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16 FEBRUARY 2017 | WHAT'S ON AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

16 Feb - 23 Mar **GOSPEL OF SURPRISES: DISCOVERING THE WONDER OF JOHN**

Every Thursday, 10-12.30pm, Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview.

The Gospel of John is a masterpiece of the profound and yet the simple in relation to the story of Jesus. The course will give an in depth understanding of what lies beneath John's writings. You are invited to take a journey into this very special Gospel and discover 'faith' in a new and fulfilling light! Suggested donation \$45. Presenter, Mrs Jan O'Connor. *Further info:* or to register, visit www.cfe.org.au, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or 08 9241 5221.

17 Feb **FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR BILLINGS LIFE WA**

The National Billings Teacher Training Conference will be held for the first time in Perth in May 2017. Billings Life WA are hosting a fundraising concert to support the running costs of the Conference. The concert will be hosted under the stars and will feature the popular Jarrah Celtic Band at **Romancing the Stone Amphitheatre, 6 Lillian Road, Maida Vale, Friday 17 February, 6.30pm** for a **7.30pm** start. BYO drinks and nibbles. Chairs supplied. Tickets \$30 per person. Includes supper. [Click here](#) for flyer. *Further info* and tickets, Mandie Bowen 0407 577 435 or bnfpwa@westnet.com.au.

17-19 Feb **MASTERCLASS - YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING WEEKEND**

Are you a youth leader or an upcoming youth leader in your Parish? Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is conducting a three day training weekend in Busselton, to equip those serving in Youth Ministry in their Parish or groups. There are beginners and advanced workshops, prayer sessions, fun activities and networking opportunities. Cost \$50, including food and accommodation. Places are limited. To register or for more information visit <http://cym.com.au/>; or admin@cym.com.au or 08 9422 7912.

18 Feb **MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK WORKSHOP**

The Centre for Liturgy will run a Music for Holy Week Workshop on **Saturday 18 February, 11.30- 1pm** at **Notre Dame Church, Cloverdale**. During this workshop, music for the whole of Holy Week will be presented, including settings of the Responsorial Psalms for each day. We will also examine the rituals of Holy Week and what music can be used for each of them. Such rituals include, the Blessing and Procession of Palms on Palm Sunday, the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday and the Sprinkling



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Rite at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. *Further info:* cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

18 Feb CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WORKSHOP

A Children's Liturgy of the Word Workshop will be held at **The Centre for Liturgy, Nollamara on Saturday 18 February, 10.30-12.30pm**. For those involved in the presentation of the Liturgy of the Word for children during Mass. This workshop prepares and supports those involved in presenting the Good News to children in a way that they can best get to know Jesus. *Further info:* cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

19 Feb SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE AND DISCUSSION

The combined Catholic Churches of Maylands cordially invite you to a Sunday Afternoon Service and Discussion, **19 February 3-5pm** at **Our Lady Queen of Poland Catholic Church, 35 Eighth Ave Maylands**. Discussion will be on *"A place at the Table, Social Justice in an Ageing Society."* 2016/17 Social Justice Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops, this gathering is in response to the Bishops' Statement. The program will consist of a brief service in the Church, introduction and discussion in the Church Hall, followed by light refreshments later. *Further info:* Mrs Libby Giles 0450 907 048; Fr Stanislaw Tomasiak O.F.M. 0488 900 449; Fr Tomasz Bujakowski O.F.M. 9272 2154 & Fr Richard Charlwood 0439 622 056.

19 Feb 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SACRED HEART CHURCH - THORNLIE

Thornlie Parish will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary at the current location, 50 Ovens Road, Thornlie, on **Sunday 19 February, at 10am**. The occasion will be marked with a special Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey who blessed and officially opened the church 25 years ago. The Mass will highlight the diverse multi-culturalism of the parish. This will be followed by entertainment in the school quadrangle and a shared meal in the school hall. All past and present parishioners are warmly invited and we look forward to seeing you. *Further info:* Janet 08 9459 4459.

