

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

ROCKINGHAM



2 Townsend Road, Rockingham WA 6168



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Office Hours: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. (Tues - Fri)

Mass and Reconciliation Times

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Monday - Thursday 7.30am

Friday 7.30am

8.00am - 9.00am Holy Hour

Saturday 8.00am Intercessory Rosary

Adoration 9.00am to 6.00pm

Masses 8.30am; 7.00pm (Vigil)

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT

Sunday 8.00am

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Tuesday - Friday 8.10am (during School Term)

RECONCILIATION (at the Church)

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm; 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Priests can be contacted at any other time.

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after 9.30am mass.
Contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGES

Contact Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact Priests of the parish.

Religious Congregation Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart

The sisters minister at *Kilmolee at Safety Bay* – a house of reflection, rest, contemplation and regeneration. This house of hospitality is open to all who seek wholeness and connection with self, others, creation and God.

Programs, retreats and events are organised each year to provide spiritual enrichment opportunities to all who seek God and wish to deepen their relationship with God who is found in all things.

Co-ordinator: Sr. Dianne Colborne rsj

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Somascan Fathers

The original group around the person of St Jerome Emiliani was called “Servants of the Poor”. It was later recognized by the Church as the Order of the Clerics Regular of Somasca (CRS), or more simply Somascan Fathers, with reference to a little village in North Italy, where the founder died and was buried.

They were born at a time when the Catholic Church was in great need of renewal. They sought to renew themselves, and thus offered their contribution to renewing the whole Church.

The Somascan Fathers are a relatively small congregation but they are present in all continents. It comprises priests lay men in small Gospel communities engaged in the human and Christian development of young people and service to the poor.

They are present in WA with one community serving two parishes: Spearwood and Rockingham.

At the Service of Communion Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body in the parish recommended by the canon law to support and advise the priests in all that concerns the “pastoral care” of the community. The priests consult this council to get their feedback and suggestions, and to get a wider perception of the needs of the community. In our parish this council meets once a month and comprises a group of parishioners, usually elected at the AGM. Councilors are elected for a two year term.

Chairperson: Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) Jacob

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Secretary: Ms. Vanessa Cooke

Finance Committee reference: Mr. Robin Giles

Counters

St. Jerome Emiliani, Founder of the Somascan Fathers, had devised a model of using money where no one would have had total control over the funds. There were people who received them, people who registered them and people who used them for the purpose intended. Our parish had a similar model for years. Some members of our community carry out counting of the various collections, and get them ready for banking. It is an indispensable time-consuming task.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Patricia Gelfi

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Parish Finance Committee

This committee is very precious due to the fact that priests are generally not trained for financial management, but for pastoral care. And yet, the parish priest is called to make financial decisions for the parish. This committee offers advice, helping to make sure that decisions are sound. Its members also prepare and pass the financial reports of the parish, and make sure they are in keeping with the law. They meet when required. **Planned Giving:** A good number of parishioners take part in this program. They commit to share a regular amount over three years, rather than just dropping it into the bag without notice. The advantage of their commitment is that the parish can plan required expenses over a period of time, knowing that there is a regular income to back them up. To join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

Co-ordinator: Mr Brian Mellor 0428719007

Parish Maintenance Committee

This committee advises the priests on the works to be done for the maintenance or betterment of parish property, buildings and equipment. They meet when required.

Co-ordinator: Mr. Daniel Joyce
djoyce1954@live.com 0431636947

Collectors

The collectors do a great service in the parish community during the weekend Masses walking discreetly through the church. Theirs is the first step of the process that allows us to pay the bills and keep the services of our community healthy

and functional. We thank them for their humility and punctuality, and all parishioners for welcoming them with a smile. Contact Parish Office.

Safeguarding Program

The safeguarding program is the initiative of the Archdiocese. The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of how to safeguard and promote welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. Our community is blessed with four Safeguarding officers. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with them.

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Ms. Rebeca Svilicic	rrsvilicic@gmail.com	0403825530
Ms. Mariza D'Souza	dsouzamaiza@gmail.com	0435435013
Mr. Daniel Joyce	djoyce1954@live.com	0431636947

Archives

Our archive carries the marks of our history, our events, and our choices. They record the presence, journey and faith of our people. They are precious for various practical reasons, but they can be useful only when they are in order and we can easily retrieve the documents stored there. Contact Parish Office.

