

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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First reading Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **/R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **/R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **/R**

Second reading Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

YEAR 7 ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

Application open 26 June and close 7 August 2020.

Information and application forms available at

www.kolbe.wa.edu.au

**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
6.00pm (Vigil)

Reconciliation: (Church only)
Saturday: 11.30am – 12.30pm; 4.30pm – 5.30pm
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: Moyra Kenny; Marcus Van Nieukirk; Austen Plant; Mary Williams.

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.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK COMPETITION 2020

Open to all young people 12 – 18 years. Create a 2-minute media clip outlining the importance of 'Putting children's needs first'. First prize \$500 Gift Voucher. Entry forms are available from the back of the church or visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding **Entry closes Friday 14th August.**

The Safeguarding Office in consultation with the Archbishops office will shortlist a number of finalists. On Tuesday 8th September a Showreel featuring these finalists' media clips will be made available on the Safeguarding Website www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding and through some Catholic Secondary Schools . Peers/friends/students are encouraged to watch the showreel and vote for the best clip. The winners will be announced at the 11 am Child Protection Week Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 13th September.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Attentive listening*

The Gospel today raises questions about our ability 'to listen'. We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command "...listen, anyone who has ears".

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MESSAGE – 16th SUNDAY.

“The kingdom of heaven is like...” a seed, yeast. (Matthew 13:31)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to small things with a great potential to develop: seed, yeast.

Seeds are small, and can transform in huge trees. They can multiply over time into a vast forest, giving life and shelter to a whole ecosystem. Once the tree is born, once the forest is standing, we cannot see the seed. Yet, without a seed we would not have the forest.

Yeast is small and really invisible, lost into the dough. We cannot see the yeast, not even before baking the leavened dough. We can only see the effects of it: the leavened bread. Yet, without some yeast, we would not have bread.

One more insight: we are worried so much of the evil that is around us. We want to get rid of it or we try to get rid of it.

“Let them both grow till the harvest.” (Matthew 13:30)

Jesus tells us to be patient, because we do not know who are good wheat and who are weeds. Jesus never gives up on us, until the end.

We care for the growth of all, each one at their own pace. Hurry and impatience are not God's way. Seeds and yeast take their time.

Our neighbourhood connections are a seed, yeast. An expression of the kingdom of heaven in our area.

Take courage, sow abundantly, never write off anyone!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish pastoral council will meet on Tuesday 28 July at 6pm. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please send them to rockingham@perthcatholic.org.au on or before Sunday 26 July.

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>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpUfbCArazDdX1uR3Q2EtOQ?view_as=subscriber

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.

EVANGELISATION THINKTANK

This team will meet soon after the parish pastoral council meeting, at **7.00pm on Tuesday 28 July** at the parish hall. It is open to all who are interested. The very nature of the Church is to share the Gospel. Every Catholic is a missionary!

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".

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 Mon 20/7 and Wed 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.

SEAL OF CONFESSION - ANN BEARD TO ASSIST WRITING TO MLCs

Archbishop Costelloe asked the Catholic community to consider lodging an individual submission or to work with others interested to lodge a joint submission. 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 21 July at 2pm** or contact me at ann_eab@yahoo.co.uk

When you write, include your personal details.

BEGIN your letter: Dear Legislation Committee,

INTRO SENTENCE #1. Choose one of the following or base your own intro on details below:

- I'm writing in connection with Clause 124BA of the Children and Community Services

INTRO SENTENCE #2. Place each point in a different paragraph. Keep it short, and where possible personal.

And remember that your **submission must reach the committee by 11.59pm 24th July 2020**

Send your submission to: lclc@parliament.wa.gov.au or Legislative Committee, Parliament House, 4 Harvest Tce. West Perth WA6005

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER: 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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