

Recently deceased: Peggy Birt, Jo Walker, John McGree, Mary Santamaria, Bob Hawke, Stephen Clarke, Thomas Morgan, Jean Downes
Anniversaries: Philip Wyatt, Andrew Clynes, Rosalia Sertorio, Gabriella Silipo, Aileen Canning, Rosario Rojas, Fr Tim Quinlan, Ben Eustasie
Sick: Judy & John Kerr, Mary-Rose Webb, Mercedes Ramos, June-Marie James, Karen Ridley, Alison Hancock, Kasey, Mark O’Neill, Mary Kendal, Jodie McIntosh, Daniel Lackenby, Peter Joseph, Christine Parker, Michael Mitchell

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION *By Charles Collins, Managing Editor, Crux*

Increasing severity in the persecution of Christians in different parts of the world is reaching ‘genocidal’ levels, according to a new report commissioned by the British government. An interim report said that Christians are overwhelmingly the most targeted religious group in the world, and that ‘acts of violence and other intimidation against Christians are becoming widespread.’ The interim report focuses on the scale and nature of the problem. Evidence shows not only the geographic spread of anti-Christian persecution, but also its increasing severity. In some regions, the level and nature of persecution is arguably coming close to meeting the UN adopted international definition of genocide. The eradication of Christians and other minorities on pain of ‘the sword’ or other violent means was revealed to be the specific and stated objective of extremist groups in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, north-east Nigeria and the Philippines. An intent to erase all evidence of the Christian presence was made plain by the removal of crosses, and the destruction of Church buildings and other Church symbols. The killing and abduction of clergy represented a direct attack on the Church’s structure and leadership. Where these and other incidents meet the tests of genocide, governments will be required to bring perpetrators to justice, aid victims and take preventative measures for the future, the report says. The document notes that the main impact of such genocidal acts against Christians is an exodus from the region, with Christianity now facing the possibility of being wiped out in parts of the Middle East where its roots go back furthest. In Palestine, Christian numbers are below 1.5 percent; in Syria the Christian population has declined to below 450,000; and in Iraq, Christian numbers have slumped to below 120,000 today. Christianity is at risk of disappearing, representing a massive setback for plurality in the region, the report continues. It also mentions the social persecution many Christians face, saying it is often structural in nature and harder to detect, but is the type of persecution which the majority of persecuted Christians are experiencing because it is so far reaching in every area of life. The regular, widespread discriminatory behavior against minority communities is interspersed with major incidents such as the Easter Sunday massacres in Sri Lanka (the third Easter in a row that has been targeted by radical Islamists). The problem with the rolling global news cycle is that today’s outrage against the Christian Community is all too soon forgotten and replaced by the next, the report says. The British foreign secretary, Jeremy Hunt, blamed political correctness and Britain’s history as a colonial power for the government avoiding confronting the issue. “What we have forgotten in that atmosphere of political correctness is actually the Christians that are being persecuted are some of the poorest people on the planet,” Hunt added. *Read more at cruxnow.com*

FAITH IN ACTION: POPE’S MESSAGE ON MIGRANTS & REFUGEES **Thursday 23 May, 9.30-11.30am**

Anita Finneran and Greg Lowe will conduct this workshop on exploring how Catholics should respond to vulnerable refugees and migrants. Pope Francis’ message marking Migrant Sunday will be the guiding document. The workshop will be held at the Clune Lecture Theatre, Newman-Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Rd, Doubleview. Cost: \$10 – morning tea provided.
cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/catholic-social-teaching-series-faith-in-action-the-popes-message-on-migrants-refugees/

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	No Music at this Mass				
8am Mass	300	2	272	128	Christ the Saviour
10am Mass	Song Sheet				
6pm Family Mass	353	2	330	169	Rivers Youth Mass

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
 is on today at the 8am Mass.
 Suitable for children aged 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	24/25 May	Paul & Kelly Carpenter	31 May/1 June	Marina Wong & Rita Lee
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POVERTY TO EDUCATION – A CSM STORY

Carol – Pilgrimage participant 2019

I was personally touched by all the programs in which Calcutta Stations Mission are involved, but if I had to choose one, it would be the Loreto Teacher Training Scholarship Program for young women. I was fortunate to share lunch with six of the recipients of this scholarship. Two of whom had graduated that day from college and the other four had just completed their first year. These young ladies came from under privileged backgrounds. They are so grateful to CSM for providing them with the opportunity to gain a tertiary education, which would have been totally out of their reach if it wasn’t for this scholarship. Some of them expressed how they wish to further their qualifications in education and others just wanted to help their families move to safer lodgings. During our luncheon their faces beamed with smiles, laughter and they shared many wonderful stories of their families, life experiences and their dreams. I had such an amazing afternoon with these six young ladies and I’m truly grateful to CSM for the opportunity to be part of the pilgrimage.

