

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

**Entrance Antiphon**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God

**First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. he fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 6-7**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on

the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia

**Gospel Mark 1:21-28**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

**The gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B – 4th FEBRUARY 2024**



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**PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES**

Sat 3rd	6:00pm	<b>Vigil Holy Mass - For the Parishioners</b>
Sun 4th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - <b>Souls of Michael Joseph Holmes, Robert (Bob) Charles Lortan.</b> Holy Mass - <b>Souls of Nonna Gina.</b> Holy Mass - <b>Soul of Jack Creane.</b>
Mon 5th	6:00 pm 6:30pm	Rosary Communion Service /Holy Mass
Tue 6th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass - <b>Thanksgiving Mass for Shanelle Murray, Joshua Murray</b>
Wed 7th	11:00am 6:00pm 6:30 pm	<b>Holy Mass— Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe</b> Exposition, Adoration & Novena Holy Mass
Thu 8th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home</b> Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 9th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration
Sat 10th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Wednesday 31st January the children at Matthew Gibney were welcomed back to school by their teachers, who have high hopes for another successful year of student achievement, not only academically, also spiritually through the Making Jesus Real program our parish school has as part of its guide for the students preparing them for everyday life.

The first day of school is a day of mixed emotions for all families. For some children it's the delight of catching up with their mates from last year, for the students that are new to the school having moved from somewhere else it's the concern of making new friends. The biggest challenge is for the first timers, that being the child or parents, but for all students and their families they will find a special welcome waiting for them at this very special primary.

If you are new to the parish and are not sure where you would like to send your little ones, can I suggest you speak to the lovely people at Matthew Gibney first, to see if they can assist you with your choice.

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).

**Bring peace to communities in need**



In parts of Nigeria, ongoing conflicts between communities, marked by threats to safety and security, are all too common. Poverty, food insecurity, violent extremism, and tensions among ethnic groups have contributed to instability and violence. Beyond these challenges, our missionaries in Nigeria are facing fear and violence. In 2022 alone, four priests were killed, and 28 others were kidnapped. Amidst this danger, there are young seminarians who continue to answer their calling to the priesthood and to peace.

**Will you help train the next generation of church leaders who are dedicated to serving God and their communities?**

Your support assists seminarians in areas of conflict with formation, education and essential supplies to equip them on their journey to priesthood.

**To support seminarians in areas of conflict and help bring peace to communities in need, visit [catholicmission.org.au/peace](http://catholicmission.org.au/peace) or scan the QR code. To make an ongoing difference, please consider becoming a monthly Mission Partner.**



**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF  
FEBRUARY  
SAINTS**

- FEB 5:** St Agatha
- FEB 6:** St Paul Miki
- FEB 10:** St Scholastica
- FEB 14:** ASH WEDNESDAY
- FEB 22:** The Chair of St Peter

Parishioners please note that on **14th February Wednesday, ASH WEDNESDAY** - Masses are at 8:00am for the parishioners and 9:30 am children of Matthew Gibney School will come to the Parish. Parishioners are reminded of Abstinence and fast on that day.

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

**JANUARY '24 - \$16,502.00 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$187,213.98**

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)**



**FINAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL LETTER**

Please make sure to take a copy of Father Joseph's personal letter to all Parishioners this weekend. It is vitally important that you take the time to read and reflect upon it. It provides a summary of where we are as a Parish community with the construction of the new Parish Centre. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated to help complete this project. **God Bless**

**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.

**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:** Vashti Melba Lynch, Fr. Patrick Cunningham, Patrick John Deegan, Li Marshall, Mary Pereira, Monica Ginbey, Betty Bonnaud, Edward Charles Cunnold, John Skinner, Charles Richard Pemberton, Rene Michaud, Francis Hargreaves, Gilbert Savy, Father Lance Caldwell, James Skinner, Alfonsina Nardini, Denis Hugh Clasby, Tom Corrigan, Nonna Gina, Michael Joseph Holmes, Robert (Bob) Charles Lortan, Jack Creane.

**Parish Centre Diary**

<b>Sun 4th</b>	9:30 am	No Children Liturgy
<b>Tue 6th</b>	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary
<b>Wed 7th</b>	4:00pm	Ukulele group
<b>Thu 8th</b>	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study
<b>Fri 9th</b>	10:00am	Morning Tea

**Parish Centre Construction Update**



Parish Centre Work has The roof tiles have been installed and the roof is now completed and looks wonderful. The sewer connection is now completed also. The electrical work is going on.

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**

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**



**3 PM FIRST SUNDAY**



**BIBLE STUDIES**



**BIBLE STUDY:** During New Year, a proposal is there to study of the Gospel of John in detail. Those willing to join, please write names with Foyer. Study will be as usual at

7:00pm on Thursdays.

Fr. Joseph

**Note:** Please sign YOUR NAMES up on the sheet in the foyer.

**PREP – PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Registration for our classes will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

3rd/4th Feb	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	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
10th/11th Feb	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Graham B	Amanda A	Helga S	Benjo C
<b>1st Reader</b>	Armelle P	Kevin F	Tibor A	Lauren M
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Imelda B	Jennifer D	Renato B	Sarah M
<b>Acolyte</b>	Edwin	Josef D	Adrian	Brian M

	3rd/4th Feb	10th/11th Feb
<b>Counters</b>	Brian Menezes, Evelyn Ramos	Cora Zefera, Denise Burnaby, Pier Walker
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Deirdre Lyra, Maria Ryan	Helga Sassenberg, Joyce Wright
<b>Reading for</b>	Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45