

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Key words and phrases: “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

To the point: Jesus is not saying not to wash our hands before we eat—that is, in fact, a good idea. He is saying, though, that the ritual cleanliness practiced by the Pharisees and scribes is not the same as moral behaviour. These things can, and often do, exist in the same person; they are not in opposition to each other. But ritual observance is not necessarily the same as a life lived with the goodness God wants for and from each of us. It is all too possible to have one without the other. We should participate in liturgy and ritual, but we cannot stop there. We need to let God accompany us not just on Sunday but throughout our everyday lives as well.

Between the readings: The first reading reminds us that Jesus’s rebuke to the Pharisees and scribes is not because they were following the law. The law is a good thing; it is a gift from God intended to make us more whole. But the Pharisees and scribes observed the law in a way that did not give evidence of their wisdom; they used it not to grow closer to God but to grow more self assured. When their inward dispositions did not match their actions, their observance was no longer what God willed for them.

To experience: These are times for all of us when our inward disposition does not match what we are professing and doing at liturgy. This gospel is not meant to make us feel guilty for that; many of our emotional states are beyond our full control, and God can work with them all. The important thing is to let God work; it is when the Pharisees and scribes settle into their self assurance that they grow stagnant and stop doing a good thing with their ritual observances.



RCIA is on Tuesday 3 Sept @ 7pm. The sharing for this week.....How Catholics Worship?

The Liturgies of the Mass. The public worship of the Roman Catholic church is its liturgy, principally the Eucharist, which is also called the Mass. After the recitation of prayers and readings from the Bible, the presiding priest invites the faithful to receive communion,

understood as sharing in the sacramental presence of Christ. A well-known word that is close in meaning to 'liturgy' is the word 'worship'. But while worship can be done privately, 'liturgy' is always a public, group activity. Liturgy is always an action, something we do. It is a public action, a ritual action, and a symbolic action. It is the proclamation of the word that God speaks to us; it is in the breaking of the bread that we recognise Christ. We participate in the action of the liturgy by responding, singing, listening and joining the gestures.

Ignatian Prayer/Reflections and 'conversations in the spirit'

Monthly Ignatian prayer exercises and 'conversations in the spirit' in the Willetton Parish hall as follows:

Sept: Sunday 8, 3pm to 5pm & Thursday 19, 10am to 12noon. Prayer Focus: Breathing in the Creator and Ecological Examen. Participants are encouraged to register in advance at ignatianspiritualitywa@gmail.com or contact Rom Cirillo on 0408 915 235.

DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 02 Sep	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary	7:00pm SVdP – Rm 1
Tue 03 Sep	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary 7:30pm Choir Practice	4:00pm RE Classes – Hall & All Rooms 7:00pm RCIA – Rm 3 & Kitchen
Wed 04 Sep	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary 11:30am Arise Charismatic Pray Group	9:30am Craft – Rm 3 & Kitchen 11:00am ARISE – Hall & Kitchen 7:00pm Liturgy Committee – Rm 1
Thu 05 Sep	9:00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary 7:30pm CFR	1.45pm Legion of Mary—Rm 2 7:00pm Meditation Group – Rm 9 7:00pm Joint Integrated 9 – Rm 3 7:30pm CFR
Fri, 06 Sep	11.20am Rosary / 12:00noon Mass 7:30pm Catholic Faith Renewal	9:30am Growing Vine - Rm 3 & Kitchen 7:30pm CFR Fellowship – Hall & Kitchen
Sat 07 Sep	9:00am Mass / Recon / Rosary 5:30pm Confirmation Mass	10.30am Men’s Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ
Sun 08 Sep	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Confirmation Mass 2.30pm Divine Mercy	1st Reading Is: 35: 4 - 7 2nd Reading James: 2: 1 – 5 Gospel Reading Mk: 7: 31 – 37 3:00pm Ignatian Prayer Group – Hall

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr John Daly (john.daly@perthcatholic.org.au)

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John Paul Care: Rosa Pasquale (0417 994 676)

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Volunteers needed to help maintain our beautiful parish gardens. If you can spare some time please contact Alba 08 9310 5484.

ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

This Wed, 4 Sept, at 11.30am start, Dan Hewitt will lead in the praise time. The week's presenter is Julie Fuge on the topic "We are called to Pray." The meeting will conclude around 1.30pm with a shared lunch. All are welcome.



Catholic Charismatic Renewal is running a live-in weekend retreat on Fri, 11-13 Oct at Orchard Glory Farm Resort, Bindoon, all meals and accommodation, twin sharing at \$160 per person. Any enquiries, please call Dan Hewitt at 0409 849 049.



CANTEEN, a fundraising and fellowship initiative of our parish is holding its next session on **Sunday 22nd September** after the 7.30am, 9.00 am and 10.30am masses. Seeking expressions of interest for contributing a dish or snack to sell to other parishioners to raise money for charity. All edible donations welcome. **Please text Maria Poi on 0430280122 or Marisa Menezes Correia on 0458175162.**

Walk to St Mary's Cathedral

By popular demand this event is back on again. We will walk, celebrate Mass and share lunch at St Mary's Cathedral.

When: **Monday 23rd September 2024** (Kings Birthday Public Holiday). There will be **No 9am** Mass in our church for that day.

4 Sign up sheets are provided in the foyer of our Church to write your details.

Sheet 1:- 7:45AM Leave from Sts John & Paul Church
Sheet 2:- 9:30AM Leave from Canning Bridge Train station
Sheet 3:- 12 Noon Leave from Perth Underground Train Station
Sheet 4:- 1PM Meet at St Mary's Cathedral for Mass & Lunch

For catering & planning purposes, each line equals only 1 person - No Family registration. Final Registration Date: 8th September 2024

Fr CJ Millen

Mass for Our Lady's Birthday 7th September

The Mass for Our Lady's Birthday is being held at St Joachim's Catholic Church, Shepperton Road, Victoria Park, 10.30am Rosary then 11am Mass celebrated by Most Rev Justin Bianchini Emeritus Bishop of Geraldton.

Seminar: Authentic Christian Masculinity & Understanding Natural Family planning Through Philosophy And Science

The Bateman Parish Pastoral Council will be conducting a 2 – part seminar on **Saturday 14 September 10am – 12noon** in the parish hall at 100 Dean Road Bateman. Kenneth Phua gives Scriptural evidence for God's call to men to live authentic masculine lives. Mandie Bowen will explain how Natural Family Planning co-operates with the Creator's design for marriage and family life. Light refreshments will follow.

The Story of the Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power. **Our parish crowned Mary at Mass on Saturday 24 Aug at the 9am Mass.**

