



CATHOLIC CHURCH ARMADALE PARISH

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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH ARMADALE

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Hours: Monday—Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm

19TH/20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

CHURCHES

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** 279 Forrest Rd, Hilbert
- **ST KEVIN:** Richardson St, Serpentine

PARISH TEAM

Fr Mark Baumgarten - Parish Administrator
 Fr Matteo Verdi - Assistant Priest
 Deacon Patrick Moore (Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre - 0414 703 408)
 Mrs Karen Daubney - Parish Secretary (Mon & Tue)
 Mrs Julie Bogoni - Parish Secretary (Wed & Fri)
 Ms Angelina Tang - Parish Secretary (Thurs)
 Mrs Helen Chew - Parish Finance Officer
 Ms Helen Lesniak - Chi Rho Coordinator

WEEKEND MASSES

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert**
Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
- **ST KEVIN - Serpentine**
Sunday: 9.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert**
Monday & Thursday 8.00am
Tuesday 7.00pm
Wednesday & Friday 9.00am
Saturday 8.00am

ADORATION Saturday 8.30am to 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert**
Saturday 8.30am—9.00am & 5.30pm—6.15pm
Sunday 5.30pm—6.00pm

- **ST KEVIN—Serpentine**

First Sunday of the Month after 9am Mass

BAPTISMS Available every Sunday at 11.00am.

Baptism Preparation Meeting 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm. Please contact the parish office to make a booking.

MARRIAGES By appointment please contact the office. Six months notice required.

SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon

Phone: 9399 2349 www.schoenstattwa.org.au

Opening Hours: 7.00am - 8.00pm

Mondays: 6.45pm Rosary Cenacle & Divine Mercy
7.30pm - 8.30pm Silent adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays: 10.00am Holy Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.15pm

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

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READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while his is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Antiphon to the Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results—I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.



GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to the vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. And then about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Reflections from POPE FRANCIS



In today's Gospel reading (*Mt 20:1-16 above*) there is the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, which Jesus recounts in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for his Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, he wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life.

The "injustice" of the owner serves to provoke in those listening to the parable a leap to a new plane. Here Jesus does not want to speak about the issue of work or of a fair wage. He wanted to speak about the Kingdom of God! This is the message: there are no unemployed people in the Kingdom of God.

Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end not from human [justice], luckily! -, but the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and Resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated – salvation is free – thus, "*the last will be the first and the first last*" (*Mt 20:16*).

With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the "thoughts" and the "ways" of God which, as the Prophet Isaiah recalls, are not our thoughts and not our ways (*Is 55:8 above*).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 21 September - *St Matthew*
07.00pm - SVDP meeting

Tuesday, 22 September
09.00am - Confirmation Retreat
04.00pm - Chi Rho Classes

Wednesday, 23 September - *St Padre Pio*
08.30am - Rosary
06.00pm - Legion of Mary

Thursday, 24 September
09.30am - 'Happy' Tai Chi Club

Friday, 25 September
08.30am - Rosary

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those in our Parish 'Book of the Sick'. You are welcome to add names to this book in the church foyer and cross out names when our prayers are no longer needed.

DEATH & ANNIVERSARY

Prayers this week will be offered for...
Emmanuel Capao, Christina Jansen, John O'Sullivan, John McNamara, Maureen Edwards-Powell, Precious Chaters, Jim Gleeson, John O'Rourke, Caterina Anile, Brian Pepper and all our dearly departed, those recently deceased and those who have their anniversaries around this time. May all our dearly departed rest in the Lord's peace.

Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy, he forgives. He is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy.

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia. God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father.

May Mary Most Holy help us welcome into our lives the logic of love which frees us from the presumption of deserving God's reward and from the critical judgement of others.

SAFEGUARDING PROJECT

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers:
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Email: sgo.armadale@perthcatholic.org.au

We share a commitment to safeguard our children and make our Church safe for everyone.



PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM: We welcome in to God's family through the waters of Baptism this weekend:

- ♦ **Dominic Dilbert Gunio**, son of Genber and Morena Gunio
- ♦ **Lillian Margaret Gratteri** and **Antonio Kenneth Gratteri**, children of Phillip and Mandy Gratteri

WELCOME MASS: This Sunday at **9:30am**, we are celebrating a **"Welcoming Mass" for newly baptised children and their families**. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome them to our parish community, and to pray together that the graces they have received through this powerful sacrament may enrich us all. Please join us in prayer for **Aryella Fynn, Susan Awak, Achan Riya, Hakim Mbereke, Jordan Chisanga, and Beau Solberg**. *After Mass you are all invited to join us for morning tea and cake in the hall to celebrate this joyful occasion.*

SVDP LOCAL COMMUNITY APPEAL: We welcome members of St Vincent de Paul Society, Armadale who will be giving an update on their activities and making an appeal for assistance at all Masses this weekend. If you know anyone who requires emergency help with food, utility bills, rent, free financial counselling etc please request them to phone **1300 794 054** between **9am and 11:30am Monday to Friday**. *All information is treated as confidential. If you wish to support Vinnie's important work donations can be placed in the boxes at the back of the church or by calling 13 18 12.*

