

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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First reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of the Lord, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 84(85):9-14

R/ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **/R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **/R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **/R**

Second reading Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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
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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Account name: Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham Presbytery Account

LOURDESCARE - CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Visiting, transport for appointments and meals: Glenda - 0439 913 621, Ana - 0437 801 085; Laurie - 0408 900 650

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS - SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PERSONS

Natalie Boyd 0410 582 272; Rebeca Svilicic 0403 825 530; Mariza D'Souza 0435 435 013; Daniel Joyce 0431 636 947

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

Baptism: Braxton Booth

FAREWELL TO OUR FR. VIJAY - ALL WEEKEND MASSES OF 29-30 AUGUST 2020

Our Fr. Vijay, who played such a great role in the renewal of our parish as our Assistant Priest, is now assigned to be the Parish Priest at St. Jerome's, Spearwood. As we continue to work together in various ways, Fr. Vijay will still be around whenever necessary - so we will not lose him completely.

To satisfy the desire of our community to see him again, thank him and wish him every success in his ministry, we requested him to come and celebrate **all weekend Masses on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August 2020.**

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 August 14.**

The Safeguarding Office in consultation with the Archbishops office will shortlist a number of finalists. On Tuesday 8 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 11am Child Protection Week Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday September 13.

GENESIS TO JESUS

Join Us for an Inspiring Bible Study at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. **Beginning Wednesday August 19 2020** (for 12 weeks except for 1st Wed of Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec) from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a Bible, notebook & pen. **Registration: \$15. Contact:** Anne Irvine 0424293776 / Sandra Carson 0470610478 / Mariza Dsouza 0435435013. Brought to you by the St. Paul Center (Journey Through Scripture).

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Walking on water.... falling through fear

Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus.

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MESSAGE – 19th SUNDAY.

“When Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out.” (1Kings 19:13)

Elijah was a great prophet.

We often think of a prophet as a person who can predict the future. This may be true. When it is true, it is due to the fact that *a prophet sought and seeks to be familiar with God, to dwell in God - so he comes to see things the way God sees them. He can make out God’s plan, God’s signs.* That is why he may appear to predict the future. In reality, he discerns God’s plan all the time.

Therefore, Elijah was not taken in by the mighty wind, the earthquake and the fire. Loud signs did not impress him. He stirred immediately when he recognised the marks of heaven: smallness, gentleness, humility, respect, space. Like breeze, like the manna, like incense rising in prayer.

Peter was yet to develop the sight of a prophet.

Even as Jesus was familiar to him, this Gospel passage shows that he was not capable to recognise Jesus in a predicament that was different from what he expected. *“It is a ghost!” (Matthew 14:26)*

Also, we see that *Peter looked at the force of the wind (dangers, threats to his safety) and himself (his weakness, his fears) better than he looked at Jesus.*

When I turn to him in the first place, I find peace. I know he is in control.

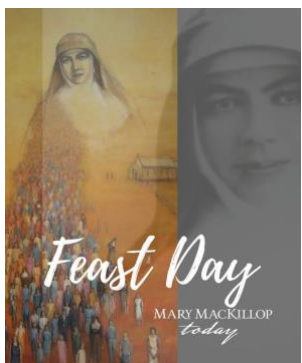
The stronger my relationship with Jesus, the safer I am, the more peaceful is my soul.

Jesus, in his relationship with the Father, is our model.

He prayed on the hills. He walked on water.

MY HIGHEST PRIORITY: developing my relationship with Jesus.

PRAY: take Jesus on board. Keep your eyes fixed on Him.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to **“Take fresh courage.”**

For the ten-year anniversary of Mary’s canonisation, please give generously this Feast Day to continue her legacy.

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Feast Day - 8 August 2020 Mary MacKillop today

FROM THE INSTRUCTION "THE PASTORAL CONVERSION"

Since its inception, the Parish is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments. The etymology of the word makes clear the meaning of the institution: the Parish is a house among houses and is a response to the logic of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, alive and active among the community. It is visibly characterised then, as a place of worship, a sign of the permanent presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his People. (Instruction "The Pastoral Conversion", 8)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Rekindle your love for one another away from everyday distractions. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage.

Consider attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. We invite you to join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 19-20 September 2020 (live out) to be held at Bateman or 6-8 November 2020 (live in) to be held at Atrium Resort in Mandurah. For more information or booking contact: Valerie & Brendon on 0424 220 625 – Email: wabookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

SHOULD I COME TO CHURCH WHEN I AM NOT WELL?

Our present circumstances have considerably heightened people's awareness of hygiene and the risk of infections. It is a fact that our community includes a number of people who are vulnerable. Should we be unwell (cough, cold, flu etc.), it is an act of Christian charity towards them if we join our community online while staying at home. An advantage of our present neighbourhood connections is that Catholics in our area may be able to bring us communion if we let them know. And then, back to church as soon as we recover!

STATUE OF OUR LADY AT THE CHURCH

Some of our community members would love to have a clear sign of our church being dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. The statue of Our Lady at the church is not the one that people associate with Lourdes - it does not reproduce the one that stands at the cave of Massabielle. There is a proposal to purchase a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. The cost would be about 3,000 dollars plus shipping, for a statue about the size of the present one. Our Finance Committee suggested putting the idea to the whole community through the newsletter, in case any parishioners would like to sponsor or contribute.

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER: MAKING CONNECTIONS

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

A new area is starting to make connections:

- area around Georgetown Drive (North: Rae Rd; East: Read St; South: Malibu Rd; West: Waikiki Rd). Craig.

Find out what Peter said to Jesus by using the key code



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