy to that land; with joy I depart for the sake of the Christian faith. ~ St Cyril*

#### OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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