

**Let us remember in our prayers ...**

**Recently deceased:** Peter Dalton, Geoffrey Miller, Han Jing Guan, Peter Fitzpatrick  
**Anniversaries:** Alfredo Andre da Silva, John Dallimore, Nancye Collopy, June Reed, Valerie Casey, Attilio Pasqualotto  
**Sick:** Judy & John Kerr, Sergio Amadio, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O'Hara, John Davidson, Mary-Rose Webb, Kathy Choate, Mercedes Ramos, June-Marie James, Kim Crossing, Karen Gabrielle Ridley, Monsignor Peter McCrann

**ST VALENTINE, THE REAL STORY**

*By David Kithcart, Christian Broadcasting Network*

Flowers, candy, red hearts and romance. That's what Valentine's day is all about, right? Well, maybe not. The origin of this holiday for the expression of love really isn't romantic at all—at least not in the traditional sense. Father Frank O'Gara of Whitefriars Street Church in Dublin, Ireland, tells the real story of the man behind the holiday—St. Valentine. "He was a Roman Priest at a time when there was an emperor called Claudius who persecuted the church at that particular time," Father O'Gara explains. "He also had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died. I think we must bear in mind that it was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived," says Father O'Gara. "Polygamy would have been much more popular than just one woman and one man living together. And yet some of them seemed to be attracted to Christian faith. But obviously the church thought that marriage was very sacred between one man and one woman for their life and that it was to be encouraged. And so it immediately presented the problem to the Christian church of what to do about this. The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married them because of the edict." Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against command of Emperor Claudius the second. There are legends surrounding Valentine's actions while in prison. "One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law at the time was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. He was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became Christian as a result." In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three-part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He inspired today's romantic missives by signing it, 'from your Valentine'.

"What Valentine means to me as a priest," explains Father O'Gara, "is that there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that—even to the point of death." Valentine's martyrdom has not gone unnoticed by the general public. In fact, Whitefriars Street Church is one of three churches that claim to house the remains of Valentine. Today, many people make the pilgrimage to the church to honour the courage and memory of this Christian saint. "Valentine has come to be known as the patron saint of lovers. Before you enter into a Christian marriage you want some sense of God in your life—some great need of God in your life. And we know, particularly in the modern world, many people are meeting God through his Son, Jesus Christ. If Valentine were here today, he would say to married couples there comes a time where you're going to have to suffer. It's not going to be easy to maintain your commitment and your vows in marriage. Don't be surprised if the 'gushing' love that you have for someone changes to something less 'gushing' but maybe much more mature. And the question is, is that young person ready for that? So on the day of the marriage they have to take that into context," Father O'Gara says. "Love—human love and sexuality is wonderful and blessed by God—but also the shadow of the cross. That's what Valentine means to me."

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MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	No Music at this Mass				
8am Mass	36	49	45	222	St Joseph's Mass (385)
10am Mass	157	246	234	114	Notre Dame Mass (382)
6pm Family Mass	49	335	51	46	Rivers Youth Mass

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2019**  
 The Children's Liturgy Program starts again **TODAY** at the **8am Mass**.

**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.

<b>Sanctuary</b>	22/23 February	Katie & Daniel Lynch	1/2 March	Aine Sommerfield & Cecilia Turton
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**DAILY SPIRITUAL READING FOR LENT - LITTLE BLACK BOOK: ONLY \$2.** Available at the Church foyer table while stocks last.

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

Monsignor Kevin will be conducting an **Adult Lenten Group** on Mondays during Lent. To be held in the Upper Room on 11, 18 and 25 March and 1 and 8 April from 6-7pm. Please send your expression of interest to [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au). On Sunday evenings following 6pm Mass and commencing on 10 March, our Youth Coordinator, Joey Alexander, will be conducting an **Adult Youth Lenten Group** during Lent. Please send your expression of interest to [youth@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:youth@stjosephssubiaco.org.au). All parishioners are invited to the **Life in the Spirit Seminar** to be held in the Upper Room on Tuesdays from 5 March to 16 April between 7.30 and 9.30pm. This seminar of teaching and sharing will lead you into a *personal* relationship with Jesus, revealing Him as *your personal* Lord and Saviour, and help you to see the power and presence of the holy Spirit in your daily life. Through this seminar the Sacred Scriptures will come alive for you! Please try to attend all sessions as they build on each other. For further information contact Win on 0407 216 209 or Colleen on 0448 365 202. Email your expression of interest to [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au).

**YOUTH MINISTRY MEET & GREET**  
**TODAY** following the Sunday 6pm Mass, the Youth Ministry Leaders will be on the Piazza to meet teens, young adults and families. This is a great opportunity to meet the youth team, introduce yourselves and find out what's happening. All welcome.