Archivist: Ms. Pauline Lighter

Piety Stall

This service is quite popular. Christian shops are rather far away from Rockingham, so people find it convenient to be able to purchase some items related to their practice of the

faith. While items on stock are limited, it is always possible to order them and get them on the following weekend. It is organized by the Legion of Mary after every Sunday 9.30 am Mass on the Verandah.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Beverley O'Brien

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Cuppa

Some parishioners make sure that every month we have at least one occasion in which we can spend some time together over a cuppa after the Sunday morning Masses, to build friendships and catch up with the people. This fellowship is a perfect complement to the celebration of the Mystery we just had in the church. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month on the verandah. Volunteers are always welcome.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Maureen Nold

08 95232621

International Food Festival Committee

The purpose is to support our desire of becoming a more integrated community through suitable events. The parents and friends of the Star of the Sea School are also involved in the same effort.

Co-ordinators:

Ms. Natalie Boyd

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Ms. Rebeca Svilicic

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0403825530

Ms. Joanne Croft

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Home Visitation

Visiting homes of our parishioners for various reasons is in the spirit of our Catholic identity. There is a great deal of

exchange among our parishioners, with the aim of supporting one another in the faith. The Legion of Mary and the Ministers of Holy Communion visit homes, and so do others. The visitation takes a great deal of time for the priests. It is a very precious service. See more information on Extra-ordinary minister of Holy Communion and Legion of Mary.

Prayer and Liturgy

Acolytes

It is an important ministry. They assist the priests during the Mass by setting up the altar and preparing all the items for the smooth celebration of the Eucharist. They are chosen among the people of God who are strong in faith, well reputed and willing to offer their service to the community. At times they also guide the altar servers, especially when they are new to the job. Their precious, solicitous and discrete presence makes it possible for the priest to focus on God and people. By office they too are the ministers of Holy Communion. They undergo a training program.

Co-ordinator: Mr. Robin Giles

robingiles@bigpond.com

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Altar Servers

These girls and boys come to serve at the altar of their own free will. They assist the priest during the Eucharistic celebration. Some of our altar servers have developed keen awareness and reverence of their closeness to the Lord on the altar. Ordinarily, boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to be Altar Servers. They undergo a training program.

Co-ordinator: Mr. Robert Svilicic

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Service of Beauty

We have members of our community who ensure that our church expresses to some extent the beauty that is God himself. Cleaning, polishing the brass, laundering the church

linens, arranging the flowers: volunteers are always welcome.
Contact Parish Office.

Choirs

Our parish has 2 choirs: one at 9.30am. Mass and one at 6.00pm Mass which is led by the youth. We are grateful to them for their commitment and availability to offer this service to the community.

Star of the Sea, which is part of the parish, also has a choir. They make their service available on particular occasions like First Holy Communions and Confirmations.

Co-ordinator: 9:30am Mass: Ms. Daylinda Seeckts

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Co-ordinator: 6:00pm Mass: Ms. Cayla Peter

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Liturgy Committee

It's an important entity in the parish community, which can assist the priests to organize the important events during the liturgical year. The main task of the committee is to plan, support and animate the celebration in traditional and innovative suitable ways for the whole liturgical year.

Co-ordinator: Fr. Vijay D'Souza

johnson.dsouza@perthcatholic.org.au

08 95271605

Power point operators

One of our parishioners diligently prepares the Power point presentation for each individual mass every weekends and relevant feast days. A team of volunteers operate the

presentations during the celebration. This service goes a long way in helping our prayer and fostering unity. If you would like to assist in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The church has established the ministry of the Holy Communion, where men and women who are regularly practicing their faith assist the priests in distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ on weekends and larger celebration. They also take the Holy Communion to the elderly and the sick that cannot come to the church. There are several nursing homes and aged care facility in the area of our parish, and a number of parishioners is home-bound. This ministry could easily be expanded to reach out on a more frequent basis, especially on Sundays. To assist in this ministry contact the Parish Office.

