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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B  
(Schedule: 19 Feb - 25 Feb 2018)  
The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

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**RCIA – Rite of Sending and Election**  
The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults prepares new members to join our Catholic faith; and helps baptised Catholics in renewing their faith. Since July last year, our 5 RCIA candidates have been meeting weekly and learning about our faith. On **22 Feb (Thu)**, our candidates will be presented to Archbishop Costelloe at St Mary's Cathedral, in a ceremony called the Rite of Election. The occasion marks the beginning of our candidates' Lenten journey. Through this Rite of Election, God elects the candidates to begin their final preparation towards their reception into His Universal Church, through the Initiation Sacraments at Easter. At the 10.30am mass this weekend, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending, where our parish community will meet our candidates, express our approval and send them forth to the celebration of election. As a parish community, let us lend the candidates, Adam, Jaclynne, Jessie, Liz and Shirlee, our support and keep them in our prayers.

**International Speaker Jason Evert coming to Willetton Parish**  
Young adults can often feel lost and discouraged in their attempt to find authentic love. Nearly all of them long for healthy and happy relationships, but so few seem to find one. On **Thursday 22 March, starting at 7 pm**, we are excited to be hosting internationally renowned speaker Jason Evert in an evening which will include his famous talk **"How to save your marriage... before you're married"**, as well as time with Our Lord in Adoration. In his talk Jason will explain how today's young adults can successfully navigate through the single years of life, avoiding the lies of the world and discovering God's plan for human love. There will also be an opportunity to meet Jason afterwards. **This is an important evening suitable for everyone as it will speak to the core of the Sacrament of Marriage.** The cost of this event is by donation (we suggest a donation of \$15 per person) to cover the cost of bringing such an incredible speaker from the US. **Registrations can be done at the back of the Church**



DATE	CHURCH	PARISH CENTRE
Mon, 19 Feb	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	6:30pm PA (Advocate Prep 1) - Room 3 7:30pm SVdP - Room 1
Tue, 20 Feb	9:00am Mass /9:30am Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:00pm RE Class – Prep 7:00pm Adoration Family Holy Hour	4:00pm RE Class – Hall 7:30pm RCIA – Room 3
Wed, 21 Feb	9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Exposition 6:30pm Adoration 7:00pm Mass/7:30pm JP Prayer	9:30am Craft – Room 3 7:30pm JPC Meeting – Room 2
Thu, 22 Feb	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00pm Choir Practice	9:30am Play Group – Room 3 7:00pm CFR Choir Practice – Hall
Fri, 23 Feb	12:00pm Mass 7:00pm Station of the Cross	9:30am Growing Vine – Room 3 2:00pm Legion of Mary – Room 2
Sat, 24 Feb	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Recon/Novena 5:30pm Reconciliation	10:30am Men's Group Bible Sharing - DWWJ
Sun, 25 Feb	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass 4.00pm Family Prayer	1st Reading Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 2nd Reading Rom 8: 31 – 34 Gospel Reading Mk 9: 2 – 10



**MINISTRY TEAM**  
**Parish Priest:** Fr Thai Vu (pp@willettoncatholicparish.org.au)  
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**R.E. Co-ordinator:** Magdalene Heldt (9312 6952)  
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**Secretary:** Lyna Chan (9332 5992)  
**Baptisms:** Mary de Wever (9310 2426)  
**John Paul Care:** Rosa Pasquale (0417 994 676)



**First Sunday of Lent 18 February 2018**

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities. **A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning **1800 024 413**.

### **40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life is a quiet peaceful prayer vigil that runs during Lent. This year the vigil will be at an abortion facility in Midland, with the intention of ending abortion and praying for women, men, and children who have suffered as a result of abortion. We need your help to bring an end to abortion in Australia, help speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves and make a real difference this Lent. For more information please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/perth](http://www.40daysforlife.com/perth) or call Jo on **0439 657 597**.

