

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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## 5th Sunday of Easter May 1 / 2 2021

### First reading Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

*R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **/R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nation's worship before him;  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **/R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **/R**

### Second reading 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said:  
'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much  
fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**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.*

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**LOURDESCARE - CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

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**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.

**MASSES CAN BE SEEN ON:**

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

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

This programme is a very high priority of our Archbishop, and is mandatory for anyone in any role for the parish, not just people who work with children, as the programme includes adults at risk.

To make it easy for everyone to attend, two sessions are held in our parish hall on **Tuesday 18 May 2021**, either between **1.00pm and 3.00pm, or between 7.00pm and 9.00pm**. Andrea Musulin, the Director of Safeguarding, will be delivering the sessions.

Please make it a point to attend one of these sessions. Other sessions are available at other locations - please see the notice board for details. To register, go to [safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/](https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/)

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING**

The CCR will be attending the 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar' held at Mother Teresa Church, Baldivis for 7 weeks from 21st April to 2nd June from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Any queries to Mariza D'Souza 0435 435 013.

**PARISH LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

St Teresa parish invites all to a 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar conducted in the church on Wednesday evenings from April 21st – June 2nd. This seminar of teaching and sharing will guide you into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, revealing Him as your personal Lord and Saviour, and help you to see the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in your daily life.

Through this seminar the Sacred Scriptures will come alive for you! Please try to attend all sessions as they build on each other. Attendance is free. For further details contact Sandra 0470610478 or Mariza 0435435013.

**HOLDERS OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS**

Please check your cards expiry date.

The department notifies by mail individually those cardholders whose clearance is soon to expire. If you have received such an advice and are yet to act on it, please do so immediately. Alternatively, you may re-new your card prior to receiving notice from the department. This reminder comes from the Archbishop and the official office of the church. Renewal forms can be collected from the post office or the parish office.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** Listening and discerning together

Jesus says: *"Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty."* Listening to Our Lord is essential for our fruitfulness. This can depend on how well we make the time to listen to each other, to discern together. Often God speaks to us through our spouse; some say 'the closer we are to each other, the closer we are to God'.

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## MESSAGE – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER Make your home in Me!

**“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1)**

**“I am the vine; you are the branches. [...] Cut off from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)**

Jesus wants to impress upon his disciples - upon us, upon me - how critical it is that we have a personal relationship with him. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is not just advisable. It is crucial if I want my life to have any meaning and purpose at all.

**“Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.” (John 15:4)**

This translation is very warm and inviting. The original word really means to remain, to stay, to abide - over time.

I need to spend my time with Jesus, give him my prime time, if I am to have a personal relationship with him. It is as simple as that. I cannot call myself a friend of someone if I do not make a considerable time to spend with them.

Does Jesus need that?

Not him, really. It is I who need it. It is I who need time with the Master, because I learn in time. It is I who need “taming”.

**“Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.” (John 15:4)**

**I need to spend my time with Jesus.**

We had a lockdown. How did I use that time?

If I spend most of my free time with my devices, or in other forms of merely entertaining myself, how would I expect my friendship with Jesus to grow? Taming needs time.

**Today Jesus invites us to “make our home in Him.” Am I willing?**

**What changes can I make to my day to “make my home in Jesus?”**

## SHALOM MEDIA RETREAT ONLINE

Shalom Media is a catholic ministry that works with the church to evangelize those who do not know Christ and strengthen those who are in Christ through all means of media. You might have taken part in the Daniel fasting we organised by us last year. This year, we bring to you an English Retreat to deepen your faith.

Lord I believe, help my Unbelief! - Mark 9:24

Fr. Bineesh Thomas OP and Dr. Zubin Paul Jacob will be leading the retreat.

**Dates: 4th, 5th, 6th June 2021**

**Time: 6:30PM TO 9:00PM AEST**

**Venue: Online via Zoom**

Registration for this event is free and easy. For more information and registration, please visit [shalommedia.org/retreat](http://shalommedia.org/retreat).

## EUCCHARISTIC MISSION IN OUR PARISH

Every year we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ by have 40 hours of adoration in the week leading up to the feast. We will do the same this year, but with a twist, as we would like to help our community to be ever more centred on the Eucharist. The 40 hours will include a mission by the Apostles of Perpetual Adoration and Fr. Doug Harris. Fr. Doug will also preach at all Masses over the weekend of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Here is the schedule:

**Wed. 2 June:** 7.00am to 10.00pm: Opening of the 40 Hours with the Prayer Warriors night.

**Thu. 3 June and Fri. 4 June:** 6.00am to 10.00pm: 40 Hours continue.

7.00am: Morning Prayer.

7.30am: Mass followed by rosary.

7.00pm: Mission with the Apostles of Perpetual Adoration.

**Sat. 5 June, 6.00am to 3.30pm:** 7.00am: Morning Prayer.

7.30am: Mass followed by rosary.

9.00am to 3.30pm: Eucharistic retreat including a Mass by midmorning.

**Body and Blood of Christ weekend:** usual weekend timings. Fr. Doug Harris to preach at all Masses.

## FR. PIER WILL BE AWAY FOR TWO WEEKS STARTING 3 MAY 2021.

The celebration of all Masses will be looked after, in keeping with the relevant government regulations.

Please contact the parish office for any information or assistance that may be required.

Apart from the celebration of Masses, there will be no active priest at the parish until Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

Thank you for your understanding.

## PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT TENANT ADVOCATE, DAYDAWN ADVOCACY CENTRE, PERTH

Applications close Monday 17 May 2021. Please see the notice board for details.



## 1 May, Feast of St Joseph the Worker

In reflecting on St Joseph as a working father, Pope Francis reminds us that work is a means of participating in the work of



salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of others. Let us pray for all workers, for those seeking employment, and for those unable to work.

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his  
only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy  
and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.**

*Patris Corde, Pope Francis, 2020*



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## POPE URGES CATHOLICS TO PRAY IN MAY FOR END TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

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