

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ROCKINGHAM

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## 6th Sunday of Easter May 8 / 9 2021

### First reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97(98):1-4

***R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **/R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **/R**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **/R**

### Second reading 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another  
since love comes from God and everyone who loves  
is begotten by God and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean: not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me:

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

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

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**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**

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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 BEEN SEEN ON:**

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

**Baptism:** Malachy Bestford

**RIP's:** Richard Carter;

**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/](http://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:** Called to reflect God's love

"Love one another as I have loved you". With these words Jesus spells out God's plan for marriage. As husband and wife, we are called each day to give our lives to each other as completely as we are able. From today let us decide to reflect this 'sign' of God's love to our children, our family and our friends.

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## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - LOVE ANOTHER

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: '**Love one another**'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us, and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

The Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love that suffers all, and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

In John's Gospel, there is no account of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Instead, there is the account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, an act of absolute service to others, and a long discourse of instruction on how they must conduct themselves in the future. This is known as the 'Farewell Discourse' and part of it is read this Sunday and next week.

Jesus wants to emphasise the closeness and intimacy between himself and the disciples. He speaks of this relationship in a radical way when he names them friends. Friendship implies equality, an openness and sharing of life and experience, a mutual concern and interest. We are usually more comfortable in imagining our relationship with God as with a superior rather than a friend. How does this image of friendship and intimacy challenge you?

***"Love one another as I have loved you"***

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## To all Mothers

The Lord has really blessed us so much by placing you in our lives.

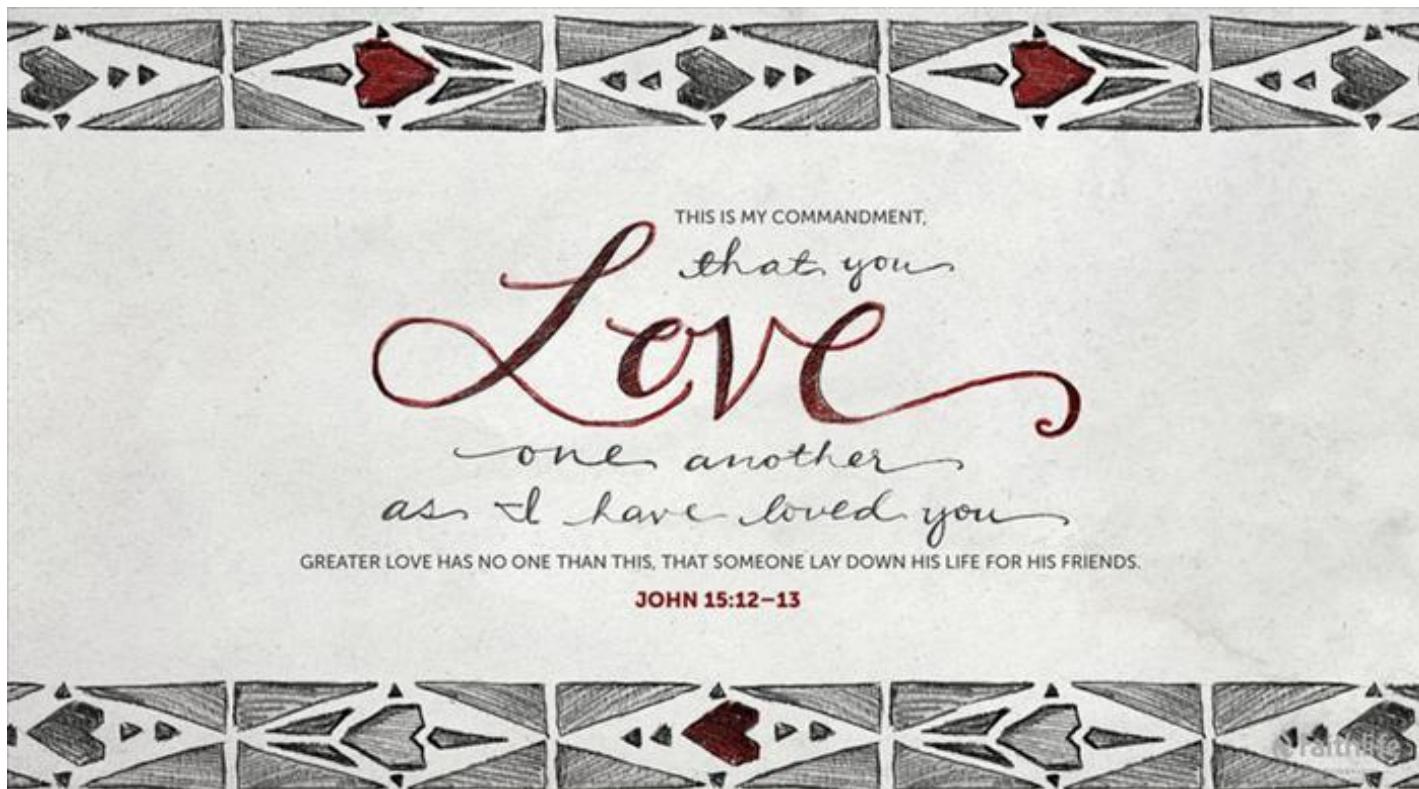
We constantly thank God for giving us such caring and fun-loving mums.

May God continue to bless and protect you all!

May God's love, and mercy be with you every day!

May God fill your heart with happiness just as you have filled ours with love and joy!

Have a wonderful Mother's Day.



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