

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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PARISH HOUSE AND MEETING ROOM

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: **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**

Saturday: **4.00pm-5.00pm**

MARIAN MOVEMENT CENACLE PRAYERS

FOR PRIESTS

Friday morning: **7.30am**

CHAPLET OF MERCY NOVENA

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 26/27 September

6.00PM

Acolytes: Wayne Payton; Tony Brandt

Readers: Judy Payton, Monique Kinnest

Prayers of the Faithful: Taneesha Harris

Cleaners: Volunteers

Music:

7.30AM

Acolytes: Claude Coutinho; Brian Marley

Readers: Bob O'Neil, Lucia Allison

Prayers of the Faithful: Bob O'Neil

Cleaners: Volunteers

9.00AM

Acolytes: David Browne; Claude Coutinho

Readers: Tony Brant, Angela Bregger

Prayers of the Faithful: Christael Smith

Cleaners: Volunteers

Music: St Bernadette's

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection \$ 9.40

Total to date: \$28,327.55

MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Direct all mail to: 56 Benbecula Loop, Port Kennedy 6172 or to our email address.

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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FOR YOUR PRAYER CHAIR 27/09/20

26th Sunday Ordinary Time YrA

Ezek: 18: 25-28

Phil: 2: 1-11

Mt: 21: 28-32



COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 20/09/2020

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 be their Lord forever.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open your hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

FIRST IS LAST AND LAST IS FIRST

In the quotation, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways ...", the prophet Isaiah sets the scene for the parable of Jesus that Matthew shares with us in today's gospel. Trade Union leaders would not readily choose the story to promote the cause of equal rights and justice for their workers, yet the owner of the vineyard has honored the contracts he made and the story reinforces all that Jesus does and teaches.

Jesus is forever seeking out those who have lost out in life or made a mess of their lives and adjusting their perspective and

their prospects. Just think of the story of the Prodigal Son or the number of times that Jesus eats and drinks with those whom society has already cast aside. And every time he does this, Jesus calls forth the wrath of the self-righteous.

Many years ago I was introduced to the notion of 'lateral thinking' by a very entertaining speaker, who could tie his audience up in knots by presenting a series of conundrums, to which the answers were obvious but only when he gave them to you! He explained the theory of Dr Edward de Bono, who had realized that we all have a tendency to pigeon-hole our knowledge; filing it in such a way that particular problems lead us instinctively to pull out what we think is the appropriate file for the answer. His theory was that the more creative we are, the more likely we are to be able to look along the files – laterally – and find the correct solution. My point is that, if we are to understand the teaching of Jesus, we need to reorder our files and take Isaiah at his word, realizing that God's ways are not our ways.

I would suggest that we can only begin to unlock the mystery when we recall Jesus' warning that we should not judge others, and that we would do well not to try to take the splinter from another's eye until we have removed the plank from our own.

In the parable Jesus leaves us to fill in the gaps. The owner of the vineyard asks those who are still hanging around at the end of

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the day why they have been idle. We can only surmise why they had not been hired. All that matters in God's topsy-turvy world is that it is never too late for a God of loving compassion and generosity. Long before Jesus came, Isaiah had got the message and was urging the wicked to let the Lord "take pity" on them.

Which of us dare suggest we do not need God's compassion? And once we accept that, we might be able to understand the paradox of the last being first and the first last.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR © **Redemptorists 2020**

FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

For the last few weekends, the Scriptural readings call us to foster and strengthen the relationships that enrich our lives, and mend and heal those that are difficult, severed or broken through God's grace and mutual forgiveness. This weekend's parable of the owner of the vineyard who outlandishly hires workers at all different hours and shifts and pays each of them equally makes it clear that God constantly invites us to work for his vineyard, becoming active and contributing members of his Kingdom through our service to Jesus and the Church.

On last Thursday and Friday evenings, 55 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was no doubt a very special and moving moment for each one of them. They will be present at Mass on this weekend to give thanks for the Sacrament of Christ's merciful love, peace, healing and grace to continue to grow as his disciples. They will be also

presented with their certificate of Reconciliation and a small gift from our Parish.

Thank you to our Parish Catechists, Year 3 Class Teachers, School Leaders and Staff and all those who have generously worked together for their diligent preparation and celebration. A huge thank you to our Parish Office Staff and helpers, Angie Raharuhi, Lucia Allison and Robin Mason for all the clerical and practical work. My appreciation goes to all brother priests for their marvelous assistance.

We were unfortunately hit with another graffiti attack last weekend. Thank you to Geoff Vincent and his helpers (his family) for their hard work of removing all the graffiti trails left on the hall side entrance windows and toilet doors. Let us be more vigilant and work together to make our parish premises more secure and safe, especially on Friday evenings.

ADULT FAITH SESSIONS EXTENDED

For many weeks now we have been holding these sessions and this is suppose to be our last one, however due to much interest from those who have attended we have decided to extend this till the 29th of October. All sessions are held in the **Parish Hall on Thursday's at 7pm.**

All are welcome. Please bring along your Bible. For **all enquiries please call Judy & Wayne Payton 0403901109.**

JOB OPPORTUNTIY

The Shopfront, an Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

Permanent Part Time Vacancy (16 hours / 4 days a week)

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

A vacancy exists for an Administration Assistant for the Shopfront, a LifeLink funded, drop-in centre offering onsite and external referral services to its visitors in the Bentley area. The position requires good administration skills, experience with Microsoft Office applications, the ability to maintain databases, statistics and upload information onto the website together with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work under pressure. To receive the Job Description and submit your application by Monday 5 October 2020.

Please contact Damian Walsh:

Email: damian.walsh@perthcatholic.org.au

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARY...

Sacrament of Confirmation



15th October 4.30pm-6.30pm-
Parent Work shop. School Library

16th October 9am-2.30pm-
Retreat for all our students.
Parish Hall

20th October 6pm Rite of Reconciliation for our students in the Church.

23rd October 6pm - Celebration Mass.

24th October 9am – Celebration Mass.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

17 & 18th October—Commitment Masses

29th October 4.30pm-6.30pm — Parent Work shop. School Library

10th November 9am-2.30pm-Retreat for all our students. This will be an Excursion for all our Holy Communion Students to the

Schoenstatt Shrine. A letter will be given to all families in Term 4.

17th November 6pm Rite of Reconciliation for our students in the Church

21st November 6pm - Celebration Mass

22nd November 11am – Celebration Mass

CONGRATULATIONS

The Parish Office would like to congratulate all our **RECONCILIATION Students.** God bless you all.

MASS CHANGE DATES AND TIMES!!

Tuesday 22nd Sept 6pm Mass to 9am. Adoration is still being held at the usual time.

Thursday 24th Sept 9am Mass to 8am. Please put these dates in your diary.

FIG JAM

Thank you to Mary Coton for your beautiful jam. \$21 was collected. If you have any jam jars (250g) please leave in our church foyer.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

RECYCLING

The cage/bin will be installed shortly in the parish carpark at an agreed position. This recycling program commences on 1st October. St Bernadette's Community won a State Government grant and will be a local donation point. The parish and P&F share profits 50/50. A flyer regarding what containers can and cannot be recycled will be circulated shortly.

OUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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