

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Han Jing Guan, Geoffrey Miller, Peter Fitzpatrick, Grace, Monsignor Peter McCrann
Anniversaries: Attilio Pasqualotto, Michele Tarulli, Brian Sadler, Peter Durkin, Jack Long, Peter Batinovich
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, Alison Hancock, Keith Towing

POPE TELLS PRIESTS TO KEEP HOMILIES BRIEF

By Elise Harris, Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis touched on a topic close to home for both parish priests and people in the pews, offering his recipe for what makes a good homily, saying they should be short and well-prepared. However, he also pointed to the amount of complaining that happens when people are unenthusiastic about homilies, and told the faithful that even when bored, they also have to make an effort by actively listening and being patient with the limits of their pastor.

“Those listening have to do their part too,” the Pope said, saying Mass-goers must give “the appropriate attention, thus assuming the proper interior dispositions, without subjective demands, knowing that every preacher has both his merits and his limits. If sometimes there’s reason to get annoyed about an overly long homily, one that lacks focus or that’s incomprehensible, other times it’s actually the prejudice of the listener which creates obstacles.”

However, he also urged those giving the homily to remember that they are “offering a real service to all who participate in Mass.” The homily has been a source of pastoral concern and interest for the Pope since the beginning. He devoted a large portion of his 2013 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* – often seen as a blueprint for his papacy – to the homily.

Quoting the document, Francis said the homily “is not a casual discourse, nor a conference or a lesson,” but is rather a way of resuming “that dialogue which has already been opened between the Lord and his people, so that it finds fulfillment in life. Whoever gives the homily must be conscious that they are not doing their own thing, they are preaching, giving voice to Jesus, preaching the World of Jesus,” he said.

Because of this, homilies “should be well prepared, and they must be brief!”

To drive the point home, Francis recounted how a priest had once told him that when visiting another town where the priests' parents lived, the father had said “I’m happy, because me and my friends found a church where they do the Mass without a homily.”

“How many times have we seen people sleeping during a homily, or chatting amongst themselves, or outside smoking a cigarette?” he said. When people laughed, Francis responded, saying “it’s true, you all know it ... it’s true! Please, be brief...no more than 10 minutes, please!”

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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 **two 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.

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.

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	127	2	331	222	
8am Mass	82	227	2	339	Mass Shalom (370)
10am Mass	280	181	2	200	Our Lady Help of Christians (374)
6pm Family Mass	119	367	2	82	Rivers Youth Mass

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
 Children’s Liturgy Program is on 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.

Sanctuary	1/2 March	Aine Sommerfield & Cecilia Turton	8/9 March	Maggie MacDonnell & Bev Kinsella
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LENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK: Masses will be at 9am and 5.30pm on Ash Wednesday (6 March)

ANOINTING MASS & SENIORS’ MORNING TEA: The 9am Mass next Tuesday, **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 if you can assist.

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY MEET & GREET THANK YOU

Our Youth Ministry Meet & Greet last Sunday was a lovely evening, discussing many ideas to support our Parish youth. Thank you to everyone for attending and for your continuing support.

24:7 SUBIACO YOUTH GROUP

At this week’s youth group we will be unpacking our theme for the term, ‘Climbing the Mountain of Life’. Come on down for another night of fun, games and most importantly food! Don’t forget: every Friday, 6.30-8.30pm, Subiaco Parish Upper Room for all youth in Years 6- 12. Need more information ... please call Aidan Walsh 0487 403 456 or Angela Firth 0455 960 174.

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To help promote awareness of the hidden suffering abortion inflicts on women, men, their relationships and consequently their children. Three free training sessions; Abortion Trauma, including Impact on Men & Healing will be held to give insights into the needs of those traumatised and those at risk. Contact Julie on 0450 988 857.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Broome urgently requires volunteers - couples and singles - to assist the Church's aboriginal missions in the Kimberley. Duties may include cooking, working in stores, building and vehicle maintenance, housekeeping, bookkeeping, transport and grounds maintenance. In return we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. Placements are for a period of six months or more. For information and an application form contact the volunteer coordinator on 9192 1060 or email volunteers@broomedioocese.org.

JOHN XXIII COLLEGE OPEN DAY

9am, Saturday 9 March,

Walk through WA’s leading coeducational Catholic college, where academic excellence goes hand in hand with humanity. Discover the facilities, programs and opportunities, and get a sense of a welcoming community that truly lives its values. Tours every half hour. Principal’s address at 9:30am. Final tour at 11am. Visit trybooking.com/454718 to register. For enrolment enquiries call 9383 0400.

THINKING BEYOND CAREER – FOR PARENTS

6pm, 13 March, Tannock Hall, University of Notre Dame

Come to Fremantle’s West End to find out about future-proofing Gen Zs to be agile and flourish in our ever-changing world. We’ll step you through the transition from high school to university, our admissions process and university student life. This event is for students in Years 10, 11 or 12 and their parents/guardians. Register at notredame.edu.au/events-items/parent-info-evening

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 24 February	11am 6pm	Sunday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time Baptism: <i>Evie Genevieve Carolyn Lloyd</i> Family Mass	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i> <i>Father Stephen Ochola</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin: Guest Speaker at Council of Christians & Jews WA</i>
Monday 25 February	6pm	Monday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Plenary Council Discussion Group</i>		
Tuesday 26 February	9am 9.30am 6pm 7.15pm	Tuesday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time Church: <i>Anointing of the Sick Mass</i> Upper Room: <i>Seniors’ Morning Tea</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>		
Wednesday 27 February	10am 5.30pm	Wednesday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Women’s Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>		<i>Preservation Committee Meeting</i>
Thursday 28 February		Thursday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time		<i>Monsignor Kevin: Lecture for the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre</i>
Friday 1 March	6.30pm	Friday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>24:7 St Joseph’s Subiaco Youth Group</i>		
Saturday 2 March	1pm	Saturday, Week 7 in Ordinary Time Nuptial Mass: <i>Jade Stirling & Paul Cole</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i>	