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First reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 64(65):10-14

R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. ***/R***

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. ***/R***

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. ***/R***

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. ***/R***

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER ABOUT THE SEAL OF CONFESSION

This letter can be found on the website of the Archdiocese, perthcatholic.org.au, under "Archbishop's Latest".

MASSES CAN BEEN SEEN VIA FACEBOOK PAGE AND YOUTUBE

Facebook: Rockingham Catholic Community page. YouTube: Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham Online channel.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/916412335172505/?ref=bookmarks>

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**PUBLIC MASSES ARE RESUMING FOR A MAXIMUM OF 120 PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHURCH AT THE USUAL TIMES (SEE BELOW).
IF MORE THAN 120 PARTICIPANTS THEY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PARISH HALL WITH LIVE-STREAMING AND COMMUNION.
PROTOCOLS AND HYGIENE WILL APPLY AS PER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH.**

MASS and EVENT TIMES AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Monday – Saturday 7.30am
Friday 8.00am – 9.00am Holy Hour
Saturday 8.00am intercessory Rosary
7.00pm (Vigil)

Reconciliation: (Church only)
Saturday: 11.30am – 12.30pm; 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Priests can be contacted at any other time as well.

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FACEBOOK PAGES

Please look for "Rockingham Catholic Community" and "Lifted High".

24:7 SOUTH YOUTH GROUP For all youth in Years 7-12 Every Friday, 7.00pm - 9.00pm (during school term
Call Ming Yan 0414 998 043, Will 0499 516 377 or Charli 0472 684 508 for more information

RIP's: Caroline Dumazel;

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS - MOVED TO 6.00PM FROM 18 JULY 2020

A number of our Mass attendants requested that the Saturday Vigil Mass be moved one hour backward. Until now we resisted the idea because we thought that this was the only 7.00pm Mass in our area. After consulting the neighbouring Priests, we decided to try the move to 6.00pm on a trial basis from Saturday 18 July.

YEAR 7 ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

Application open 26 June and close 7 August 2020. Information and application forms available at www.kolbe.wa.ed.au

PREP - PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME TO RESTART ON TUESDAY 21 JULY AT 4.00PM.

Due to classroom restrictions, as of now we can only start with children who are getting ready for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Jackie on 0409090632 for details.

REVISED RECONCILIATION TIMES - 4.30PM TO 5.30PM ON SATURDAYS

With the change in the Vigil Mass time on Saturdays from 7.00pm to 6.00pm, there is need of changing the afternoon reconciliation time. Reconciliation will be held from 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays (no more at 5.00pm).

The morning time of 11.30 am to 12.30 pm remains unchanged.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Listen to the person behind the words*

The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the telly, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

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MESSAGE – 15th SUNDAY.

“The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword.” (Hebrews 4:12)

We have only a general idea of the effect of the rain we had last week. We do not know the details of what happened because of it. We know that seeds can lie hidden for years and eventually be reawakened and sprout. Perhaps the last rain opened a path to them, watered them sufficiently, and now they sprout.

It is not by chance that God compares his Word to the snow and the rain. People are nourished and kept alive by his Word. Perhaps for a long time they do not appear to respond, and yet the Word is at work and alive in them. Then, all of a sudden, they blossom.

We have taken Jesus as our Master. We received Him in the sacraments - most often in the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Jesus is alive and active.

Our task is to sow, sow abundantly, without measuring, to do what we can to prepare the soil, as long as there is time. Remember the parable of the fig tree? The gardener pledged to dig around and manure it, to give the tree a better chance.

We are sowers to one another. We are gardeners to one another.

In our present attempt to better connect with one another in our neighbourhoods, we offer one another the water, the seed of God's Word. We till one another's soil with love and concern. We respect each one's seasons, time and space. We look after one another with the patience of a farmer.

St. Paul, Rom 10:17: *Faith comes from what is heard. What is heard comes through the Word of God. If we do not sow the seed, if we do not share, the seed cannot grow.*

“The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty.”

Be unrelenting sowers, gentle gardeners to one another!

THE SEAL OF CONFESSION - JAMES PARKER HELPS UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE AND MAKE SUBMISSIONS

Where possible, we are encouraged to send a well-argued written submission to WA's Legislation Committee by **midnight on Friday 24 July** as to why we believe the Confessional Seal should remain untouched by law.