Readers (Proclaimers of the Word of God)

The proclamation of the Word of God is essential to the Mass. The job of the Readers is not just “reading”. What they read is God’s Word, and the way they read it has an impact on the way we welcome it. They prepare themselves by meditating the Word, so that the way they read it makes it easier for the Word to penetrate and transform our hearts. They undergo a training program. If you would like to assist in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group was established long ago. It meets every First Sunday of the month at 2.15pm in our church. This devotion includes the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary, meditation and recitation of

the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Divine Mercy feast is celebrated every year on the Divine Mercy Sunday which falls on the first Sunday after Easter.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Phyllis Jenkins 0412514382

Prayer Warriors

It is indispensable: “unless Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.” (Ps 127:1). The Renewal of our parish would not work if we do not steep it in prayer. Many parishioners have committed to this precious ministry. They receive a weekly list of intentions of prayer and incorporate them into their daily prayers. Many offer their sufferings and trials, and some friends in the community agree to pray together. Many people request the prayers either contacting individuals or dropping the petitions in the box in front of the statue of Mother Mary. On Saturdays an intercessory Rosary is prayed before the Mass. On the first Friday of the month those who can, gather to intercede together in the Church at 7.00 pm. We are in need of more of these “Prayer Warriors”.

Contact Fr. Vijay D’Souza / Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Mariza D’Souza).

Faith Formation
Youth Ministry

24:7 SOUTH YOUTH GROUP

For youth in years 7 - 12, this group meets every Friday night from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Kolbe College Sports Hall. They also look after the training and involvement of leaders and organize extra events apart from the Friday night. They are in great need of some parent helpers.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Ming Yan Thong 0414998043 or
Mr. Matthew Woodford 0421746858 or email:
youthministry247@outlook.com.au

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

Not active at the moment

LIFTED HIGH - YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults aged 15 and above meet every Sunday evening following the 6.00 pm Mass to be friends, have fun together, discover their faith, deepen their knowledge of the Scripture and of the teachings of the Church.

Facebook Page: [Lifted High](#)
Email: liftedhighyouth@gmail.com

Bible Study Group

“Ignorance of the Scripture is the ignorance of Christ” St. Jerome, the Doctor of the Church. There are 2 Bible groups in our parish community at the moment. One group meets during Advent and Lent, the other meets regularly throughout the year. They do an awesome work to increase our appreciation of the scripture. They are well received and the results are perceived in the awareness of the participants.

Co-ordinators:

Advent & Lent group:

Mr. Zdzislaw Czabotar ziczabot1@bigpond.com 08 95274675

Bible Group 2: Every Monday fortnightly 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Mr. Grenville & Ms. Jacqueline Paul

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Children’s Liturgy

Children are our future; they need to receive our faith effectively in a way that is suitable to them. Our Catechists are passionate about their task and offer their service in the best way they can. And while the children receive the Word of God in their own way, their parents can receive their spiritual nourishment, too. The 9.30am mass on Sundays is privileged to have this service. The help of few more volunteers would be extremely welcome, so that this activity could be expanded even to the 6.00pm mass and the children could benefit from this.

Co-ordinator: Mr. German Panopio

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Catechesis for Children: Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

The word Catechesis means the teaching of the faith. Presently it is carried out at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School and at the PREP for children in public schools. A team of trained, qualified and dedicated Catechists works within the Parish to teach these children. Every Tuesday during School Terms from 3:30pm to 4:45pm.

Co-ordinator: Fr. Vijay D'Souza

johnson.dsouza@perthcatholic.org.au 0470576128

Catechesis for Adults: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is for those adults who would like to explore and embrace the Catholic Church. A team of trained Catechists would journey with them for this purpose. Those interested may contact the priests.

Co-ordinators: Mr. Michael Peter mike.peter17@gmail.com
0452556005

Mr. Carlo Dytianquin dytianquin@gmail.com 0452432114

St John of God Retreat House

This Retreat house is present in our area.

