

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Focusing the Gospel (Luke 12:49-53)

Key words and phrases: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

To the point: Jesus's words in this gospel seem at odds with the rest of his message. Establishing division? That doesn't sound like a Christian worldview. However, Jesus is inviting us to recognize the reality of following him in our world: it will cause division. A follower of Christ, who willingly flips the assumptions and desires of the material world, will inevitably cause division. We are called to "set the world on fire, "challenging the self-serving order of civilization and placing love at the center. Inviting people to serve God and others before themselves is an inflammatory suggestion.

Connecting the Gospel

To the first reading: In the first reading, the princes are mad at Jeremiah because they consider what he is preaching to be a threat to the well-being of their city. They find that, by speaking as a prophet, Jeremiah is "not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin."

Jeremiah is speaking right before the Israelites are going to be taken over by the Babylonians. They are about to be destroyed, and when Jeremiah calls them to better their faith, it's too much. They can't stand him.

To experience: Sometimes in life we are so focused on surviving from one day to the next that the call to focus on living the gospel feels like an imposition. How can God ask so much of us? But like the princes in Jeremiah, we cannot throw that call away and hope it disappears, just because we find it inconvenient.



RCIA Sessions starting 23 Aug 2022, 7pm

Do you know someone not baptised who is thirsting for meaning in life or God or even what it means to become Catholic? How about someone already Catholic but not yet received Confirmation or Holy Eucharist? They may be thirsting for God too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask such questions and seek understanding. We are looking for these people along with others who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and walking with them. Weekly "no obligation" sessions starting 23 Aug 2022 at 7pm. **Please speak to Fr CJ Millen for more details.**

Please aware that St's John & Paul Catholic Church uses CCTV for security purposes.

DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 15 Aug	7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass	6:30pm PA Advocate Prep 8 – Rm 3 7:30pm SdVP – Rm 3
Tue 16 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary	3:00pm RE Classes – Hall & All Rms 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting– Rm 1 7:30pm RCIA – Hall & Rm 3
Wed 17 Aug	9.00am Mass 9.30am Rosary 11:30am ARISE Prayer Group	9:30am Craft Group – Rm 3 & Kitchen 11:00am ARISE—Hall & Kitchen 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council - Rm 1
Thu 18 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary	6:30pm PA Advocate Prep 8 – Rm 3
Fri, 19 Aug	11.20am Rosary 12.00noon Mass	9:00am Growing Vine – Rm 3 & Kitchen 2.00pm Legion of Mary
Sat 20 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Recon/Rosary 5.30pm Mass	10.30am Men's Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ
Sun 21 Aug	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass 2.30pm Silent Adoration 3.00pm Divine Mercy	1st Reading Is : 66: 18 – 21 2nd Reading Heb : 12: 5 – 7, 11 – 13 Gospel Reading Lk : 13: 22 – 30

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Thai Vu (pp@willettoncatholicparish.org.au)

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Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation on the official Roman Catholic Church calendar. It is observed every Aug 15. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Please note the time for Masses in our parish are 7am, 10am & 7pm.

ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

This Wednesday, **17 August, at 11.30 am**, we have Ciaran Byrne and Elena Reidy leading worship. Elena Reidy will be the presenter. She will be exploring the different ways God moves in people's lives through the gift of His Spirit, especially those less common manifestations of His presence and power. Come and listen to this unknown entity of the Holy Spirit. The prayer meeting ends around 1.30 pm with a shared lunch fellowship.



ST Vincent de Paul – Piety Stall News

Are you interested to learn more about Pope Francis and on being a missionary? The Piety Stall has Columban Booklets which are easy to read and informative on Pope Francis for **\$7.50** each. Please pick up your copy today. Pope Francis – Inspiring Vision No. 1 - **\$7.50**. Pope Francis – Inspiring Vision No. 2 – Buy both No. 1 & No. 2 - **\$13.00**. Reflections on Mission by Fr. Noel Connolly – Buy all 3 of the above - **\$18.50**.

The Columban Prayer Booklets are only **\$3.30** each and cover a wide range of topics. Some of these are: Handle me with Care, Prayers in Time of Sickness, Prayers for Healing, Prayers for those with Cancer, Giving Thanks, Prayers of Sympathy and In Loving Memory. Please come by the Piety Stall and have a browse on what we have available. There are many religious items suitable for birthday gifts and a **SPECIALS BOX** with Cards for all occasions from **20 cents!** **Enquiries: Linda on 0402 421 526.**

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Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various Aboriginal communities. There is a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**



Knowing Jesus Daily Devotional Videos starting Monday 15 August

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional series Knowing Jesus, is presented by Bruce Downes who is also known as The Catholic Guy. Receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore and understand who Jesus really is! **Sign up today:** BruceDownes.org/KnowingJesus/ or go to our website BruceDownes.org

Sisters of St Joseph will be organising a weekend retreat : Being Present to the Presence-by the Sea

When : 2-4 September

Venue : Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Dr, Safety Bay

Cost : \$250

Enquiries & Registration : Dianne Colborne rsj (08-9527 3240 | safety.Bay@sosj.org.au)

Register by 23 Aug 2022

John Paul Care

John Paul Care is a Pastoral Care Program in our parish. The program is operated by parishioners who generously volunteer their time and talents in helping out those in need. If you or you know of someone who needs help or you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the co-ordinators listed below.

Rosa Pasquale 0417 994676 General/Gardening (jpcare@willettoncatholicparish.org.au)

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