To **inform you about the Bill** and to **show you how to write and send in submissions**, video sessions via Zoom will take place for a 30-minute duration at **6:30pm** and again at **7:30pm** on Monday 13/7, Wednesday 15/7, Friday 17/7, Monday 20/7 and Wednesday 22/7.

To log in to any of these 10 sessions: (1) go ONLINE to zoom.us, or onto the Zoom app, (2) select '**JOIN A MEETING**', (3) enter the MEETING ID, [**796 692 8292**], then (4) enter the password [**jesusheals**]. You should then be good to go!

For information on the Bill and writing submissions, visit: www.parliament.wa.gov.au/subportal.

FACE TO FACE OPPORTUNITY: WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, 7.00PM, IN OUR PARISH HALL.

SEAL OF CONFESSION - ANN BEARD TO ASSIST WRITING TO MLCs

Archbishop Costelloe directed the attention of the Catholic community to this matter and to invite them to consider lodging an individual submission or to work with a group of parishioners and other interested people to lodge a joint submission.

If passed, the proposed amendment would require all priests to be mandatory reporters of sexual abuse of children even when revealed in Confession. If priests comply with the law they would be excommunicated, if they refuse they may be subject to fines and would lose their Working with Children check and be unable to work.

If you would like to make a submission or be part of a group submission join me for a **writing workshop at the Dome Waikiki Tuesday 14th July at 2.00pm** or contact me at ann_eab@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE

Co-founded by Sherry Weddell, the Catherine of Siena Institute seeks to equip parishes to form Lay Apostles. The 'Called and Gifted' discernment process is offered to help people recognise the charisms given to them at Baptism to equip them to live out their call in the world. <https://siena.org/>

THE AMAZING PARISH

This website aims at helping Catholic leaders build amazing parishes based on the building blocks of:

A Reliance on Prayer and the Sacraments

A Commitment to a Healthy Organization Passion for Evangelization and Discipleship

The website contains a wealth of resources. <https://amazingparish.org/>

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Healthy church communities are churches where people know and care for one another in their immediate neighbourhoods.

Some areas in our parish are starting to intentionally make these connections. Here they are, including the first names of some people who are willing to help.

- area around Jamaican Road (North: Malibu Rd; East: Read St; South: Investigator Dr; West: Charthouse Rd). *Gianna, Gonz, Ann, Sue, Jude.*
- area around Andromeda Road (North: Swinstone St; East: Read St; South: Cygnus St; West: Seabrooke Ave) *Mariza, Denzil, Gwen, Doug.*
- area around Orion Street (North: Cygnus St; East: Read St; South: Rae Rd; West: Seabrooke Ave) *Raili, Myla, Bridget.*
- area around East Penguin Road (North: Rae Rd; East: June Rd; South and West: Safety Bay Rd) *Maria, Marina*
- area around Boyle Avenue (North: Properjohn Dr, Lyttleton St, Rees Cr; East: our church grounds; South and West: Townsend Rd, Fisher St) *Grenville, Jackie.*
- area of Harrington Waters (North: Oakwood Cr, Fairview Dr; East: Ennis Ave; South: Safety Bay Rd; West: Read St) *Casilda.*
- area of Warnbro Beach (North: Malibu Rd; East: Charthouse Rd; South: Viking St, Mainsail Cr, Chalmer Ave; West: Warnbro Beach Rd) *Linda.*
- area of North Arcadia (North: Boundary Rd; East: Safety Bay Rd; South: East Rd; West: Arcadia Dr.) *Laurie and Nola.*
- Area of Hilman (North: Dixon Rd; East: Darile St; South: Milina St; West: Ennis Ave) *Pat and Janice.*
- area of East Waikiki (North: Grange Dr; East: Ennis Ave; West: Wilmott Dr) *Monica.*
- OLOL members South of Safety Bay Road: *Loret, Monica, Kristina, Susan.*

If you live in one of these areas, you have a golden opportunity to welcome Jesus by recognising His presence in our community members who took up the challenge of reaching out to active Catholics in that area.

One practical way would be to make sure that we, at the parish office, have your contact details.

No one should feel compelled to do anything they are uncomfortable with: these connections are to respectfully take into account everyone's circumstances and Christian journey. Thank you for your cooperation!

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