Address: Retreat House, 47 Gloucester Crescent,
Shoalwater, WA 6169

Phone: 08 95272101 / **Email:** retreat@ssjg.org.au

Website: <http://ministries.ssjg.org.au/>

Evangelisation

Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR)

It is a prayer group that aims at the renewal of our Catholic life by being ever more docile to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It bears abundant fruits in the individuals who take it seriously. They meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm at the parish hall.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Mariza D'Souza

dsouzamariza@gmail.com 0435435013

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary was founded in Ireland in 1921 by the Servant of God Frank Duff, and spread all over the world. The Legion aims at forming its members in authentic Catholic life so as to enable them to actively work for the glory of God. They work in total communion with the bishop and the parish priest. They pray, form themselves, and reach out to others in various forms. New members are encouraged to join in and get engaged in evangelization. Members serve the parish by visiting the sick, lonely and aged in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes. They meet on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 am in the Parish presbytery.

President: Ms. Sue Davies drusillabowcott@hotmail.com

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Secretary: Ms. Beverley O'Brien m.beverley@inet.net.au

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Vice President: Ms. Jacqueline Paul

Neocatecumenal Way

This ecclesial movement has been present in our parish for a long time. As a new small community was recently formed in Baldvis, the two were joined together. The whole focus of this movement is to rediscover one's baptism and walk a consistent and demanding journey of Christian formation. The members are active in various roles at the service of our community. They have their Eucharistic celebration on Saturdays at 7 pm and their Liturgy of the Word on Thursdays at 7 pm at their centre in Baldvis.

Reference person for Rockingham: Ms. Monica Farrell
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Catholic Schools

Our parish is enriched by the presence of two Catholic Schools. Star of the Sea is our parish primary school, while Kolbe Catholic School is at the service of our wider area, covering four parishes. Their service is invaluable, and the opportunities they offer are great. Their field of action ranges from Faith Formation (Religious Education and the Sacramental Program) to Evangelization (a Catholic vision of knowledge is offered, and a number of new baptisms is the results of it) through Catholic Outreach (Various community services are offered through education, and families are supported). The School boards and Parent and Friends are privileged bodies where this vision is shaped.

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

Address: Swinstone Street, Rockingham WA 6168

Tel: (08) 9553 9500

Email: admin@starofthesea.wa.edu.au

Website: <http://www.starofthesea.wa.edu.au/>

Kolbe Catholic College

Address: 25 Dowling Street, Rockingham, W.A. 6168

Tel: (08) 9592 1500

Email: info@kolbe.wa.edu.au

Website: <https://www.kolbe.wa.edu.au/>

Alpha Course

This course, consisting of a meal, an attractive video and a sharing, takes place a few times a year. It is ideal for people who wish to rediscover or discover the Catholic Faith and community.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Mariza D'Souza

dsouzamariza@gmail.com 0435435013

Catholic Outreach Saint Vincent de Paul Society – “Vinnies”

They are active in a number of ways and locations.

1. WELFARE

Address: Office 1/14 Livingstone Road

Phone 08 95927816

Opening Hours: Monday 9.00am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am – 1.30pm

Thursday 9.00am – 12.00pm

Welfare is open to all in need of food, furniture, bedding, clothing and financial assistance. Help is provided through assessment of individual needs.

2. FURNITURE DEPOT AND RETAIL OUTLET

Address: 17 Hurrell Way Rockingham

Phone 08 95928743

Opening Hours: Open six days a week at standard commercial opening hours.

The Hurrell Way Depot is a commercial outlet for furniture and bric a brac. It is not a welfare centre and welfare requests for furniture must be done through the WELFARE centre. The depot also collects donated furniture and household goods from private donations.

3. RETAIL OUTLETS

There are two (2) retail outlets in Rockingham, one in Rockingham Central (Units 1&2, 8-10 Commodore Drive Rockingham WA 6168 - (08) 9528 1071) and the other in Port Kennedy (2/15 Saltaire Way Port Kennedy WA 6172 - (08) 9524 5589). These outlets sell a selection of high quality goods and are a source of funding for welfare operations.

4. FINANCIAL COUNSELING

A qualified Financial Counsellor operates from the welfare office and is available on appointment during normal office hours (Mon. to Fri.) Please call Ms. Vera 08 95284343 for an appointment.