19 Feb EAST CANNINGTON – FINAL MASS & CLOSURE

A final Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis Church, 56 Redcliffe Street, East Cannington**, on **Sunday 19 February at 2.30pm** followed by afternoon tea. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Sproxton.

WHAT'S ON - FUTURE EVENTS

24 Feb PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES – GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

Theme, *The Lenten Journey - an invitation to look deeper into being a Christian. Lent is an opportunity to review one's commitment to living and giving witness to Gospel values.* You



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are invited to be part of this prayer experience. **Friday 24 February, 10.30-12noon**, repeated **6.30-8pm**, at **Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth**. RSVP essential by Tuesday 21 February. *Further info:* Laura 08 9334 0999 or laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

24-26 Feb BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE WEEKENDS

Benedictine spirituality is more readily experienced than defined. Beginning in February, with other weekends available in March, May, July, September, October and November at the **New Norcia Monastery Guesthouse**. Beginning with Vespers at **6.30pm, Friday 24 February**, concluding **Sunday, 26 February** after lunch. The weekend provides the opportunity to enter fully into the monastic rhythm and balance of prayer, work, lectio divina, hospitality and the community life. There will be opportunities to ponder the riches of the scriptures and monastic literature, both in group discussions and personal silence and solitude, bringing from the 'storeroom, things both new and old'. Participants are also invited to join the community for silent meals in the refectory, one of many invitations to listen with the 'ear of the heart'. Suggested donations \$250 for those who can afford, this includes accommodation, meals and entry into the Museum and Art Gallery. *Further info:* Guesthouse Manager 08 9654 8002 or guesthouse@newnorcia.wa.edu.au.

25 Feb MUSIC FOR THE SACRAMENTS WORKSHOP

The Centre for Liturgy will run a Music for the Sacraments Workshop on **Saturday 25 February, 10.30-1pm** at **St Benedict's Parish, Applecross**. The Archdiocese of Perth has adopted the parish-based, school-supported, family-friendly approach to the reception of Sacraments for school-aged children. To this end, this workshop will examine music suitable for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. This workshop will also present suggestions on how to choose music for each of these Sacraments. *Further info:* cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

1 Mar DISCOVERING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TOGETHER

Restorative Justice is a way of building relationships in any setting - families, parishes, organisations, communities, workplaces etc. The facilitators are Barbara Harris and Fr Paul Pitzen from Emmanuel Centre. It is free and open to anyone, including but not limited to agency staff and volunteers, priests, chaplains, lay people, parish councillors, organisations etc. Beginning **Wednesday 1 March, 9-12.30pm** and other sessions available in April, May and June, at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate**. Morning tea and lunch provided. Participants are encouraged to commit to all four sessions as they are connected. Please indicate any dietary requirements or accessibility needs to Imelda. Registration is



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essential. *Further info* and registration, contact Imelda reception.capac@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 6104 3600.

5 Mar DIVINE MERCY

An afternoon with Jesus and Mary will be held on **5 March 1.30-3pm** at **St Francis Xavier's Church, 25 Windsor Street, East Perth**. Fr Pavol will give a homily on Lent in preparation for Easter. The afternoon will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy prayers, Benediction and Veneration of the relic of St Faustina Kowalska. Afternoon tea in the hall afterwards. All welcome. *Further info:* Julia or June Murphy 08 9457 7771.

9 Mar RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND FORMAL RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and formal recognition of candidates will be held on **Thursday 9 March, 7.30pm** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB will preside. All welcome as parishes throughout the Archdiocese gather to celebrate and witness God's election of those seeking to be received into the Church at Easter and their election to become one with the Catholic community of faith as they are presented to the Archbishop and his delegates; Bishop Don Sproxtton, Vicar General Fr Peter Whitely, and Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of the Cathedral. *Further info:* Karen Hart, rcia@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 6104 3696.