MASS ON 22 SEPTEMBER: Please note that daily Mass on **Tuesday 22 September will be at 9am** instead of 7pm due to the Annual Clergy Mass being held at the Cathedral.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY: A reminder that **Chi Rho** and **Xavier Catholic School candidates retreat** will be held in the **parish hall this Tuesday 22 September**. *Confirmation students from Saint John Bosco College and Salvado Catholic College children will be attending their own retreats.*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated in the Parish on **Sunday 25 October**, with **Chi Rho and Xavier Catholic School** students at the **9.30am Mass**. **Salvado Catholic College and St John Bosco College** students will receive the sacrament at the **6pm Mass**. *Please pray for these young people and their families in these final weeks of preparation.*

CONGRATULATIONS: To the children who made their **First Holy Communion** last weekend. Thank you to parents, teachers and catechists for preparing the children. *We pray that this will be the first of many special encounters with Jesus.*

SUNDAY MORNING TEA: We still require volunteers to join the roster to help set up the hall and serve morning tea following the 9.30am Mass. If you can assist, call **Olive 0433 758 144**.

LEGION OF MARY— OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE: Thank you to all those who participated in the 'Walk for Mary' to the Schoenstatt Shrine last Sunday. Thank you to Sr Lisette and the Schoenstatt Sisters and to Deacon Patrick, it was a most enjoyable occasion, in celebration of Our Blessed Mother Mary. ***We will be preparing for Devotions in October, to be held weekly on Tuesday evenings. Look out for details in the bulletin over the next few weeks.***

HOLY LAND APPEAL: Thank you to all those who donated to the appeal last weekend. **\$935.60** was collected to assist Christians in the Holy Land.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES: Is **next Sunday, 27 September**, this years theme is 'Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee' ~ Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: A family in the parish requires some friendly home assistance for a couple of hours a fortnight on an ongoing basis. Hourly rate negotiable, please call **0401 908 536**.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank Fr Mark and the beautiful community of St Francis Xavier for all your prayers, love and support that we have received at this sad time of our son and brother, Bruce's passing. *Thank you again, love from the Oates Family.*

Prayer for an End to the Pandemic (National Council of Churches)

Gracious God,
trusting in your providence and presence,
we bring our prayer for an end to this pandemic.
We pray for your strengthening of those offering
costly leadership during this crisis.
We pray for all who are ill.
We pray for those anxious about getting ill.
We pray for those full of grief.
We remember those who have died.
We pray for your grace to sustain us
as we do what we can in our context.
We ask these things, as you encourage us so to do.
"Ask and it will be given you." (Matthew 7:7).
In resurrection faith, we offer our heartfelt
prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH - HOME IS A HOLY PLACE: Join Dr Carmel Stuart – Director Office of Christian Initiation **online on Thursday 24 September from 7.30pm to 8pm.** *Where is God in your home?* God is present within all the messiness of family life. How can we appreciate that the ordinary life and activity of our homes are vehicles of God's love and grace? This one-off online evening event will address the challenge of making God's presence more widely known, served and celebrated within the home. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for knowledge and is free of charge. To register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, call 9241 52221 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au

TRUST & LOVE IN TROUBLED TIMES: Catholic Mission presents this half day retreat on the **Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, Thursday 1 October** at **Infant Jesus Parish, Morley** commencing with Mass at 9am. Retreat from 10am to 1pm, Morning tea provided. Keynote speakers: Dr Pina Ford, Catholic Education WA, Mr Derek Boylen, Centre for Life, Marriage & Family. Proceeds to help Catholic Mission's Carmelite partner projects in India. Adults \$10, Concession \$5. Tickets can be purchased: <https://www.trybooking.com/>
BLMCY Call Francis: 94227933 or email director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

JOP OPPORTUNITY: *The Shopfront, an Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Permanent Part Time Vacancy* (16 hours / 4 days a week) A vacancy exists for an **Administration Assistant for the Shopfront**, a LifeLink funded, drop-in-centre offering onsite and external referral services to its visitors in the Bentley area. The position / requires good administration skills, experience with Microsoft Office applications, the ability to maintain databases, statistics and upload information onto the website together with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work under pressure. To receive the Job Description and submit your application by Monday 5 October contact Damian: damian.walsh@perthcatholic.org.au

BJ HICKEY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021 NOW OPEN! The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again opening up calls for applications to the **BJ Hickey Scholarship!** The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. While applications for local and online Biblical study programs are encouraged this year, interstate and overseas proposals will also be considered. For the **Scholarship Application Details** and the **Scholarship Application Form**, please visit the **Biblical Foundation** page on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website. Please note that applications close at **5:00pm on Friday, 23 October, 2020.** For all enquiries, please call 9241 5221 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or

LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE NEWS

Lumen Christi College is a Catholic, Co-educational Secondary College located in Perth's foothills suburb of Martin. With nearly 1000 students from Year 7 through to Year 12, the College continues to respond to the growing demand of families from within our local parishes and from the rapidly expanding surrounding areas.

Our College offers a wide range of quality educational opportunities that foster the development of each student. The curriculum programs are current, utilise the latest technology and respond to emerging trends in education and the ever-changing demands of our modern world. We provide established pathways for University entrance, extensive Vocational Education and Training programs and cater for students with special learning needs in a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Join us at our final College Tour for the year on Saturday, 21 November at 10am. Please see our website to secure your spot or phone us on 9394 9300. Private tours are also available by appointment. Contact our Enrolments Officer to discuss everything from enrolment forms to information evenings, orientation and more. Email enrolments@lumen.wa.edu.au.

God bless.

Mrs Karen Prendergast
Principal



PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (MATTHEW 20:1-16)