Lourdes Care

Lourdes care is the genuine expression of Catholic Outreach and has been active in our community for over 20 years, thanks to the good heart of so many volunteers. It is a natural and indispensable part of our community; our service to God needs to be translated into service to those in need. The group undertakes a few activities such as visiting, transport, home help, hairdressing, carpentry, plumbing, gardening, electrical works, reading to the visually impaired, teaching a second language... More volunteers are needed to carry out this service to the community.

Co-ordinators:

Transport & Meals: Mr. Laurie - 0408900650

Family Support and Home Help: Ms. Ana - 0437801085

Gardening/Handyman and Bereavement: Ms. Glenda
0439913621

Alcoholic Anonymous

This well-known organization makes use of our facilities and offers a precious service to the larger community of the area. They meet on Mondays from 7 to 8:30pm in our parish hall. Many have benefited from their service.

Star of the Sea Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

This service, that was started in our community long ago, is now under the managements of Star of the Sea Catholic School. Contact Star of the Sea School Office.

S.O.U.L.

Servants of the United Love Incorporated comprising S.O.U.L. Soup Patrol, Village Women and S.O.U.L. Care was born in our parish in 2008. To support this work on December 1st 2018 a charity shop S.O.U.L. Inc. was opened. The soup patrol goes out twice a week and food hampers can be ordered by ringing 08 95279165. The organization also runs the House of Hope for pregnant homeless women. Village Women is a program set up to teach the women lifestyle skills. Website: <http://soulincorporated.org>

Co-ordinators:

Ms. Eileen Giles soulinec@inet.net.au 0403417578

Ms. Patricia Powell soulcare@inet.net.au 0434947751

Sister Parish

Our Parish has been supporting Our Lady of Lourdes School (built and funded by our Parish) in the remote mountainous area of Haenaudare in the Parish of Uatolari, East Timor, for a number of years (since 2003). The support continues even now – even our newer parishioners may remember a retiring collection being taken every now and then as they leave the church.

Co-ordinator: Mr. Zdzislaw Czabotar

ziczabot1@bigpond.com 08 95274675

Tinol

It is pronounced as CHINOL, gaelic for “gathering”. Years ago five ladies whose husbands had predeceased them met to discuss the possibility of forming a group for Catholic ladies in similar circumstances in order to support each other and overcome grief. It was decided to commence a monthly meeting on a social basis for fellowship and outings. It is a women-only group. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Co-ordinator: Ms. Olive Heaton 08 95273062

Personal Advocacy

Personal Advocacy Service initiates and nurtures friendships between people with intellectual disabilities and volunteers from the local parish or wider community.

Co-ordinator: Brendan Cullen
brendan.cullen@dtf.wa.gov.au 0431 218 864

Care for Life

Life issues are burning issues in today’s society. The safeguarding of life, from conception to natural death, is a core tenet of the Catholic faith.

Co-ordinators: Ms. Ann Beard ann_eab@yahoo.co.uk
Ms Suzette Linn suzette@ezyware.com

Guiding Principles

Individual Care and Approach

Human beings are ready to respond to a personal loving touch. The members of our community are caring and generous, and respond best when they are approached individually and feel they are wanted and valued – not just one in the crowd. This fact obviously poses a challenge to the priests, as the community is large and priests are only two. Many community members are active in helping to reach out. The best would be that everyone takes it upon oneself to do this, not on behalf of oneself, but of the parish.

Servant Spirituality:

Our parish was entrusted to the care of the religious order of the Somascan Fathers. St. Jerome Emiliani their founder, who lived at the beginning of the 16th century, had chosen this word to express his and his companions' identity: Servant of the poor. The "washing of the feet" is supposed to inspire every breath of a Somascan religious, especially when he is entrusted with authority. A servant is expected to work, not to be served. This way of life is offered to all who wish to share their spirit.

Truth and Love

Truth without charity is fundamentalism, charity without truth is sentimentalism, Pope Benedict expressed in his encyclical letter "Charity in Truth". We know we cannot deprive our community members of any of these two essential human needs. It would be injustice to do so. Keeping this balance is a constant strive and a continuous challenge.



St. Jerome Emiliani