

**First Reading — Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Second Reading — 1 Jn 4: 7-10**

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**Gospel — Jn 15: 9-17**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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*A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all*

Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year B

May 10, 2015

**Learning about friends**

Friends can be overrated, or are they? My wife and I recently received an invitation to a party but this particular Saturday night was hockey night and I wanted to relax and watch the game in the distraction-free refuge of my living-room. I politely declined the invitation and then conveniently forgot to mention it to my wife. The following day we happened to run into Natalie who had issued the invitation. "Hey, we missed you guys at the party?" she said. "What party?" was my wife's perplexed response.

Since we were first married, my wife has consistently stated that our relationship rests on the foundation of our friendship. She even addresses my birthday cards to her "Dearest friend." And she's right. No matter what life throws our way; through the craziness, messiness, and sleeplessness of having children, and through the stresses and anxieties of work outside the home, we make it because we support one another. Each of us genuinely wants the other to flourish and be happy. For me, at the very least, this means missing a hockey night or two.

Our closest friends help us become better people and better friends. They draw us out of our caves of complacency and teach us how to give more willingly to others. Not only does it take time to learn the meaning of authentic friendship but it also takes the lived risk of learning how to love another person more fully. Such risk asks us sooner or later to recognise our

**Weekly Mass Timings:**

Monday: 7.00 am	Tuesday: 5.30 pm	Wednesday: 8.00 am
Thursday: 7.00 am	Friday: 5.30 pm	Saturday: 8.30 am
<b>Saturday:</b> Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)		
<b>Sunday:</b> 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm		

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen  
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

limitations and the ways we miss the mark. For example, the times we fail to listen and be present when we overlook or dismiss what another person needs, or by not giving space for a different way of seeing and doing things. Life teaches us that learning the meaning of friendship requires something much more than a Facebook account. It asks us to grow over a long period and in ways that can be unpredictably difficult but rewarding. When Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command," he points us to an even deeper meaning of friendship. Many of us would lay down our lives for those who are nearest to us but if we enter into a friendship with Jesus, we also accept the call to love those who are perhaps even threatening to us. And this means growing beyond the more limited forms of friendship that accommodate our rivalries and alliances against others and their friends. It means fearlessly seeing the good in each and every person we meet and creating life-giving communities. Others can and do help us in this, and so they walk with us on the Easter path of new life and love in Christ Jesus. These are our dearest friends.

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Ashleigh Isabelle Sefton, Tre Alfred Zoit Hayden, Rocco Luka Svlicich into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Rose Thomas, Agnes Lily Yeo, Michael Ng Teck Sim, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 17th MAY

NEXT WEEK				
Bulletin:	Christina Tan			
Flowers :	Tania Herbert			
Counter:	1. C..Banasik	2. M.Sequeira	3. P. Foley	

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	L Humphreys C Lasrado	G Jones I Kearney	E Orr R Sinagra	A Sciascia R Sciascia	E Connolly B D'Mello
Acolytes	P Doss	P McManus	L Papineau	P Doray	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	K Lim J ye R Ye	L Cherry O Mapfumo	P Sunarko J Sinagra S Sudiarko	N Andrews J Pinto Yan Ni Sng	R Machado Y Machado E Machado
Special Minister	C Lasrado G Lopez V Marshall O Morais L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng R Oetomo L Rego	R King IP Kusnadi C Morzenti C A Norris R Norris P Pickersgi C Price P Price M Woolford	S Teo S Wong B Bucat P Chiu E Cornejo I Cornejo J Downey A Fong L Fong	J Loo A Mascarenh N Mourad M O'Brien C Poore K Prasetyo J Roper S Saverimut	Youth Special Minister
Catechists	L Sequeira (Yrs 1-4) M Sequeira (Yrs 5-6)	G Das Neves (Yrs 1-4) K Phua (Yrs 5-6)			
Readers	L Sequeira M Sequeira	J De Silva G Emslie	J Hendricks C Maronovic	R D'Anunzio A de Ridder	B Vague V Vague
Piety stall	Jessica	Mary	Pat	Poake	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:  
Lilian Sequeira 9331 5552

