

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Joe Letizia, Mathew Hayes, Romel Bautista, Frank Lynn, Cathryn Keane, Monsignor Denis Edwards, Fr Kevin Crock CSsR, Nancy Calleja, Raffaele Testa, Terence Kelly

Anniversaries: Luzmare Catubig, Mrs Lizt, Doris Barker

Sick: Judy & John Kerr, Sergio Amadio, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O’Hara, John Davidson, Mary-Rose Webb, Kathy Choate, Mercedes Ramos, June-Marie James, Karen Gabrielle Ridley, Alison Hancock, Mark O’Neill

WHY I REMAIN A CATHOLIC

By Francis Sullivan, published on John Menadue’s blog, Pearls and Irritations

Since the conviction of Cardinal Pell I have been asked why I remain a Catholic. It is an obvious question. Why stay?
 My answer is why not! The abuse scandal has rocked my confidence in the clericalist management of the Church but not my sense of the collective journey I walk with other Catholics. I believe the ‘assembled walkers’ are the Church! I feel no compulsion to leave them. I feel participating in a faith community a vital aspect of my self-expression. Being Catholic for me is less a religious tag or a member of a religion and more a chosen pathway of personal and spiritual discovery best undertaken in community. It is my way of living the Gospel. I have found deep comfort in and direction from my faith tradition. I feel nurtured in the sense that I am part of a pilgrim people, ever moving into a better understanding of the divine in my life and an appreciation of what that means for me as person in society. The clerical sex abuse scandal is a crisis primarily about the culture of the Church. It may well cause some to rethink their beliefs and practices, but for me it has been a call to deepen my spiritual practice. To commit to daily meditation and reflection. To draw on the sacramental life of the Church and the richness of scriptural practices like *Lectio Divina*. It has been a time to become mature in my faith development, less dependent and literally more adult in my engagement with the institutional Church. I have benefited by being raised as a Catholic and being involved in social and spiritual apostolates of the Church. I have found the wisdom of the teaching and spiritual tradition a rich source of inspiration, information and discernment. At the same time I understand that participation in the Church is a continuum of engagement. So if others are asking whether it is worth hanging in there with the Church I say now is the time for lay Catholics to claim their rightful place within the organised expression of the Church. If nothing else the scandal has demonstrated the massive power imbalance that lays at the heart of the institution. The clericalism, so bemoaned by Pope Francis, has delivered an institutional structure too top heavy with clerics, company men and time servers. It has relegated the interests of lay people to a sad second after the organisational demands for financial sustainability, orthodoxy and the maintenance of social conservatism. I believe the wisdom of the Gospel tradition has much to offer postmodern society. A reclaiming from the Catholic tradition of the primacy of personal conscience would be no small thing in how Catholics navigate life with its competing philosophies, social narratives and identity politics. For to be Catholic is to be attentive to how our society becomes more human, more compassionate and creative in prizing the dignity and inherent value of everyone. Virtue ethics is far from being outmoded and prudence in discerning our times and circumstances remains an essential life skill. For me that makes my faith real, practical and important. It compels me to be less self-centred and precious. It implores me to move from my comfort zone to places that open my spirit and hopefully my heart. It shows me that God is forever creating, and I can participate in that. So, why leave? These days I am energised by a spirituality that seeks to promote human flourishing. This is a far cry from my childhood catechism, with its obsession over sin and undertones of a judgemental and exacting God. For today’s Catholics an authentic spiritual pathway does not need to involve a constant struggle to deny healthy instincts and desires. We can and should celebrate the embrace of love as it arrives in our lives and not demonise human nature when it presents inconveniently or challenges us to rethink our set ways. This spirituality leads to an ever-deepening acceptance of myself as the place God comes to me. A self-centeredness that by its nature is expansive and transcendent. It gives religious expression in that it personalises the way forward in someone like Jesus and seeks to search for an evolving depth to our reality in a consciousness named as Christ. This is my catechism today. If I have that wrong then so be it. If it means somehow I have drifted from elements of the institutional Church, or they have left me, I can live with that. Otherwise let’s stay and keep going!

Francis Sullivan was CEO of the Catholic Church’s Truth Justice and Healing Council. He has degrees in Theology and Politics.