**24:7 SUBIACO YOUTH GROUP**  
 For all youth in Years 6- 12  
 Every Friday, 6.30-8.30pm, Subiaco Parish Upper Room  
 Need more information ... please call  
 Aidan Walsh 0487 403 456 or Angela Firth 0455 960 174

**YOUTH BAND:** The Youth Band is an integral part of the Sunday 6pm Mass. Rehearsals are scheduled every Sunday in the Church starting at 4.45pm. Anyone interested in playing an instrument, singing or participating please join us at rehearsal, talk to Joey, our Youth Coordinator following Mass or send your details via email to [youth@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:youth@stjosephssubiaco.org.au).

**LAST CHANCE: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019: Expressions of Interest** for the Parish Sacramental Program are **OPEN** and will close on **20 February**. Parents need to email [sacraments@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stjosephssubiaco.org.au) providing the child's name, date of birth and the sacrament for which they wish to enrol. Application Forms will be sent out **after February 20**, accompanied by a letter explaining the process and listing all dates and details. There will be a **compulsory** Parent Information Night on **Thursday 14 March** at 7pm. If you have any queries or require further information, please contact Bart Welten on 9381 0400 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday).

**ASSIST A STUDENT:** St Vincent de Paul is promoting 'Assist a Student', an overseas education program aimed at breaking the poverty cycle. This program has been run since 1998 and has been very successful in producing students ready for the workforce in professional and other roles. Brochures are available in the foyer.

**FINAL OPPORTUNITY: PLENARY COUNCIL LISTENING & DIALOGUE DISCUSSION GROUP**  
 The final St Joseph's Listening and Dialogue Discussion Group sessions will be held in the Upper Room at 6pm (following 5.30pm Mass) on **Monday 18 and Monday 25 February**. An interpreter for the Deaf will be available at both these meetings. If you are interested in joining us, please register on 9381 0400 or [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au).

**GUEST SPEAKER AT COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS WA** **Sunday 24 February, 2.30pm, 61 Woodrow Avenue, Dianella**  
**Monsignor Kevin** will be Guest Speaker following the AGM. The topic *'The Christian debt to the Jewish tradition of praying the Psalms'* will be followed by questions and discussion. All welcome. Please RSVP to [ccjwa@aol.com](mailto:ccjwa@aol.com) by Wednesday 20 February.

**ANointing MASS & SENIORS' MORNING TEA:** The 9am Mass on **26 February** will be for the Anointing of the Sick. Following this, a Seniors' Morning Tea will be held. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and other parishioners. If you would like to support our Seniors, please consider helping on the day by serving or contributing sandwiches, savouries, slice or cake. Please call 9381 0400 or email [lbrandon@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:lbrandon@stjosephssubiaco.org.au) if you can assist.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** **Friday 1 March, 10am, St Lawrence Church, Dalkeith**  
 This annual prayer service, focussing on *'Trauma counselling for women'* and with this year's emphasis on Slovenia will be followed by Dr Judith Nichols addressing the topic **'St Jerome - Advocate of Women Scholars'**. Morning tea provided. All welcome.

**PLENARY COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS:** Only three weeks left for your contribution to help to shape the Plenary Council agenda. The Listening & Dialogue stage closes on Ash Wednesday – 6 March 2019. To upload your submission, visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

**PLEASE RETURN PALMS:** Please return your palms from 2018 and place them in the box in the foyer. These will be burned on the first Sunday in March for use on Ash Wednesday.

**PARISH DIARY**

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Sunday, Week 6 in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>17 February</b>	7pm	Piazza: <i>Youth Meet and Greet</i>	
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Monday, Week 6 in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>18 February</b>	6pm	Upper Room: <i>Plenary Council Discussion Group</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Tuesday, Week 6 in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>19 February</b>	6pm 7.15pm	Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Wednesday, Week 6 in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>20 February</b>	10am 5.30pm	Upper Room: <i>Women's Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Thursday, Week 6 in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>21 February</b>	2pm 3.30pm	<b>Optional: St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor</b> Upper Room: <i>Zone of Priests Meeting</i> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Helen Tu Nguyen &amp; Kenn Sze Yu Ting</i> <i>Father Quang Hong Pham</i>	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle, Feast</b>	
<b>22 February</b>	6.30pm	Upper Room: <i>24:7 St Joseph's Subiaco Youth Group</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial</b>	<i>Monsignor Kevin: Wedding</i>
<b>23 February</b>	11am	Nuptial Mass: <i>Helen Tu Nguyen &amp; Kenn Sze Yu Ting</i> <i>Father Quang Hong Pham</i>	<i>Service at Notre Dame Fremantle</i>