

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sat 24 July / Sun 25 July 2021

First reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23)

R/ The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. ***/R***

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. ***/R***

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. ***/R***

Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough, he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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 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.

SOTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

2 Townsend Rd, Rockingham Phone: 9553 9500

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25 Dowling Street Rockingham Phone: 9592 1500

Banking Details 2nd collection (for the running of our parish):

NAB BSB: 086 006 Account No: 867962536 Account Name: Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham parish

Banking Details 1st collection (for the support of priests in our parish and in the Archdiocese):

NAB BSB:086-006 Account No: 978620205 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 - 0449 980 004

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 meet Friday's, at 7.00pm in the Kolbe Catholic College Sports Hall.

Food, fun, faith, friends, music! Call Will on 0499 516 377 or Amanda on 0421 144 992 for more information.

VERANDAH MINISTRIES: Thursdays 9.00am – 11.00am during school terms

MASSES CAN BEEN SEEN ON:

[Facebook:](#) Rockingham Catholic Community page [YouTube:](#) Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham Online channel

BAPTISMS: Henry Gough

RIP'S: Patricia O'Brien; John Clayton

TO ANYONE HAVING ANY ROLE IN THE PARISH - SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS

The following opportunities are available in areas close to us. Please consider taking part in this update - **it is really important to ALL, NOT ONLY** to those who need a Working with Children card.

Kwinana Parish: Monday 30th August from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Registration is required online at: <http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/>

RCIA

The journey for adults who wish to join our Catholic community is about to start again. A plan will be announced soon. Should you know of any adult looking for this opportunity, please encourage them to contact the office or the parish priest.

HOSPITALITY ON THE VERANDAH

On the 1st August after the 7:30am and 9:30am Mass we will be bringing out the coffee cart for those who want to stay for a cuppa. 1st August is the World Day of Support for all priests. St. John Vianney's feast day, the patron of priest, is on 4th August. If you would like to pray a novena for priests there is a link below. The novena starts on 27th July.

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/support-your-priest-sunday-2021/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR TERM 3

The Centre for Faith Enrichment of the Archdiocese has released the array of courses for term 3, 2021. Some courses are available online, while others require attendance in person. All of them can be found at cfe.org.au/courses/

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTING

I would like to warmly invite you to 6 weekly sessions as an introduction to some strategies that may help us to 'love one another' and 'love your enemies'. Come along and see if this may meet some of your needs. Everyone is welcome.

Session 1: Tuesday, 3 August, 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Following sessions each Tuesday night until the last session, 7 September.

Location (TBC) depends on numbers. **Please contact:** Loret 0421 419 409 or lgorrill32427@gmail.com

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Selflessness in giving

The readings recount God's continuing faithfulness to His people, and their response. Elisha's story is the forerunner to Jesus feeding at least five thousand on a few loaves and fishes. Such providence reminds us of our faithful God who gives, and gives, and then gives again. Do I do this, do we, to each other? In His strength, we can.

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MESSAGE –17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. “It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.” (John 6:4)

John’s story mentions three Passover feasts during Jesus’ public ministry.

The last is the one when he died, the one we call the Last Supper. The Eucharist was the greatest gift of that night.

This is the second one. The year before the Last Supper.

“Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out” (John 6:11)

What Jesus did with the loaves and the fish are the actions of the Passover meal.

They are the same actions of the Passover meal he had the following year, before he died, the meal we came to call the Last Supper.

Jesus prepared the disciples for what was coming later, the Eucharist. He does the same in our personal life: eventually we see the big plan, and by then we are ready.

He does the same in our parish: the Lord has been preparing us for the renewal that He will bring about in due time. He strengthened and touched the hearts of many of us.

They “filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.” (John 6:13)

Like the boy, like the disciples, we give what we have. We think we are insufficient and incapable. Jesus welcomes our full contribution, and He makes it sufficient for all, in wonderful and unexpected ways.

Every Sunday we come, we bring what we are and have to the Eucharist. The Lord takes it, and works wonders. We give our small beings, and Jesus does great things.

The results of our appraisal are about to be released. God is preparing us for our renewal.

Am I willing to share what I have, even as it appears insufficient in my eyes? Jesus can do wonders.

Jesus can do great things with our small - but complete - contribution.

Let us get ready to put our loaves and fish in the hands of Jesus!

MEN'S GROUP

Some of us started a Catholic Men’s Group here at our Parish. We meet **every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.00noon** in the Parish Lesser Hall. A place where men can come together to grow and share their faith

The Gospel reading for the following Sunday is presented and that becomes the topic of our discussion and sharing, we talk about its impact on our daily lives, we also get to know Our Lord Jesus Christ more and more every week.

The Holy Spirit touches each one differently so by sharing we get a wide vision of the message of Gospel and the Readings. We start and end the session with a prayer. Please come and join us and meet others on the same journey.

Tea and Coffee provided. Any queries please see Grenville Paul.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK WORKSHOP

Are you taking communion to the sick and would like a little training for it? We have two opportunities.

Where: St. Vincent's, Parmelia (Kwinana)

When: Saturday 7 August 2021, 9.30am to 12.30pm **OR** 1.30pm to 4.30pm. A simple lunch is provided.

Please RSVP to our parish office 95271605 by Thursday 29 July 2021.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD - READERS - WORKSHOP

Are you reading at Mass, or would like to, and would like some training? There is an opportunity.

Where: St. Vincent's, Parmelia (Kwinana)

When: Saturday 7 August 2021, 9.30am to 12.30pm. A simple lunch is provided.

Please RSVP to our parish office 95271605 by Thursday 29 July 2021.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP

Are you interested in involving in this ministry that covid struck down and we want to restart? There is an opportunity.

Where: St. Vincent's, Parmelia (Kwinana)

When: Saturday 7 August 2021, 1.30pm to 4.30pm. A simple lunch is provided.

Please RSVP to our parish office 95271605 by Thursday 29 July 2021.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP SENIOR OPERATING OFFICER

Permanent, Full Time Position. Applications close Friday 6 August 2021. Requests for the Job Description and to submit your application please email: julie.fuge@perthcatholic.org.au.

Please see the notice board for more details.

THE ELDERLY: GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family's history. In the early days of Canberra, as young families moved there for work, a sociological challenge was the relative lack of the older generation. In today's world, the range of contacts of youth are hugely increased by modern social media but very often these are limited to their own narrow age range. The presence of the elderly can help to reduce that imbalance.

THE ELDERLY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE YOUNG: IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Both generations benefit from each other. As one grandmother said, 'We enjoy playing kids' games that we would never play with friends of our age. And we enjoy taking the grandkids to movies that we would never watch on our own. So, while we're teaching them things, they're helping us to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They keep us young.'

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - SENIOR BOOKKEEPER - 12 MONTH, FULL TIME, FIXED TERM POSITION)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre, based in Perth has a full time, 12 months, fixed term vacancy for a Senior Bookkeeper. As part of the accounting team, the Senior Bookkeeper - Parishes reports to Senior Accountants in the administration of parish accounts, including preparing and reconciling accounts, processing payroll, and preparing financial statements and reports. The Senior Bookkeeper - Parishes may be required to work off-site and therefore a valid driving licence is required. Applications close 1 August 2021. Requests for the Job Description and to submit your application please email: agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS, Saturday, August 28 @ 10.00am, St Mary's Cathedral.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2021>

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2021

This event will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

- Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.
- Cost:** FREE
- Registration:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au
- Program:** Available from Saturday 31st July 2021

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