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	No Music at this Mass				
8am Mass	115	295	328	60	
10am Mass	325	187	182	295	Mass of St Benedict
6pm Family Mass	60	154	328	82	

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	22/23 March	Marina Wong & Rita Lee	29/30 March	Florrie Taviera & Sr Margaret
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LENT AND EASTER AT SAINT JOSEPH’S

LENT

- **ADULT LENTEN GROUP:** Mondays to 8 April, 6-7pm, Upper Room
- **ADULT YOUTH (AGES 18-30) LENTEN GROUP:** Sundays, 7pm, Upper Room
- **CENTERING PRAYER:** Wednesdays, 5.30pm, Tribune Chapel For details contact Neil on 0439 946 869.
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** Tuesdays to 16 April, 7.30-9.30pm, Upper Room
- **EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & EXPOSITION:** Fridays during Lent, 5.30pm

HOLY WEEK (15 -21 April)

Monday	5.30pm Mass	Good Friday	10am Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	9am Mass 5.30pm Mass		2.30pm Seven Last Words 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
Wednesday	9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Easter Vigil	7.30pm First Mass of Easter
Holy Thursday	7pm Mass with Altar of Repose until Midnight (No 9am Mass)		8am Mass 10am Mass No 6pm Mass (Alternative at the Cathedral 5pm)

Confessions: Available after both Good Friday Liturgies or by appointment

24:7 SUBIACO YOUTH GROUP

At this week’s youth group we will be focussing on ‘How we can take charge in our life by looking at respect and responsibility’. Remember: 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.



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home. Lives change when we all give 100%. Donate through Parish boxes or envelopes, by phone on 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

ALTAR OF REPOSE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thursday 18 April, 9pm to Midnight

At the conclusion of Mass on Holy Thursday, the Altar of Repose will be established in the quiet room. Volunteers are required to keep watch (in 15-minute intervals) before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. A schedule is available on the table in the Church foyer. Please put your name on the list if you are able to assist.

THE PASSION AND THE CROSS

10am-12.30pm, 13 Mar-10Apr, Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Rd, Doubleview

Immerse yourself into Lent with this captivating ‘Book Club’ style course that follows insights offered by Ronald Rolheiser OMI in his book, *The Passion and the Cross: Daily Readings for Lent*. Cost: \$55 (includes book). To register or for information visit cfe.org.au.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEDICINE INFORMATION SESSION

24 March, 10.30am, Fremantle Campus

If you are interested in studying medicine, then join us at our Information Session to find out all you need to know about our **Doctor of Medicine** and **Pre-Medicine Certificate** programs. Please register to attend at notredame.edu.au/events.

AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 30 March, 10am-3pm, 69 Webster St, Nedlands

Loreto Nedlands is having an Autumn Fair with Animal Farm, Plants, Silent Auction, Artisan Crafts, Jams & Preserves, Books, Lucky Dip, Trash & Treasure, Tea, Cakes, Sushi, BBQ, Entertainment and so much more. All welcome to come and join in the fun.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday	17 March	11am	11.30am	7pm	Second Sunday of Lent	Monsignor Kevin	Monsignor Kevin
		Baptism: Mila Rose Tratnik	Baptism: Xavier Piper	Upper Room: Adult Youth Lenten Group			
Monday	18 March	6pm			St Patrick, Bishop, Solemnity	Monsignor Kevin	
					Upper Room: Adult Lenten Group		
Tuesday	19 March	4.30pm	6pm	7.15pm	St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Solemnity	Monsignor Kevin: Lecturing at Catholic Education Office	
		7.30pm			Wedding Rehearsal: Kelly Soong & Anthony Mirabile		
					Upper Room: St Vincent de Paul Meeting		
					Church: Schola Cantorum Rehearsal		
					Upper Room: Life in the Spirit Seminar		
Wednesday	20 March	9am	10am	5.30pm	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent	Monsignor Kevin: Lecturing at Catholic Education Office	
					Upper Room: Trinity College Year 12 Retreat		
					Tribune Chapel: Women’s Prayer Group		
					Tribune Chapel: Centering Prayer		
Thursday	21 March	1pm	2pm			Monsignor Kevin: Anglican Professional Standards Meeting	
					Thursday of the Second Week of Lent		
					Prayers & Viewing: Raffaele Testa		
					Requiem Mass & Burial: Raffaele Testa	Monsignor Kevin	
Friday	22 March	5.30pm	6.30pm			Monsignor Kevin: Lecturing at Catholic Education Office	
					Friday of the Second Week of Lent		
					Church: Evening Prayer of the Church & Exposition		
					Upper Room: 24:7 St Joseph’s Subiaco Youth Group		
Saturday	23 March	12pm			Saturday of the Second Week of Lent	Father Joe Pelle	
					Baptism: Florence Mary Nikolovski		