

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: **9.00am; 6.00pm**

Sunday: **7.30am; 9.00am**

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: **5.15pm—5.45pm** (prior to Mass)

Also available on request.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: **6.00pm**

Wed - Fri: **9.00am**

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday: **9.00am** (Sacrament of Healing)

ROSARY

Each weekday Mass: 25mins prior to Mass

Monday afternoon: 3.20pm (during School Term)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: **4.45-5.45pm**

Sunday: **6.15-7am**

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Saturday morning: **7.30am**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Each Friday: after **9.00am Mass**

CATECHISM CLASSES

Contacts: Fr. Francis 9593 4670

Angela Bregger 0412 507 505

RCIA CLASSES

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

For Enquiries, please contact: Fr Francis or

Lucia Allison at our Parish Office: 9593 4670

(during Office hours) or email.

PRESBYTERY SCRIPTURE AND

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every **Monday 9am-12pm** at the Parish

Meeting Room. Spend some time in

contemplative prayer. Enq: Angela Bregger

0412 507 505

BETHANIE NURSING HOME

Holy Communion **every Wednesday.**

ROSTERS FOR 11-12 December

6.00PM

Acolytes: Tony Brandt, Wayne Payton

Readers: Francesca Reimers, Joe Andrews

Prayers of the Faithful: Joe Andrews

Music: St Bernadette's Choir

7.30AM

Acolytes: Claude Coutinho, Ken Hannaby

Readers: Bob O'Neil, Mary Burns

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Burns

9.00AM

Acolytes: David Browne; Claude Coutinho

Readers: Shirley Eley, Edith Vimpany

Prayers of the Faithful: Hazel deRosario

Music: Teacher's Choir

CHURCH CLEANERS

**Mary Aliphon, Margaret Jones
& Erica Peet**

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection: \$ Nil

Total to date: \$ 28,973.55

MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

56 Benbecula Loop, Port Kennedy 6172

or to our email address.

PLANNED GIVING FOR CHURCH LOAN

If you would like to contribute or be a part of the Parish planned giving, the Parish has **Planned Giving Envelopes** and **Direct Debit** forms available in our Church foyer.

If you would like to set up or make a Direct Debit through your bank or a **ONE-OFF DONATION** please send to: **Port Kennedy Parish**

BSB: 086 006

Account No: 665505492

Reference: (Your Name)

MANY THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

FOR YOUR PRAYER CHAIR 12/12/21

3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr. C

Zeph: 3:14-18

Phil: 4:4:7

Lk: 3:10-18



COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 5/12/21

OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us;

we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

THE NEED TO FORGIVE OURSELVES

John the Baptist is among the most theologically significant figures in the Gospels. In Luke's gospel, his birth narrative parallels that of Jesus. His conception is announced by an angel, and his birth was a surprise gift to his aged parents. The expectant mothers of Jesus and John meet and rejoice that they have been blessed by God. The children are cousins, and both will begin their mission in the desert.

Although his formative years were lived in obscurity in the desert, John's public ministry began by calling people to a

baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins symbolized by water baptism. Using the words of the prophet Isaiah he also called people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. His message and ministry marked the culmination of the law and the prophets and heralded the inbreaking of the kingdom of God. He was a transitional figure between the Old and New Testaments.

His call to repentance can be viewed in two ways. Looking backward, the issue can be making up for what has been done in the past. Looking forward, it can be about getting things sorted so that the problems will hopefully not recur. However, the issue of repentance is more complicated than just having two perspectives on life. Socially, we want criminals to pay for their crimes, so we send them to prison to suffer because of their actions. It's about justice.

Many people share this view and believe that those who acted badly should get their just desserts in this life and if not then certainly in the next. Hell is imagined as God's final reckoning where the God of justice prevails. However, this is hardly an adequate view of God who through the prophets and through Jesus calls us to repent. To repent is to start anew, to make sure that past failures do not predict our future, so having repented of our failures and experienced God's forgiveness, we look forward to a better way of living.

Repentance is about letting the Lord come more fully into our lives. God is a God of love, not of vengeance, so let us start afresh in the knowledge of God's enduring love for each of us and look forward to the fullness of

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life to which God has called us. In the formula of absolution in the sacrament of penance, we hear: 'God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sin.'

