

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35) is a turning point in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus raises with his disciples the issue of his identity. As they accompanied him on his journeys through Galilee they must have wondered who this extraordinary person was. Now, the moment has come for Jesus to draw from the disciples an explicit acknowledgement of his identity. He asks them who people think he is. The response comes back in the shape of various prophetic figures. Increasingly, however, the disciples, as distinct from the mass of the people, have been the focus of Jesus' attention and instruction. So, when Jesus puts the question to them, Peter as spokesperson for the group gets it right: 'You are the Christ (the Messiah).'

As usual in Mark's Gospel Jesus strictly enjoins the disciples not to pass on this knowledge to anyone else and then goes on immediately to speak of his coming passion and death. The knowledge that he is Messiah is not to be separated from the kind of Messiah he is to be: not one who will be served and honoured as one of the rulers of this world, but one who is 'to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (10:45). For the rest of the Gospel the disciples wrestle unsuccessfully with this. Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah will fulfil his messianic role by entering into the pain and violence of this world, even to his death.

Peter tells Jesus that this is unthinkable. How can it be that the Messiah should suffer in such a way! The long journey to Jerusalem that makes up the second half of the Gospel will be a futile attempt on Jesus' part to get the disciples to understand this issue. Only the women disciples will remain with Jesus in his suffering to the end (14:3-9; 15:40-41, 47). Jesus' rebuke to Peter is severe: 'Get behind me, Satan!' The well-meant attempt to save Jesus frustrates God's gift of life to the world through the cross of Jesus. It will be by taking the road to death that Jesus will become the instrument of life, and his followers must take up their cross and follow after him. At the end of the story (the Passion) the male disciples fail miserably. But that wasn't the end of the story. God's power triumphed over human failure in resurrection.—*Blessings, Greg*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, caring and relationship?



We invite you to attend a live-out Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held at Prendiville College, Ocean Reef on the 16th and 17 October. It may be the best gift you can give to each other this year. For more information about the Weekend or Weekends in 2022 contact Valerie or Brendon on 0424 220

UNDERSTANDING LITURGY Community makes a Difference

***The Church makes eucharist;
the eucharist makes the Church***

This week is the second of a series of topics on all things liturgical. The church is dynamic and forever moving to serve the needs of the people of God in each century. It is easy to use language for things that have been part of our growing in the faith. Church scholars have seen the need to change some terminology and rituals to help us move and grow more in our faith and resonate with us in modern times. Very often this new language assists us to discover new insights and find deeper meaning for the rituals and actions that participate in.

The handout is available in the narthex (foyer) of the church after Mass.



CHURCH CLEANING TEAM STILL NEEDS YOU!

Do you have an hour to spare once a month? Our **Thursday** morning church cleaning team needs your help. We need another pair of hands to help with vacuuming our church.

Please if you could assist, contact Billie on 9276 8500 in the parish office.

Thanks from Fr Tadgh

Anyone who enters the Parish Centre these last few days may have seen a predominance of green. I'm humbled by the thought that all this activity has been in my favour to mark a milestone birthday and a milestone Profession Day one year post Covid havoc.

I have already been showered with gifts, cards, digital messages (on all platforms) of congratulations, support and prayers for this double celebration.

As the years pass I feel more and more indebted to the intercession of Mary Queen of Carmel.

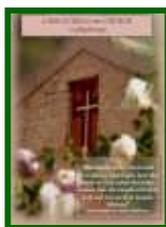
The Office Staff and other volunteers coordinated by Billie, have gone out of their way to mark this occasion which took place on Sat 11 Sept. I see it as an occasion, not just for me, but for all of you to share the joy of the Lord, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.—*Fr Tadgh*

thank you

STILL AVAILABLE A Little GUIDE to our Church—a pilgrimage

Our parish is so fortunate and grateful to have friends who came together, brainstorming, researching, creating and publishing this beautiful pilgrimage booklet. It is designed to be your guide and it takes you on a walking tour as you read the story of our Church.

The booklet points out to you all the carefully chosen artefacts and sacred items along with an explanation of the purpose behind the design and choice of materials. It is an interesting story told with pride and love. Don't forget to pick your very own copy today. Available at the piety stall for just \$5 each to cover printing costs.



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

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Joe McAteer, Henryk Zaba, Merlyn Yorke, Allen Pereira;

Deceased: Basil Yorke;

Anniversaries: Sr. Andrea Sawian, Simon Andrew Sawian, Rocco Lemme, Rudy Fairman, Carmela Rogantini and Giuseppe Codispoti;

The Sick of the Parish: Charles Reincastle and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"I am the light of the world, say the Lord"

THIS WEEKEND —24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—11/12 September 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Paul Wachtel	David Pham	Conan Dewitt
Altar Servers	Shawn; David; Josemiguel and Andres	Jamie; Mary and Elizabeth	Allan and Akash	Dylan; Shaun and Alyssa
Proclaimers	Marie and Naethan	Sally and Shirley	Mike and Julia	Marion W and Paul
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and Linda	Mike and Kathleen	Joan and Annette N	Tristan and Marie
Hospitality	Roopa and Marisol	Angela and Francisca	Jeanette and Patrick	Julie and Eloise
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 9 September @ 9.45am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

NEXT WEEKEND — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—18/19 September 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Elysha; Carmen and Alexis	Madeleine and Frank	Crissant; Cesar and Leah	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Clare and Sabrina	Liz and Brian	Personal Advocacy (Chris A)	Fely and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Noeline and Bryan	Josephine and Anna	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Barb and Veronica	Marion and Zina	Brenda and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 18 September @ 9.30am			

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In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 12 this year. This has previously been known as Child Protection Sunday, but the Bishops Conference approved the change of name late last year to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk.

The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

A series of resources have been developed and can be found on the Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday>

To celebrate National Child Protection this year, the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Safeguarding Office has created a story book titled: 'You are God's Marvellous Creation'. This is a rhyming storybook for age 3-8 years. It teaches children that, when it comes to the body, God created boundaries and assures them that it is OK to tell a trusted adult if someone touches them inappropriately. This book provides simple but powerful, developmentally appropriate messages that every child needs to know about their body. To order, please complete 'the book order card' from the church foyer and return to parish office. We will notify when the books arrive for collection.



PRAYER

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children
and adults at risk who have been sexually
abused, and whose trust and innocence have
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those
whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support, so that now and in the
future their wounds may be healed and they may
find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever
and ever. Amen