### **Church Workers Safeguarding Training**

As a volunteer/church worker within the Archdiocese, it is paramount that you are familiar with the Safeguarding Program and how it impacts on your role. We are pleased to offer the following information sessions on the Safeguarding Program : Date : **8 Mar 5.30-7PM** at LJ Goody Bioethics Centre, 39 Jugan Street Mt Hawthorn, **8 June 10-11.30am** St Mary's Cathedral or **11 Oct 5.30-7pm** at St Benedict's School Library, 70 Alness Street Applecross. **RSVP 1 week prior to course**. Contact [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)

### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

Invites you to our 'Opening Year Mass' to be celebrated this **Thursday, Feb 22nd**, at Our Lady's Assumption Church, 356 Grand Prom, Dianella. Come along and together seek the Lord's blessings for the year ahead. CCR Chaplain, Fr Ted Miller, will be our main Celebrant with music provided by the Dianella parish African Choir. Evening commences at **7.30pm** and will conclude with a light supper. A collection will be taken and you are invited to bring a plate for a light supper. **Info Dan 0409849049**

### **PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES – growing awareness of God in my everyday**

Praying Our Experiences is about recognizing and inviting God in our everyday. This is a directed contemplative gathering, followed by personal reflection time. **Theme:** Lent. First be reconciled with your neighbour – a Lenten reflection on who is our/my neighbour, the attitudes and relationships we/ I nurture that shape our community. **When:** Friday **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018** **RSVP Essential by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Time:** 10.30am -12.00noon. **Contact:** Phone (08) 9334 0999 or Email: [prayingourexperiences@gmail.com](mailto:prayingourexperiences@gmail.com) **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth **Public transport:** Take Bus 34 from Esplanade Busport to King Edward Street, stopping at the bus stop closest to York Street (Stop number 11868). Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

### **HSI Discipleship School**

This Diocesan approved 40 week course will lead you into a personal relationship with Jesus as your Lord, an awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit coming alive in you and a deeper knowledge of our own Catholic faith and our Church. The next course will be held on **Friday evenings** at Queen of Apostles Parish, Riverton, commencing Friday, **2nd March at 7.30pm**. Please contact **Stephen Subramaniam on 0402540054** for details.

### **John Paul Care**

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The John Paul Care brochure is available in the foyer of the Church. It offers the opportunity to volunteer or to request assistance. Please feel free to take one home.

### **MARIAPOLIS Friday 2 March – Monday 5 March 2018**

Join us for a time of recreation and renewal in faith, organised by the Focolare Movement, the **Mariapolis**, which literally means 'city of Mary'. This will be held at the Orchard Glory Farm Resort in Chittering Valley. Everyone, young and not so young is welcome: families, singles and children. For more information, browse the Mariapolis invitation, displayed in the Church foyer. If you are interested, please contact the Focolare Centre in Nollamara. Tel: **9349 4052** or **0452 594 049** (Aida) or email: [ffperth@iprimus.com.au](mailto:ffperth@iprimus.com.au); international website: [www.focolare.org/en](http://www.focolare.org/en)

### **Open Day—St Norbert College**

**Friday 9 March 2018**

St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 1.00pm. We have commenced our enrolments for 2020. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.

### **Employment Opportunity**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is seeking to employ a full-time Administration Officer to assist the Directors of the Western Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and Catholic Social Outreach Western Australia. The successful applicant will have excellent organisational, administrative and computer skills, including the ability to develop and maintain databases. Please request the Job Description and submit your application : [agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au) **by Friday 23 February 2018**.

### **Rooms/Premises urgently needed**

Abortion Grief Australia urgently needs suitable premises from which to run its crisis lines and ground breaking initiatives (eg MATES Rebuilding Lives, Relationships, Families) its youth and social media initiatives. Our work has the support of the Archdiocese. **Enquiries, Joanne 0400799586**.

## **I Believe in Jesus Christ the Only Son of God**

### **What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?**

The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine.

### **In what sense is Mary “ever Virgin” ?**

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin” (St Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospel speak of the “brothers and sisters of Jesus”, they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.

### **In what way is the spiritual motherhood of Mary universal?**

Mary had only one Son, Jesus, but in him her spiritual motherhood extends to all whom he came to save. Obediently standing at the side of the new Adam, Jesus Christ, the Virgin is the new Eve, the true mother of all the living, who with a mother's love cooperates in their birth and their formation in the order of grace. Virgin and Mother, Mary is the figure of the Church, its most perfect realization.

### **In what sense is the life of Christ a Mystery ?**

The entire life of Christ is a revelation. What was visible in the earthly life of Jesus leads us to the invisible mystery of his divine sonship. “whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). Furthermore, even though salvation comes completely from the cross and the resurrection, the entire life of Christ is a mystery of redemption because everything that Jesus did, said, and suffered had for its aim the salvation of fallen human beings and the restoration of their vocation as children of God.