May we hear this message of love that reconciles, believe that God has forgiven us, and be big enough to let go of the past and forgive ourselves. Repentance is not just about the past, but about a way of living into the future in knowledge of the love of God for each of us.

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FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

For this year's Advent reflections, the Center for Liturgy, Archdiocese of Perth has referred to a series of videos adapted from the words of Pope Francis. To access the videos, please go to www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au and follow the links for Week 1-4 presentations. Below is the full version of the Holy Father's teaching for Week 2.

Last Sunday, the liturgy invited us to experience the Season of Advent and of anticipation of the Lord with an attitude of vigilance and also of prayer: '*be mindful*' and '*pray*'. Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are shown *how to give substance to this anticipation*: by undertaking a *journey of conversion*, how to make this anticipation concrete. As a guide on this journey, the Gospel presents the figure of John the Baptist who 'went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.'

To describe the Baptist's mission, the Evangelist Luke refers to the ancient prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low.'

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us. What are these requirements for conversion?

First of all we are called to fill the 'valleys' caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention which takes on the needs of our neighbours. To fill the valleys caused by coldness. One cannot have a relationship of love, charity and fraternity with one's neighbours if there are 'gaps' just as one cannot travel a road with many potholes.

This requires a change of attitude. And all this should also be done with special attention to the neediest. Then there is the need to curtail the indifference caused by pride and arrogance. How many people, perhaps without realizing it, are proud, are indifferent, lack that kindly relationship. It is necessary to overcome this by making concrete gestures of reconciliation with our brothers and sisters, asking for forgiveness for our faults. It is not easy to reconcile with another. One always thinks: 'who will take the first step?'. The Lord helps us in this if we are of good will. Indeed, conversion is complete if it leads us to humbly recognize our errors, our infidelity and failings.

The believer is someone who, by being close to his brothers and sisters, like John the Baptist, opens pathways in the desert, that is, he indicates perspectives of hope, even in those existential contexts that are arduous, marked by failure and defeat. We cannot give up in the face of negative situations of closure and rejection: we must not allow ourselves to succumb to the mentality of the world, because the centre of our life is Jesus and his word of light, love and solace. It is He! The Baptist invited the people of his time to conversion, with force, with vigour and with firmness.

Nevertheless, he knew how to listen, he knew how to perform gestures of

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tenderness, gestures of forgiveness toward the multitude of men and women who went to him to confess their sins and to be baptized with the baptism of repentance.

The witness of John the Baptist helps us to go forward in our witness of life. The purity of his proclamation, his courage in proclaiming the truth were able to reawaken the expectation and hope in the Messiah that had long been dormant.

Today too, Jesus' disciples are called to be his humble but courageous witnesses in order to rekindle hope, to make it understood that, despite everything, the Kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let each of us ask ourselves: how can I change something in my attitude, in order to prepare the way of the Lord?

May the Virgin Mary help us prepare the way of the Lord day by day, beginning with ourselves; and to scatter around us with steadfast patience, seeds of peace, justice and fraternity.

WORLD DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Friday 3 December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and this year's theme is '**Not All Disabilities are Visible**'. Some disabilities, like mental health disorders, chronic pain and fatigue, are invisible – but that does not make them any less devastating to someone's quality of life.

Over 4 million Australians live with a disability and contribute to and make our society what it is today. However, they too experience the usual ups and downs of life. We should also remember

the 2.7 million carers who provide care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness or a chronic condition. As a result of this help and support, the health and wellbeing of carers may also be negatively impacted at times.

We pray that they continue to receive our understanding, respect, love and support.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION IN OUR PARISH AND HUB PARISHES

14th Dec St Vincent's Kwinana at 7pm
15th Dec Baldivis at 6pm
16th Dec St Bernadette's at 7pm
17th Dec OLOL-Rockingham at 7pm

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

Please join us after the 9 am Mass in the church on Sunday 5 December.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

5th DECEMBER—12th DECEMBER

Please support the wonderful work of our parish craft group.

JASON'S FAREWELL MORNING TEA

Jason will finish his placement on Boxing Day. Please join us and thank him at a morning tea on **19 Dec at 10:15 am**.

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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Fr. Francis Nguyen (Parish Priest), Claude Coutinho (Chairperson), Joe Andrews (Vice-Chairperson), Isaac Hilton (Treasurer), Edith Vimpany (Secretary), Angie Raharuhi, Michael Turner & Cathy Flynn (Parish Pastoral Council Rep)