

Dear brothers and sisters,

The theme of this week's readings is the boundless generosity of God: God gives freely and in extravagant measure. In the First Reading, (Is 55:1-3) the prophet gives the exiles a vision of the abundant messianic age where wine and milk flow freely. The invitation to 'come to the water' suggests that what is on offer is a divine enhancement of life. All spiritualities seek to tap this source of life which like a spring of water, is freely given and always available. In the consoling Second Reading (Rom 8: 35. 37-39) Paul affirms that nothing can separate us from God's self-gift love of God in Christ Jesus. Today's Gospel (Matt 14:13-21) looks back to God's gift of food in the wilderness while it looks forward to the gift of the Eucharist and to the final banquet in the Kingdom of God.

Herod's execution of John the Baptist highlights the danger in which Jesus himself now stands. So, he withdraws hoping for some peace and quiet. A great crowd of people thwart this plan. What they demand from Jesus in Matthew is healing (in Mark 6:34 he 'teaches'). He responds to their needs and they show no inclination to go home. So, the disciples seeking to protect Jesus urge him to send the crowds to nearby villages to buy provisions for the night.

'Buy' seems to be the word that sparks off Jesus' response. Jesus will not send people away to 'buy' anything – nor should his disciples. We can't buy salvation it is a gift which we can share freely. 'There is no need for them to go; give them something to eat yourselves.' When the astonished disciples point out that they barely have enough for themselves, Jesus provides more than enough food for the whole crowd.

Central to this Gospel is the way in which the episode anticipates the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus' gestures – 'taking (the loaves)', 'blessing', 'breaking', 'giving' – are those he makes at the Last Supper (Matt 26:26). It is the same at mass where the priest takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread of life. When we participate in the Eucharist we experience the same abundant divine hospitality that the Galilean crowds received from Jesus. The Lord who looked upon the large crowd and took pity on them, looks with similar eyes upon our world and instructs us, as he instructed his disciples, 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. As Pedro Arrupe said, 'The Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in our world.'—*Blessings, Greg*



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 14th August—Mass at 7.00pm (You must register for this Mass. More details on the next page)

Saturday 15th August—Masses at 8.30am and 6.00pm

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation, which means all baptised Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.

Child Protection Week Competition 2020

- Open to all young people 12 – 18 years.
- Create a 2-minute media clip outlining the importance of 'Putting children's needs first'.
- First prize \$500 Gift Voucher
- Entry forms are available from the back of the church or visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding
- Entry closes Friday 14th August.



The Safeguarding Office in consultation with the Archbishops office will shortlist a number of finalists. On Tuesday 8th September a Showreel featuring these finalists' media clips will be made available on the Safeguarding Website www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding and through some Catholic Secondary Schools. Peers/friends/students are encouraged to watch the showreel and vote for the best clip. The winners will be announced at the 11 am CPW Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral.

Let your voice be heard! Get creative! The entry forms and flyers are available from the church foyer.



HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to ill health, one of our cleaning teams is urgently in need of help. We need at least 5 people per team and at the moment one of our teams has only TWO people, which makes it very difficult. If you are available on a Thursday morning for an hour ONCE A MONTH ONLY from 10.00am, please contact the parish office on 9276 8500.



An Update from Lectio Divina Group

Due to the COVID-19, we have not met for some time. However, as a "starting to resume step", we are suggesting we get the winter series papers which commence from Monday August 10. To those who would like to have a set of winter series papers to pray at home, please contact Brendan or Fran on 9276 8336 to express your interest.—*Brendan Clifford*

You are invited

Thanksgiving Mass (Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)—Friday 14 August at 7pm in the Church



50th Anniversary

Fr Greg has two milestones coming up in August; the 50th Anniversary of his profession as a Carmelite on August 15th and his 70th birthday on August 20th. You are invited to join your community at this joyful celebration of the Eucharist to thank God for the gifts of Fr Greg's life and service.

Due to the Phase 4 Covid regulations, numbers will be limited, so you will need to register your attendance at this Mass. You can do this by using the Eventbrite app or go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search "**Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Greg**" or by contacting the parish office or register on the list in the Church foyer.

After Mass Celebration—7.30pm to 9.30pm (REGISTER SEPARATELY)

After the Mass, a light supper will be served. Due to the smaller capacity of the parish centre, numbers for this celebration will be more restricted. You must reserve a place (separately from the Mass celebration). If you wish to attend; and again, if you reserve a place at the supper and then find you are unable to attend, please contact the parish office to withdraw your reservation. To register for supper, please go to Eventbrite app or go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for "**After Mass Celebration with Fr Greg**" or register on the list in the foyer or contact parish office.

Celebration Morning Tea (REGISTER SEPARATELY)

For those who wish to share in the celebrations but are unable to attend on the Friday evening, and also to allow more people the opportunity to celebrate with Fr Greg, there will be a Devonshire tea held after the 8.30am Mass for the Assumption on the 15th August. Make your booking via the Eventbrite app, or go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for "**Celebration Morning Tea with Fr Greg**" or via the list on the foyer or contact parish office. Again, if you reserve a place at the morning tea and are then unable to attend, please contact the office to withdraw your reservation.



PLEASE NOTE: If you miss out on reserving a place at the Mass or the supper or morning tea, please contact the office to put your name on a "wait list", in case others cancel their reservation.

Gifts

Some parishioners have been asking about giving a gift to mark the occasion. Envelopes are available in the foyer near the Mass request slip if you wish to use these. You may leave your monetary gift in the collection box at the back of the Church or give to Fr Greg directly.

BAR TABLES

Preparation is underway for Fr Greg's party in the parish hall. We are looking to borrow 8 bar tables for the evening of 14th August. If anyone has any that we could borrow, please contact Billie in the parish office 9276 8500. Thank you.



If we want our Masses to continue...

then please put your hand up to clean the pews after Sunday Masses. Under the Covid-19 regulations, we are required to regularly clean the areas being used. After Mass, offer your help to wipe down seats and pew backs. Gloves and cleaning materials are provided. Thank you.



PILGRIM STATUE—This week in the home of Sandra Haney, 2 Richards Place, Noranda
Ph: 0412 589 461.

Please put your name on the roster in the foyer if you would like to host the statue in your home.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Marie Cadd, June Pearce, Patricia Wilson, Robert Jennings, Angela Colace and Giulia Sallese;

Deceased: Rudy Fairman, Peter Meek, the deceased members of Pham family and Doug Bolton;

Anniversaries: Iris D'Rozario, Glenville de Silva, Mary D'Abbondio and Rita Riberi, Giuseppina Puglia, Evelyn and Walter Graham, Richard Montaut and Vernon Collins, Costantino Colace;

The Sick of the Parish: Sr Kathleen Price and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs."

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PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

If you have donated through the project compassion boxes or envelopes, you may collect your receipts from the sacristy after Mass.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR PARISH BULLETIN TO THE STAND AT THE END OF MASS

In accordance with WA government COVID-19 directives, parish bulletins or any other printed materials may not be re-used.

UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

The LITURGY is the **summit** toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the **fount** from which all the Church's power flows. *SC 10*

COLUMBARIUM ENQUIRIES

The Columbarium committee is once again available each Wednesday in the parish centre for Columbarium enquiries and bookings, from 9.30am - 11.00am. If this time is not possible for you, please call the parish office on 9276 8500 to arrange a suitable time to meet with one of the committee.

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