10-12 Mar BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE WEEKENDS

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11 Mar BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN



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The Mary MacKillop Foundation invites you to "*Breakfast in the Garden*". Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones. Garden Venue; **Saturday 11 March, 8am, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)**. Bring \$15 for breakfast. BYO chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen and smiles! RSVP before 7 March to Laurie Mayne 08 9271 5649, or ljmayne@optusnet.com.au

15 Mar **AUTUMN PRAYER DAY**

Come join us and experience a gentle, prayerful day, reflecting on the theme, "*Finding Healing and Hope in Creation*" **Wednesday 15 March 10-1pm**. Tea and light lunch provided. **Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay**. Cost by donation. RSVP essential for catering purposes. *Further info:* Sr Dianne 08 9527 3240 or dianne.colborne@sosj.org.au.

17 Mar **ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS**

St Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, 17 March, 10am** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth**. Principal celebrant and homilist is Rev Fr Vincent Conroy. Please note that there is limited parking at the Cathedral. Other parking is available at PCC Parking Stations in the vicinity. The Red Cat free bus service runs past the Cathedral regularly and stops at other convenient locations, particularly Perth Train Station. [Click here](#) for flyer.

Further info: 08 9446 3784 or paultanham@tpg.com.au.

17-19 Mar **LAUDATO SI WEEKEND RETREAT 1**

Brother Terry Casey and Sr Shelly Barlow RNDM, are offering a series of four *Laudato Si* Weekend Retreats across March to July. The first of the Weekend Retreats will be on **Friday 17 March, 4pm to Sunday 19 March, 2pm**, at **Kilmolee, Safety Bay, Ministry of the Josephite Sisters, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay**. *Further info:* flyer and registration contact Sr Shelley Barlow RNDM 08 9271 3873, 0499 352 899 or sbarlowrndm@gmail.com; or Br Terry Casey CFC, 0422 966 453, tmcasey@edmundrice.org

24-26 Mar **FOOT WASHING AWAITING DISCOVERY**

For most Christians washing each other's feet is simply a curiosity of the liturgy. Many have never seen it done, much less done it. However it is a well-founded action, one that goes back to the practice of Jesus and is one of the signs used by St John the Evangelist in his preaching of the Gospel. During this weekend we will ask what we do and what it means when we wash each other's feet. We will discuss who might do it, what is needed and how to get started. We will consider times other than Holy Thursday when we might do foot washing. The text book for this reading weekend will be *Washing Feet: Imitating the Example of Jesus in the Liturgy Today*, by Thomas O'Loughlin available at www.bookdepository.com or through the Institute



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for \$20. Cost: \$300. **Further info:** Sr Jill O'Brien sgs jill.obrien@newnorcia.wa.edu.au or Sr Carmel Posa sgs carmel.posa@newnorcia.wa.edu.au or 08 9654 8371.

25 Mar OUR RELATIONSHIP TOGETHER: ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Co-facilitated by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Catholics, this workshop is an important foundation in understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their experiences past, present and future. It begins a journey of reconciliation so that our communities can be beacons of light for justice and understanding. **Saturday 25 March, 10-4pm Newman Siena Centre, Doubleview.** For registration; www.cfe.org.au. **Further info:** Aboriginal Catholic Ministry 08 93287529 or acm@perthcatholic.org.au.

21-23 Apr "CHRIST IS RISEN" - CYM YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Need some time away for rest, personal reflection and to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Join other young adults for an incredible weekend away to reflect on the Easter theme of "Christ is Risen". The retreat will include inspirational Catholic speakers, music, prayer, Mass, discussions and much more! Young Adults ages 18-35. **Eagles Nest Retreat Centre, Gidgegannup.** Cost Early bird \$100 (before 1st March). Standard registration \$130 (registrations close 7th April) includes food & accommodation. **Further info** or to register www.cym.com.au; admin@cym.com.au or 08 9422 7912.

