

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Mass Readings**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading Deut 18:15-20**

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35**

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried

man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia

**Gospel Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**The gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B – 28th JANUARY 2024**



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**PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES**

Sat 27th	6:00pm	<b>Vigil Holy Mass - For the Parishioners</b>
Sun 28th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - <b>For the Parishioners</b> Holy Mass - <b>Souls of Nonna Gina</b> Holy Mass - <b>For the Parishioners</b>
Mon 29th	6:00 pm 6:30pm	Rosary Communion Service /Holy Mass
Tue 30th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 31st	6:00pm 6:30 pm	Exposition, Adoration & Novena Holy Mass
Thu 1st	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home</b> Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 2nd	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Rosary <b>Holy Mass - First Friday - Anointing Mass</b> Adoration
Sat 3rd	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS - AGM**



The St Francis of Assisi Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10:45am in the Parish Hall.

**AGENDA** : Reports by the Parish Priest, Chairperson, Finance and Planning and Development Building Project.

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

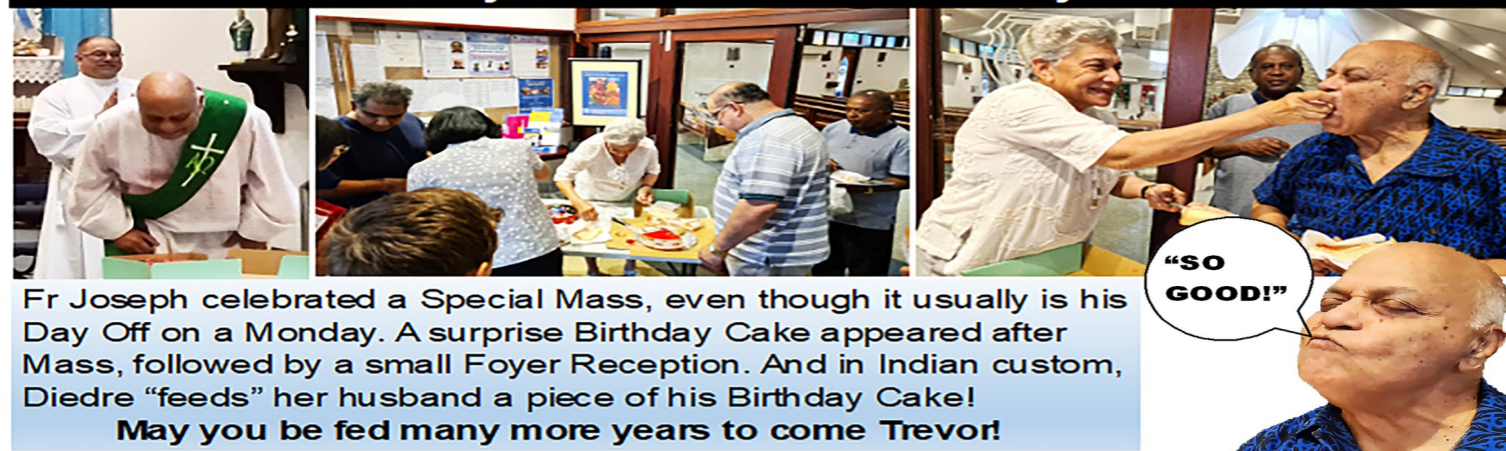
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) : Call for nominations of Councillors – **4 Vacancies exist.**

Nominations forms are in the Church foyer. Please place completed forms in the box provided by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Parishioners, please consider nominating yourself or another Parishioner. Please also join other Parish volunteer activities.

A vacancy also exists for the **PPC Secretary** and this position does not need to be a councillor. Please advise Father Joseph, Deacon Trevor or the Parish Secretary Ms. Joela Sequeira on 94546385 or maida.vale@perthcatholic.org.au.

The Annual General Meeting Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and reports are in a file in the foyer – please do not remove from the foyer.

**Deacon Trevor Lyra turned 84 last Monday 22nd Jan 2024**



Fr Joseph celebrated a Special Mass, even though it usually is his Day Off on a Monday. A surprise Birthday Cake appeared after Mass, followed by a small Foyer Reception. And in Indian custom, Diedre “feeds” her husband a piece of his Birthday Cake!  
**May you be fed many more years to come Trevor!**

