

**Entrance Antiphon**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading** **Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**  
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**  
The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**Second Reading** **James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith

and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good New of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Gospel** **Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**The gospel of the Lord**  
**Praise to Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



**Catholicism Series by Bishop Robert Barron- DVD Presentation**

A group of young adults are interested in knowing more about the faith. Parishioners who would like to enrich their faith are most welcome to attend.

Please register your interest on the Clipboard in the Foyer. This programme will be held for the next 5 weeks in the Church hall

**Starting on 17 August 2024 at 4pm for an hour**

Enquiries: Deacon Trevor and Deirdre Lyra



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**PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES**

Sat 7th	6:00pm	<b>Vigil Holy Mass - Soul of Sylvia Harding</b>
Sun 8th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	<b>Holy Mass - For the Parishioners</b> <b>Holy Mass - Soul of Nonna Gina</b> <b>Holy Mass - For the Parishioners</b>
Mon 9th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Rosary Communion Service / Holy Mass
Tue 10th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 11th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Thu 12th	10:45am 6:30am 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 13th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Rosary Holy Mass <b>Adoration</b>
Sat 14th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This week is an exciting one for our Year 1 and 2 students as they venture to Kalamunda History Village on an excursion. The children have been learning about how life has changed over the years. They are certainly fascinated by the "olden day" things that parents and grandparents have kept over the years. Who thought there was a time before electricity! The whole school will be enjoying a Science incursion on Wednesday.

Our new Science Lab has been a huge success this year, with the children completing lots of hands on experiments and asking lots and lots of interesting questions.

The Year 3 students are continuing their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, along with their Parish peers. Please continue to pray for them.

For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email [admin@gibney.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gibney.wa.edu.au).

**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF  
SEPT  
SAINTS**

- SEPT 15** Our Lady of Sorrows
- SEPT 16** St Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian
- SEPT 20** St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions
- SEPT 21** St Matthew
- SEPT 23** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- SEPT 27** St Vincent de Paul
- SEPT 30** St Jerome

**CATECHISTS:**  
We are in need of catechists on Tuesday evening. The program is simple and easy to learn. Training will be given. A Working with Children Card would also be required. Please consider this wonderful service to our Parish. **Thank you.** Philomena Theseira 0417 936 757

**NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET 300,000.00**

**AUGUST '24 -\$14,505.35 | EOFY '24 | TOTAL RAISED - \$293,852.51**

We are now fundraising for tables/chairs and external finishing's. These include air conditioning, paving, landscaping, repairs to asphalt, crossover, car park upgrade, disable access ramps, CoK mandates. The following items have been kindly donated: kitchen fridge, microwave, kettle, urn, 75" TV. The deadline for benefactor plaque names is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**  
**GRAND OPENING | Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

**EFT Bank Details:**  
National Australia Bank Limited  
**BSB No.** 086-006  
**Account No.** 90517-9623  
**Cheques Made Payable to:**  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!  
**Fr. Joseph (Parish Priest) and Jennifer (PPC)**

**Calling all Small Business Owners**

Are you a painter, landscaper, plumber, electrician, carpenter, handyman, tax accountant, or own a small business and provide specified services, products or a skill to share? Then we are very keen to know more!

The Parish has benefited from few of our talented Parishioners and their small businesses over the years, and we want to encourage other tradesmen or small businesses in our Parish to share more about what their small business can offer. You've always supported the Parish, we would love to reciprocate and support you!

If you would like to promote your small business on the Parish Website and help us build our Parish Small Business Directory - Please place your business card in the 'Small Business Jar' in the foyer or email your Business Name, Contact, Contact Details to

**IMPORTANT UPDATE: SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH WORKERS :**

Volunteers who have yet to do please submit the necessary paperwork as soon as possible. So you could continue your volunteer work in our church.


**Thank you for your cooperation.** For more information contact our safeguarding officers: Marcia Nobrega and Enzo Vettorel.

**Please return the necessary complete form to Father Joseph, Deacon or send it to the Parish office through email.**

**For the Sick:** Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Surr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido, Shanelle Murray, Lucy Aung-Sein, Charmaine Samuel.

**Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Joseph**

**In Memoriam:** Bridget Patricia Willie, Shaun Lynch, Jerome Murphy, Ante Curavic, Frank Treen, Laurence Jepp, Gladys Stann, Bortolo Battaglia, Bill Morris, Marjorie Jane Blakiston, Clayton Ernest Kunning, Judy Fahey, Eddie Casey, Nonna Gina, Sylvia Harding.

Parish Centre Diary			<b>Parish Centre Construction Update:</b> The works continue with the fit out inside the parish centre. The retaining wall has been installed near the entrance, Steps and a ramp are yet to be installed.  The paving and concrete has been removed from in front of the old parish centre and fill placed and levelled in preparation for the paving and proposed garden beds. Access to the toilets and office is now from the rear of the old parish centre until the work is completed. Please be careful when negotiating this area and follow the signs. <b>Thank you., PPC</b>
Sun 8th	9:30 am	Children Liturgy	
Tue 10th	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary	
Wed 11th	4:00pm	Ukulele group	
Thu 12th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study	
Fri 13th	10:00am	Morning Tea	



**NOTE:**  
Fr Joseph Kumar Raja from India will be in our Parish for a few days to help celebrate our Patron St Francis of Assisi Feast and to join the celebration of Fr Joseph's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. While in our Parish he will also give some Reflections and Seminars for our Parishioners during weekends in September and during 3 day Novena to the Feast of St Francis on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Parishioners are requested to make the best of his presence as he is a scholar in Education, Theology and a great writer too. We warmly welcome him to spend his holiday with us from 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**- Fr Joseph.**  
A detailed program will be on Notice Board soon

**SAFEGUARDING WEEK:**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

7th/8thSept	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Graham B	Amanda A	Adrian D	Philip M
<b>1st Reader</b>	Imelda B	Kevin F	Philomena T	Paolo J
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Armelle P	Gale M	Marguerite W	Lauren M
<b>Acolyte</b>	Vince	Clem	Brian	Michael
14th/15th Sept	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Ashley A	Jennifer D	Helga S	Benjo C
<b>1st Reader</b>	Wyonna P	Gale M	Renato B	Margaret O
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Joash J	Diannne C	Marguerite W	Sarah M
<b>Acolyte</b>	Josef	Edwin	Adrian	David

	7th/8thSept	14th/15th Sept
<b>Counters</b>	Cora Zefera, Denise Burnaby, Pier Walker	Mary & Joe Kaciuba, Louise & Maurice Castelli
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Sue Dodgson, Amber David	Pastor Family
<b>Reading for</b>	Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37	Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35