OTHER POINTS

BUS DRIVERS REQUIRED FOR SUBIACO PARISH - CAMINO SALVADO PILGRIMAGE

The Annual Camino Salvado Pilgrimage from Subiaco to New Norcia, conducted under the auspices of St Joseph's Parish, is in need of volunteer support drivers for the 2017 Camino commencing **Sunday 20 August to Sunday 27 August** and again from **Sunday 3 September to Sunday 10 September**. The Volunteer drivers are required to be suitably licensed for a 25 seater bus and a support driver for 1 tonne van. All accommodation and meals supplied. Must be prepared to supervise and support walkers en-route. The Parish has conducted the annual pilgrimage since its inception in 2009 and is highly regarded for the opportunity it provides for 24 pilgrims on each walk to follow in the footsteps of Bishop Rosendo Salvado and his 1846 trek to New Norcia. **Further info:** Camino Salvado Organising Committee on 0418 742 701 or gwishart@inet.net.au.

2017 JOSEPHITE SPIRITUALITY BROCHURE

A copy of the 2017 Josephite Spirituality Brochure which includes all our usual events and more such as *Come and See, Praying our Experiences, Retreats, Prayer Days, Remembering*



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Mary MacKillop, and Associates' Gatherings is now available. To get a copy please contact Laura; 08 9334 0999 or laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au.

CONVENANT

The Centre for Liturgy will release the Lent 2017 Small Groups Program in February 2017. Place your order now. **Further info:** cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

EVERY SATURDAY EVENING: DIVINE LITURGY IN ENGLISH

A touch of the East in the West! Mass in the Eastern Catholic Churches is known as the "Divine Liturgy". There is a Divine Liturgy celebrated in English every Saturday evening (Vigil for Sunday) at **6pm** at the **Ukrainian Catholic Church of St John the Baptist, 20 Ferguson St, Maylands**. All are most welcome. **Further info:** anzac25@inet.net.au.

PRAISE HEALING AND BIBLE TEACHING

Every Wednesday, 7.30-9.30pm. Flame Ministries, Lion of Judah Catholic Charismatic Prayer Fellowship. **Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 46 Thomas Street, Nedlands.** **Further info:** fmi@flameministries.org or www.flameministries.org/praise.htm.

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REFLECTIONS

BISHOP SPROXTON: THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT YOU LEARN FROM THE PERSON YOU ACCOMPANY

Sometimes when things do get tough, for me to look back on those moments where you say to yourself, I wonder how I persevered with a commitment to those friends that have been in my life, those people that we serve, people with disabilities. How is it that I was able to hang in there over all these years, when there've been other things in my life that I've tried to do and only after a short period of time I gave up, it was too difficult and I went to something else, because I thought I could handle that. The fact that you have been able to do this work for such a long time, so faithfully, with great commitment, great energy, despite all the misgivings, is a sign to me that the Holy Spirit is in you, and working in you. The spirit that was given to you on the day of your baptism. You might remember that, when you're having



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a bad day, when it's not going the way that you want it to. Remember the times when it did work. Sometimes we need those memories of the sense of success that the spirit working with me has been able to achieve. So I guess that's really what Jesus is saying to us. Yes, I'm asking you to do things that are at times very hard to do, I'm asking you to be a people who love others, care for others and are prepared to live as I have lived. And as hard as all that is, know that whenever you have those experiences, know that those are experiences that you are aware of the Spirit of God working with you. The Spirit is there every day of your life, but you don't always see that. Sometimes it's so obvious that we know it, they're the memories to hold on to, they're the things to embrace and to say, 'thank you Lord, what you have promised and what you have said is true, and I have experienced it for myself.' So we hope that we will open ourselves in prayer to the Holy Spirit, inviting the Holy Spirit to come more and more into our lives. Maybe a better way of saying that is 'help me recognise its presence there, and recognise the amazing things that he's done with me'.

(Homily: Personal Advocacy Service Missioning, 12 February, 2017)

POPE FRANCIS: LENT IS A FAVOURABLE SEASON FOR OPENING THE DOORS TO ALL THOSE IN NEED

... Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion. 1. The other person is a gift. The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful. The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means "God helps". This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).



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Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognising their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognising in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man. 2. Sin blinds us.

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013). The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62). The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.



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Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Mt 6:24). 3. The Word is a gift...

[General Audience](#): *8 February 2017, Holy Father's Message for Lent 2017, St Peter's Square, Vatican City*