Adriana – Pilgrimage participant 2019

Working in a school myself I was looking forward to visiting the village schools. The kindly comprised of a very small building with a single room of approximately 3mx4m with about 24 students and 2 teachers. I don’t know what I was expecting but when I entered, I was so overwhelmed by so many emotions I was left speechless. Once I got past my emotions, I really started taking it all in, and remembered why I was there. I especially enjoyed watching the children in action with their teachers. They were engaged in their learning and looked so happy to be reciting a poem to us as well as singing a song. Some of the older students who were having their lesson outside put on a performance for us and we were made to feel very welcomed. At the end of our visit we were lucky enough to be able to spend some time with the village elders, parents, teachers and the older students along with John who was able to translate for us to hear their aspirations for the children’s futures and their education. They expressed how CSM had helped them achieve this. A quick word about the scholarship program – I spoke with past scholarship recipient Shazia. She is now a teacher and has a family of her own. She said to me "Rod has given me wings to fly". How her life, and in turn the life of her family has changed because of CSM. All in all I returned feeling I couldn’t just go back to my normal life here in Perth; this was a life changing experience.

Next week we hear from CSM Founder Rod Pereira and conduct our half yearly appeal. God Bless.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

8–10 December 2019

The ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and provides opportunities for those in Year 9 up to 30 years of age to deepen their relationship with Jesus to be empowered disciples in the Church of Australia. The Archdiocese of Perth is hosting the event in 2019. As youth under 18 must be part of a group and be supervised by a Group Coordinator, the Subiaco Parish Youth Team will be coordinating a group to attend the conference. For expressions of interest or more information please email youth@stjosephssubiaco.org.au or call 0481 060 349.

MARIST ASSOCIATION INVITATION

Tuesday 4 June, 4–5.30pm

2019 Marian Lecture: ‘After the Angel Departed- Seeking God: hints and glimpses of the God within’. Please join us for an encounter with international speaker, biblical scholar, author and award-winning poet, **Dr Bonnie Thurston**, who will draw on the rich tradition of contemplation and how to be attentive to the God within.

Venue: Champagnat Chapel, Newman College Marcellin Campus, 216 Empire Ave. RSVP essential to vanessa.strohmeir@cewa.edu.au

DEAF SIGN LANGUAGE & AUSLAN CLASSES

Emmanuel Centre, 25 Windsor St, Perth

Are you interested in learning how to communicate with people who are deaf and who use sign language? Tuesdays 10am to 12noon OR Thursdays 11am to 2 pm. Please contact Barbara on 9328 8113 for further information.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS: FILM AFTERNOON

2pm, Sunday 26 May, St David’s Anglican Church Hall, Ardross

Ushpizin is a revelatory and humorous look at the daily lives of ultra-orthodox Jews in modern-day Israel. Disarmingly funny, the film startles in its universality, depicting community members in scenes of ordinary living, arguing, reconciling and grappling with their faith. Rated PG-13. Free entry, but donations welcome. Lights refreshments served. RSVP by 22 May to ccjwa@aol.com.

PARISH DIARY

Day	Time	Event	Minister
Sunday 19 May	11am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Baptism: <i>Willa Morrison</i>	Monsignor Kevin
	4.45pm	Upper Room: <i>Confirmation Preparation</i>	
	6pm	Upper Room: <i>Marist Association</i>	
Monday 20 May		Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter <i>Optional: St Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i>	
Tuesday 21 May	6pm	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter <i>Optional: Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Monsignor Kevin: Archdiocesan Agencies Faith Formation and Leadership Program
	7.15pm	Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>	
Wednesday 22 May	9am	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter <i>Optional: St Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	Monsignor Kevin: Lecturing at Catholic Education Office
	10am	Upper Room: <i>Trinity College Retreat</i>	
	5.30pm	Tribune Chapel: <i>Women’s Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	
Thursday 23 May		Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter	Monsignor Kevin: Lecturing at Catholic Education Office
Friday 24 May	6.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Solemnity Upper Room: <i>24:7 St Joseph’s Subiaco Youth Group</i>	
Saturday 25 May		Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter <i>Optional: St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor;</i> <i>St Gregory VII, Pope; St Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi, Virgin</i>	Calcutta Stations Mission Appeal