**MORE CARE**

**Do you need help or know someone who does?**

- † Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
- † Monica 9364 9358 (Transport/Meals)
- † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden  
May 2015

Section A  
Edwin Wan

Section B  
Robyn Guyton

## More For Youth

### STRONGER TEENS

**Our next Stronger Teens Youth Group is on the 22nd of May!**

We've kicked off with our T3 timeline for the year, learning about scripture and how it relates to us and our everyday lives. Do come along and find out how Gods word can help you in your big plans for life. Remember to bring your \$15 for your package. SEE YOU ALL

### Community Events

#### **CYM Holy Hour**

Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is held every Wednesday at the Office situated at 40A Mary Street, Highgate. Mass will be at 5.30pm, followed by adoration from 6.30-7.30pm, with fellowship and dinner after for a \$5 donation. Hope to see you there!

#### **VERITAS 2015**

Something big is brewing this July! Keep an eye out for more info.



Thoughts...Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future! There isn't a person on earth so good that they don't need God, and there isn't a person on earth so bad that God won't be there for.

He is calling you, will you answer?

**“Dear young people, let yourself be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.” – St. John Paul II**

#### **NATURE PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING –YIDARRA**

A number of parents at Yidarra are very keen to see a nature play area be built at our school. With this in mind an application to Project Robin Hood has been made. Project Robin Hood offers grants, of up to \$10,000 to community groups. Unlike traditional funding programs, approval of the grants is based solely on a voting system. Please take a moment to vote for our project and help us win \$10,000 for our nature play area.

Voting is simple. Click on the link: <http://projectrobinhood2015.budgetallocator.com/#ba>

Scroll down to our project (it's second from the bottom) Ye Ipads down, Let's Play .... Sherwood Forest is on the way.....and VOTE. Please note that you can just vote for our project (giving us a better chance of winning!)

When you have voted you need to remember to click on the link that is emailed to you to confirm your vote.

## Parish News

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS IN THE PARISH!**

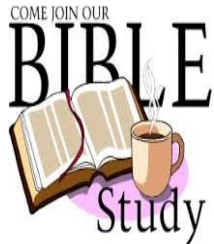
### **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

Father Jeronimo would like to sincerely thank the parishioners for their generosity in donating towards the orphanage in his country. Last weekend we collected \$6,437.00 for him to take to the orphanage in El Salvador. Once again, THANK YOU!

### **“A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”**

At each mass we participate with our words and bodily gestures but do we truly understand their origins? Where did the mass come from, who is present at each mass, what do we bring to it, what happens to us during every mass and how does each part of the mass relate to our faith? There is preaching, professing, proclaiming, petitioning and praising but unless we know the scriptural roots of the mass we may be missing many beautiful truths of this most holy celebration. Fall in love with God again as we journey on “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” over four Tuesdays beginning at 7pm, 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Register early to book your place as well as for the preparation of handouts & catering.



### **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 2015 and Commitment Weekend**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Parish on the 20th and 21st of June 2015. The Parent meeting for First Holy Communion will be held on the 21st of May at 7pm in the Sadler Centre at Corpus Christi College. The following weekend, the 23rd and 24th May 2015, will be the First Holy Communion Commitment Weekend. We ask the parish community to support through their prayers the First Holy Communion Candidates, their families and teachers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

### **ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL CLASSES**

Sacramental classes for our Parish High School students will begin on the 20th May 2015 from 4.00pm—5.00pm. Confirmation will take place on the weekend of 8th and 9th August 2015. Please contact jenny Figliomeni on 9310 1747 (Tuesdays/ Wednesdays 9am—5pm) or 0435 695 399 at other times, to enrol.

### **RAAFA MASS**

**NO Mass** on 15th May at RAAFA Chapel, Bullcreek.

### **HOME ROSARY—MONTH OF MAY**

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of May are invited to write their names on the list in the foyer. A statue of Our lady and some books are available. Enquiries to Juliana on 9310 1747.



## CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This devotion is normally held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm. The May devotion will be held on Wednesday **13th May 2015**. It will be accompanied by Exposition and followed by Benediction. All are welcome. If you have not been before, why don't you come along and be uplifted? Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 (H) or 6242 0702 (W)

## ROSARY MAKING GROUP

The Rosary Making group will meet on Saturday 16th May at 9.30am and NOT on the 9th May. **Please take note of the change of date.**

## 2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

THE new version is bigger than EVER with over 100 new business offering 2-for-1, 50% off, discounts and more in the Perth and South West region. Books and Digital memberships (on your smartphone) will be available early May and can be used straight away. \$13 from the \$65 sale price goes to Yidarra's P & F for School resources. A sample book will be available at the back of the church from May7th. Order forms can be found there now. Otherwise place orders now at [www.entbook.com.au/8g3295](http://www.entbook.com.au/8g3295) Or ring/email Alex on 0419 962 963 / [aarossi@iinet.net.au](mailto:aarossi@iinet.net.au)

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS LAWS OF THE HEART.

In this series, Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments unlike anything present today.

Sr. Joan asks, "What are the Ten Commandments and what do they mean to us now in a world where Jew, Christians, and Muslim all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets of Sinai as the foundation of our law, however many other laws we all add to them?"

She invites us to think deeply about the moral fibres of our society and presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth-that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them.

Who: The Bible study group, at 8 San Miguel Drive, Leeming and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm.  
Enquiries: Sr. Ann 0418 130 200

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### 2015 CELEBRATION OF SPORT

Cricket's Justin Langer, Eagles' Nic Naitanui and Wildcats' Shawn Redhage will speak at a thanksgiving service for sport hosted by the catholic community in St. Mary's cathedral at 2.45pm on Sunday 17th May. All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards. Info: Alison 0417 904 839, James 0477 365 618

## AUTUMN PRAYER DAY

**When:** 10am to 3.30pm 13 may 2015 **Focus:** Mary, the faithful disciple.  
**Presenter:** S. Dora Maguire rsj **Cost:** Donation ..... Morning tea (9.30am) and light lunch provided. **RSVP:** 9334 0999 or [lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au](mailto:lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au) (numbers are needed for catering, thank you.)

## PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES—GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

This focused prayer and contemplation time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of one's faith with others on the journey, adds to the richness of this experience.

**Date:** Friday 29th May. **Time:** promptly at 10.30am—12.00 noon and 6.30—8.00pm.  
**Theme:** Pentecost—growing awareness of God's joyful spirit active in my life today. Am I aware? **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Free Parking. **RSVP:** 9334 0999 Email [laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au](mailto:laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au)

## NOTRE DAME FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Topic: Laity in the Life of the Church since Vatican II  
Speaker: Professor Tracey Rowland  
Date: 4 June, 6pm  
Venue: Tannock Hall of Education (ND4)  
[Www.nd.edu.au/events/2015-freo/tracey-rowland](http://Www.nd.edu.au/events/2015-freo/tracey-rowland) or call 94330575

## ABORTION GRIEF AUSTRALIA INC

**Volunteer training:** Abortion related mental illness is creating an underclass of dysfunctional families that is exacerbated by the lack of acknowledgement and professional help available. Abortion Grief Australia has successfully initiated a variety of programs to engage the community in the helping and prevention of abortion trauma. It is a rewarding and privileged experience to initiate significant improvement in the lives of traumatised people/families and prevent these human tragedies. Find out more, phone Erica 9304 1158 or 0432 879 826. Email [treverica@netspace.net.au](mailto:treverica@netspace.net.au)  
Training begins Thurs 28th May, 2 hours weekly, 6 weeks.



MARY MOTHER OF SORROWS  
PRAYER GROUP FUNDRAISER  
CHARITY MOVIE NIGHT  
**'THE WOMAN IN GOLD'**  
**FRIDAY, 29TH MAY**  
**8.30PM SESSION**  
**COST \$18.00**  
Bookings: call Judy Phillips on  
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