

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Eileen van Wees, Br Terence Heinrich FMS, Sr Immaculata Crocetti PBVM, Jeremy O’Driscoll, Sr Euphemia Kelly SJG, Dermot Kenny, Charlie McCarthy, Mick O’Connor, Peter Geraghty,
Anniversaries: Paul Kerrigan, Mary Dillon, Fr Frank Birrell, Joseph Harold Durkin, Jack Durkin, Kath May
Sick: Judy Kerr, Fiona Carr, Ruby Johnson, Anna Barrett, Barbara Mitchell, Sergio Amadio, Billy Tang, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O’Hara, John Davidson, Kathy Choate, Mary-Rose Webb

ADDRESS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS, NZ

Continued from last week

Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

‘Breaking Open the Priesthood’

It is my conviction that the priesthood ‘pedestalised’ is the priesthood dehumanised. It is bound to lead us into the illusion of a messiah complex and an inability to claim our wounded humanity and to minister in partnership. What we need to do is to humanise the priesthood so as best to equip ourselves with relational power for authentic Gospel living and service. I firmly believe that we are on the threshold of renewal and transformation of the priesthood. Like the wedding feast of Cana, the wine of old has served the Church well but it is running out. The old way of being a priest has, likewise, well served the Church we love. But that model of the exalted, separated and elitist priesthood is drawing its last breaths – at least in many parts of the world including Australia. There is a better wine that the good Lord has prepared for us. The new wine of God’s unconditional love, boundless mercy, radical inclusivity and equality needs to be poured into new wineskins of humility, mutuality, compassion and powerlessness. The old wineskins of triumphalism, authoritarianism and supremacy, abetted by clerical power, superiority, and rigidity, are breaking. When Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to announce the Good News, he sent them not as lone rangers but in pairs. What I derive from that practice of his is that Christians can only minister effectively when they recognise their limits as individual and are open to partnership with others. Priests particularly must learn to minister in relationship with one another and with their community. Yet, ironically, the whole clerical culture is often geared towards individual heroism and even Messiah complex. The Curé d’Ars is probably the patron saint par excellence of the kind of priestly individual heroism. No wonder many of us suffer from ministerial burn out, depression and loneliness. If the priesthood has a better future, it has to be humanised; it has to find expression in better mutual support, collaboration and partnership. It has to free itself from the variant strains of clericalism such as sexism, narcissism and paternalism. While ordained for service, the priest remains not apart from but a part of the faithful in need of support, ministry and community. Though he preaches, he listens with open heart to the preaching of others. (When I am home with my mother, I am keen to hear pearls of wisdom from the real preacher!) Though he blesses, he also bows his head to receive the blessings of others. (Pope Francis’ gesture at his first appearance was refreshing.) Though he leads with a leadership of service, he must be willing to be led by others. Though he ministers, he also recognises the ministerial charisms in others and works with them in collaborative ministry for the community good. Maintaining the healthy tension of this dialectic is a key to the priesthood oriented to mutuality and partnership. It seems to me that the Church cannot have a better future if it persists in the old paradigm of triumphalism, self-reference and male supremacy. So long as we continue to exclude women from the Church’ governance structures, decision making processes and institutional functions, we deprive ourselves of the richness of our full humanity. So long as we continue to make women invisible and inferior in the Church’s language, liturgy, theology and law, we impoverish ourselves as if we heard with only one ear, we saw with only one eye and we thought with only one half of the brain – and often the lowest reptilian section thereof. Until we have truly incorporated the gift of women and the feminine dimension of our Christian faith, we will not be able to fully energise the life of the Church. As the Church enters a time of darkness, it must have the courage to embark upon the journey of conversion, which will lead to cleansing, renewal and revitalisation. The paschal rhythm summons us to a discipleship of humility, weakness and vulnerability, of dying and rising in Christ. As the Church, we must die to the old ways of being Church, which is steeped in a culture of clerical power, dominance and privilege. We must abandon the old paradigm of a fortress Church, which is prone to exclusivity and elitism. We must learn to rise to Christlike way of humility, inclusivity, compassion and powerlessness. We priests have a critical role in the cleansing, renewal and revitalisation of the Church.

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	No Music at this Mass				
8am Mass	249	224	Prepare Ye	70	St Joseph’s Mass (385)
10am Mass	249	80	214	319	ICEL Chant Mass (393)
6pm Family Mass	211	92	210	Hymn Sheet	Rivers Youth Mass

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
 Children’s Liturgy is on **TODAY** during the 10am Mass. Suitable for children 3 to 8 years.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)

Monday	5.30pm
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	9am
Friday	7am
Saturday Reconciliation	5.15 - 5.45pm
Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	8am, 10am, 6pm

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PARISH ROSTERS Please refer to your respective rosters.