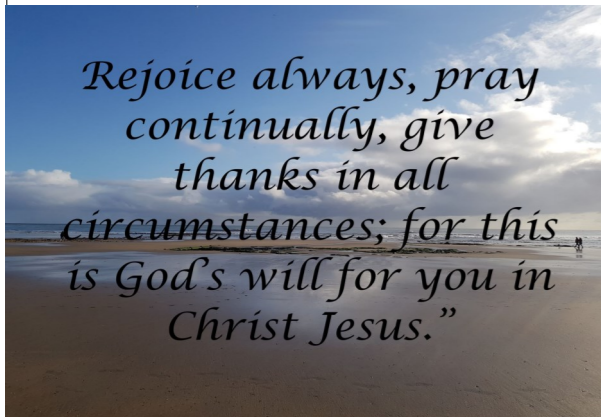




**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

**SAINTS**

- JAN 31:** St JOHN BOSCO
- FEB 2:** THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
- FEB 5:** St Agatha
- FEB 6:** St Paul Miki
- FEB 10:** St Scholastica
- FEB 14:** ASH WEDNESDAY
- FEB 22:** The Chair of St Peter



**Renewing a WWC Card**

*"Child-related work carried out by an individual as a minister of religion or in any other capacity for the purposes of a religious organization"*

WWC Cards are valid for **three** years. If you are continuing your child-related volunteer work you **must renew** your WWC Check before it expires. There are two ways to renew:

- complete and submit an online renewal form on the WWC Check website, if eligible; or
- complete a WWC Check application form and lodge it at authorised Australia Post outlet.

You should renew at least one month before your current WWC Card expires and no earlier than three months.

**It is an offence to engage in child-related volunteer work when you do not have a current WWC Card. Fines of \$60 000 and imprisonment for 5 years apply.**

**For the Sick:** Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Joan Andree, Doreen Webber, Theresa Hendroff, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido.

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

**In Memoriam:** Guy D'Silva, Charles Harold Sandstone (St Camillus), Horace Baldwin, Mildred Thompson, Rosaria Knight, Patrick Koek, Mary Ellen Cooper, Joel David Sharp, Cynthia Sabbage, Barbara Loughton, Susan Fleming, Raymond Walker, Amy Pauline Devellerez, Teresa Marie Roberts, Joan Marcar, Mrs. Elsie De Souza, Russell Wing, Mike Samuel, Hectore Gracious, Michael Conway, Rani Teresa Xavier, Vashti Melba Lynch, Fr. Patrick Cunningham, Nonna Gina.

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

**DECEMBER '23 - \$28,998.75 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$170,711.98**

A big thank you to the families who have already donated. Would other families kindly consider our request and help us reach our target. There are brochures and a clearly marked Parish Fundraising Box in the Church foyer. EFTPOS terminal available for debit and credit card transactions with a printed customer receipt in the Sacristy after the weekend masses

**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 Joe Kaciuba (PPC)**

**PREP – PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Registration for our classes will take place on Tuesday 30th January from 4-6pm in the Parish hall. Please register your children for classes on this day. The cost for the year is \$45 per child. Classes are each Tuesday from 4.30-5.30pm during the school term. They are for students from year 2 upwards and include the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

For enquiries phone Philomena on 0417 936 757. Thank you.

Parish Centre Diary		
<b>Sun 28th</b>	9:30 am	No Children Liturgy
<b>Tue 30th</b>	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary
<b>Wed 31st</b>	4:00pm	Ukulele group
<b>Thu 1st</b>	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	10:00am	Morning Tea

**Parish Centre Construction Update**



Parish Centre Work has commenced on installing the roof tiles

Parishioners need to be careful when entering and exiting the carpark and to abide by any signs. Parents should ensure children are supervised around the works and when visiting the toilets. Be aware that there are some stormwater pipes that may become a trip hazard near the old Parish Hall.  
**Thank you., PPC**

**Back-To-School Prayer**

Loving God,  
Watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will commence on Sunday the 4th February at the 9.30am Mass. Please ensure you bring your child/ children to the hall by 9.30am so that we can start on time.

The main focus for the children is to hear the Gospel at their level and then do an activity relating to the Gospel reading. Children from Kindy to Year 4 are welcome. The children will join you at mass after the Prayers of the Faithful.

For enquiries contact Philomena 0417936757.

We wish our school a grand opening of a New School Year and our children a Warm Welcome to school.

We wish and pray for a successful new school Year from January 31, 2024.

27th/28th Jan	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Graham B	Joe K	Helga S	Youth Mass
<b>1st Reader</b>	Wyonna P	Amanda A	Renato B	
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Jan F	Frances A	Neha K	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Vince P	Clem	Brian M	Lester R
3rd/4th Feb	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	George F	Joe K	Matt W	Philip M
<b>1st Reader</b>	Jan F	Frances H	Philomena T	Margaret O
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Abigail R	Sue D	Levinia K	Paolo J
<b>Acolyte</b>	Josef D	Clem	Edwin	David T

	27th/28th Jan	3rd/4th Feb
<b>Counters</b>	Ingrid Dekker, Bill Pocock, Betty Flynn, Christine Peters	Brian Menezes, Evelyn Ramos
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Thomas Family, Ramos family	Deirdre Lyra, Maria Ryan
<b>Reading for</b>	Deut 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28	Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39