

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings**

**Entrance Antiphon**

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory; I will grant him length of days

**First Reading Genesis 9: 8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

**The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

**The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Prise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Mark 1:21-28**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

**The gospel of the Lord  
Praise to Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B – 18 FEBRUARY 2024**



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**PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES**

Sat 17th	6:00pm	<b>Vigil Holy Mass - For the sick Parishioners</b>
Sun 18th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	<b>Holy Mass - For the sick Parishioners</b> <b>Holy Mass - Mass &amp; Interment Ceremony of Cathy Gale</b> <b>Holy Mass - For the sick Parishioners</b>
Mon 19th	6:00 pm 6:30pm	Rosary Communion Service /Holy Mass
Tue 20th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 21st	11:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>Holy Mass - Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe</b> Rosary <b>Holy Mass</b>
Thu 22nd	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home</b> Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 23rd	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 24th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass – <b>Soul of Danny David Drommer</b> Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Ash Wednesday, the members of our parish and the children of Matthew Gibney came together to share the special mass offered by Fr Joseph. Everyone was marked with blessed ashes. At the end of Mass, the children in year 5 class received their Mini Vinnies Badges and a blessing from Fr Joseph. As always, the children behaved very respectfully and sang beautifully.

Last week Matthew Gibney Primary School year 6 students were Commissioned in their designated roles for the leadership council for the 2024 school year. Each year 6 student is given a designated leadership responsibility as part of their role on the Leadership Council and is something the students take very seriously. A truly wonderful way to assist our children to learn the skills they may need as they travel through life from the safe world of Primary School.

This week the children at Matthew Gibney will learn that through Project Compassion, there are many ways they can raise funds for the less fortunate.

For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email [admin@gibney.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gibney.wa.edu.au).

**Parish Centre Construction  
Update**



The Parish centre build is going very well, the trades are working inside the centre to render and plaster the walls and install the ceilings

Parishioners need to be careful when entering and exiting the carpark and to abide by any signs. Parents should ensure children are supervised around the works and when visiting the toilets. Be aware that there are some stormwater pipes that may become a trip hazard near the old Parish Hall. **Thank you., PPC**



**Congratulations to  
Brian & Phyllis Menezes.**

They Celebrated their  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
last Sunday 11th February 2024.  
Brian serves as an Acolyte and is  
on our Parish Finance  
Committee.

**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF  
FEBRUARY  
SAINTS**

**FEB 22:** The Chair of St Peter

**MASS & RITE OF INTERMENT CEREMONY**



**CATHY GALE**

**Sunday 18th February 2024 - 9.30 am MASS**

Followed by a Columbarium Interment Ceremony  
Beloved wife of **PETER**  
Mother and Nanna  
Always Beautiful, Always Loved  
*You Will Always Be My Sunshine*

**NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET \$300,000.00**

**JANUARY '24 - \$16,502.00 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$187,213.98**

A big thank you to the families who have already donated. Would other families kindly consider our request and help us reach our target. There are brochures and a clearly marked Parish Fundraising Box in the Church foyer. EFTPOS terminal available for debit and credit card transactions with a printed customer receipt in the Sacristy after the weekend masses

**EFT Bank Details:**

National Australia Bank Limited  
BSB No. 086-006  
Account No. 90517-9623

*Cheques Made Payable to:*

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

**Fr. Joseph (Parish Priest) and Joe Kaciuba (PPC)**

**WORKSHOP DATES: CEWA course : Saturday 24th February 9.30am-2.30pm St Thomas More Parish, Dean Rd, Bateman. Light refreshments provided for morning tea. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. Registration: christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au. Registrations close Monday 19 February. The cost for both workshops is \$10 per person.**

**02 Mar - 04 Mar WEEKEND MARIAN LENTEN RETREAT**

Join like-minded people on a Lenten Journey following Christ and listening to the Holy Spirit like Mary. The program will include talks, fellowship, prayer, and silence. This Schoenstatt spirituality retreat will begin on **Saturday 2 March, 9am and finish on Monday 4 March 2pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Rd, Karrakup.** Cost: \$120 per participant. **RSVP by Friday 23 February. Further info:** please contact Sr M Luka, [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au) or 0439 537 843; or Philomena, [pd@theseira.family](mailto:pd@theseira.family) or 0417 936 757.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS - AGM**

The St Francis of Assisi Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10:45am in the Parish Hall.



**AGENDA :** Reports by the Parish Priest, Chairperson, Finance and Planning and Development Building Project.

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) : Call for nominations of Councillors – **4 Vacancies exist.** Nominations forms are in the Church foyer. Please place completed forms in the box provided by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Parishioners, please consider nominating yourself or another Parishioner. Please also join other Parish volunteer activities.

A vacancy also exists for the **PPC Secretary** and this position does not need to be a councillor. Please advise Father Joseph, Deacon Trevor or the Parish Secretary Ms. Joela Sequeira on 94546385 or [maida.vale@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:maida.vale@perthcatholic.org.au).

Annual General Meeting Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and reports are in a file in the foyer – please do not remove from the foyer.

**For the Sick:** Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Joan Andree, Doreen Webber, Theresa Hendroff, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido.

**Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after every two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Joseph**

**In Memoriam:** Mrs. Teresa Barone, Ray Leunig, Fr. John Jocelyn Madden S.D.B., Justin James de Silva, Henry Porte, Francesca Grasso, Paul Crotty, Vivian Francis D’Cruz, Thomas Offland Magee, Ronald Geoge Hunt, Roy Xavier, Fr. Tom O’Kane, Raymond Victor Deltel, Heather Newhill, William Teefey, James McCartney, Heinz Lehmann, Anna Butler, Nonna Gina, Danny David Drommer.

Parish Centre Diary		
Sun 18th	9:30 am	Children Liturgy
Tue 20th	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary
Wed 21st	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 22nd	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study
Fri 23rd	10:00am	Morning Tea

**PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY :**

**PARISH SECRETARY - HOLY FAMILY PARISH, KALALMUNDA**

Holy Family Parish, Kalamunda has a vacancy for a permanent part time secretary 3days a week, for 12 hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Applicants must be mature with proven administration and have experience. High level of confidentiality required together with good communication skills and demonstrated ability to use Microsoft office, Excel, Publisher, Outlook and be able to upload Parish website content. An understanding of Parish life and supportive of the ethos and values of the Catholic Church would be an advantage. Applications close by 11 March 2024. To receive the job description and submit your application please email: [pp.kalamunda@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:pp.kalamunda@perthcatholic.org.au)



**First Sunday of Lent  
17 & 18 February**



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

17th/18th Feb	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Ashley A	Joe K	Matt W	Philip M
<b>1st Reader</b>	Wyonna P	Gale M	Helga S	Paolo J
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Dinu T	Dianne C	Evelyn R	Margaret O
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lester R	Michael	Edwin	Vince P
24th/25th Feb	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian D	Jennifer D	Adrian D	Youth Mass
<b>1st Reader</b>	Emmy S	Amanda A	Neha K	
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Jessie C	Kevin F	Marguerite W	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian M	Clem	Edwin	David T

	17th/18th Feb	24th/25th Feb
<b>Counters</b>	Mary & Joe K., Louise & Maurice C.	Maureen Ranford, Helga Sassenburg
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Philomena T., Margaret K	Christie & Greg Daly, Josie Day
<b>Reading for</b>	Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15	Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Roman 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10