Sanctuary	7 December	Claudia, Isabella & Eli Walsh	14 December	Office Staff
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ADVENT WREATH



The ‘Hope’ candle is lit.
 Monsignor Kevin invites **ALL** to pray together:

**We believe in you Lord.
 We know that you can help us
 to love and respect each other more.
 You are our light,
 the light that overcomes the darkness.
 Come Lord Jesus!**



All available at foyer table

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL Please help people in need with non-perishable food (nut free) and non-alcoholic drinks for Vinnies Christmas hampers. Take a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer and return it with the selected item to the basket provided. Christmas Appeal envelopes for a financial contribution are also available.
CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS on sale each weekend (while stocks last) throughout November and December. Pack of 5 cards: \$2.50. Calendars: \$9.
SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT - THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK: Bargain price only \$2. Great reading. A daily spiritual stimulus for all the days of Advent and Christmastide.

THANK YOU

Thank you to IM Productions for providing the screens last weekend. Technical issues aside, it was wonderful to be able to view Daniel Ang’s message to the St Joseph’s Parish Plenary Council Discussion Groups. If you didn’t hear the message, it is available on our website.

PARISH ITALIAN EXPERIENCE

The Parish Italian Experience has finished for the year. **Many thanks to Annalisa and Marco** for providing this interactive and educational opportunity to experience all things Italian.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation was a wonderful opportunity for 36 children to commence their sacramental journey along with their families and friends. **Thanks to Bart Welten and Tracey O’Brien** for preparing the children over the last six weeks.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN WORD AND MUSIC

Thursday 6 December, 7-8.30pm, St Patrick’s Basilica

A beautiful and inspiring evening of readings and sacred music with Lumina (choir), Dominic Perissinotto (organ), and Paul Wright (violin). Proceeds to go towards Catholic Mission work supporting Girl-Child education and protection projects in Myanmar, Uganda, and Ethiopia. Tickets are \$30, Concession \$20, and available at trybooking.com/YZWN. To purchase an extra ticket for \$10 for a refugee or single mother to accompany you, contact Francis on 0419 958 140 or director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

NOTRE DAME TWILIGHT TOUR

Thursday 6 December

Discover the Notre Dame difference on a personalised twilight tour of the historic campus in Fremantle’s West End. Advisors will be there from 5pm to answer questions about degrees and help to find the right program for you. Register at notredame.edu.au/events.

UWA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday 16 December, 4pm, Winthrop Hall, UWA

Haydn’s ‘Creation’ Concert, which draws on the interwoven themes from Genesis, the Psalms and John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, reminding us of the Biblical links between the birth of Christ and the Creation of the Universe, is to be performed. The evening will conclude with a BYO picnic gathering around the Reflection Pond. Tickets are available from ticketswa.com/event/creation.

JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Catholic Bishops of Western Australia have written a Pastoral Letter to the Catholic community of Western Australia in relation to State Government’s Report on Voluntary Assisted Dying. The letter can be found on-line at perthcatholic.org.au. For those who would like a printed copy, these are available from the sacristy or the office.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Copies of the latest edition of *Abundant Life*, which deals with the issue of Euthanasia, are available at the back of the Church.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday	11am	11.30am	First Sunday of Advent	
2 December	Baptism: <i>Eva Muller</i>	Baptism: <i>Chloe Prosser</i>		Monsignor Kevin Monsignor Kevin
Monday			St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial	
3 December	4pm	6pm	Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Celestine Tedjakefuma & Paul Gauci</i> Upper Room: <i>Advent Discussion Group</i>	Father Garner Vergara Monsignor Kevin
Tuesday			Tuesday, First Week of Advent	
4 December	10am	6pm	Church: <i>Baptism Information Meeting</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>	Monsignor Kevin: <i>Emmanuel Centre Christmas Liturgy</i>
Wednesday			Wednesday, First Week of Advent	
5 December	10am	5.30pm	Upper Room: <i>Women’s Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	Monsignor Kevin: <i>Women’s Prayer Group Mass</i>
Thursday			Thursday, First Week of Advent	
6 December	4.30pm		Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Theodora Mpambwa & Abel Mathetha</i>	Father Israel Qirrit
Friday			St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor, Memorial	
7 December	7pm		Upper Room: <i>Youth Group Teen Event</i>	
Saturday			Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity	
8 December	1pm		Wedding Service: <i>Theodora Mpambwa & Abel Mathetha</i>	Father Israel Qirrit