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We welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family.

Fr Peter's Message on the Jubilee Year 2025

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a Catholic year that begins on December 24th, 2024, and ends on January 6th, 2026. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". Pope Francis has called on Catholics to become pilgrims of Hope, and to look to the future with hope and a trusting heart.

The Jubilee year has biblical roots and is a time to:

- Deepen appreciation for biblical roots,
- Re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation,
- Forgive debts,
- Return misappropriated land,
- Allow a fallow period for the fields,

Jubilee years are opportunities for transformation. When the theme for a Jubilee year is offered, Catholics are invited to enter deeply into that theme through prayer and reflection, formation, and missionary action. Some people may contemplate visiting Rome to enter through the Holy Door. Our Cathedral has a Holy Door, and we will be able to enter through this door into the Cathedral. Our Cathedral and some other parishes are earmarked as places of pilgrimage in the diocese. Our parish will organise parish pilgrimages to these Churches during the year.

A small booklet is available at the Piety Stall for (\$1.50). It contains prayers, reflections, and some details of pilgrim Churches.

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

6pm Mater Christi Church
 6pm Hammond Park Catholic Primary School
 9pm Mater Christi Church
 11.30pm Mater Christi Church - Christmas Carols followed by
 12am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

8am Mater Christi Church
 10am Mater Christi Church

Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	Mass
Tuesday	}	Please refer to Christmas Mass Schedule.
Wednesday		
Thursday	9am	Mass
Friday	9am	Mass
Saturday	5pm	Confession
	6pm	Saturday Vigil
Sunday	8am	Mass
	9am	Mass (HPCPS)
	10am	Mass
	5pm	Mass

A Call to Attention

On the 1st Sunday of Advent, it was announced before the Masses that the gong in the sacristy will be rung ~3min before the start of every Sunday Mass. This is to serve as a reminder that Mass is about to begin and for us all to prayerfully recollect ourselves. I urge everyone to keep your conversations to a minimum inside the church out of respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to direct your own attention to prayer, and out of concern for others who are praying.



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Simbang Gabi
 2024
 Mater Christi Catholic Church
 Sunday at 5PM, 15 & 22 Dec
 Saturday 7:30PM, 21 Dec
 Monday - Friday 7PM, 16-20, 23 Dec
 Please bring a plate to share on 15th & 23rd Dec only
 For Mass Sponsorship, please contact:
 Caroline - 0410 031 198
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You are invited to....
MATER CHRISTI CAROLS ON THE LAWN
 AFTER 5PM MASS ON THE 22ND OF DECEMBER. PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME CAROLS, FUN GAMES, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
 BYO: Chairs, Mats and Drinks.

Week 4 - Advent Reflection for Year C (Come Lord Jesus)

The Centre for Liturgy reflections can be downloaded via the link: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ec6bopwacm71h0eu3yxd/f/AJ84eQaRIZ2q0j-ZZ1VyYLM?dl=0&e=1&preview=Advent+Week+4.mp4&rlkey=iakfdzuylfxrntvcyn3udkqph&st=d0a81a11>. If you are unable to download the reflections, please contact our office on (08) 9207 3350 or email cfl@perthcatholic.org.au.

Transport to and from Southern Cross Village, Success

The Parish Council has been discussing transport options for our parishioners at Southern Cross Village, Success. We are looking to establish a team of drivers (at least 4-5) who could take it in turns to drive a 12 seater van for the 10am Mass. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please speak to Fr. Peter or Fr. Nicholas.

Social Committee

The Parish Council has been discussing the need for a social committee. If you would like to be involved in planning and organising social events throughout the year for various celebrations, please speak to the Fathers to find out more.

Parish Website volunteer needed

Fr. Nicholas is looking for someone to help him manage the new parish website. If you have moderate IT skills, are 'computer savvy', and would be available for a couple hours a week please speak to Father after Mass or send him an email.

Youth Retreat You, your friends, your God, 6 days. LET'S DO THIS!

The event is called "TrendSetters", a youth retreat designed to inspire, engage, and strengthen the faith of the young members of our community. Jesus Youth Perth is hosting their annual Discipleship Retreat; Trendsetters! An unforgettable, 6-day program for high school graduates and young adults (18-21) looking to nurture their relationship with Jesus, identify their talents, charisms and step confidently into bold living as Catholics! **Date: 3rd to 8th February 2025 Location: Vincentian Retreat Centre, Byford**
 To register or further queries please contact Alpha on 0455 366 846 or Patrick on 0475 128 563.



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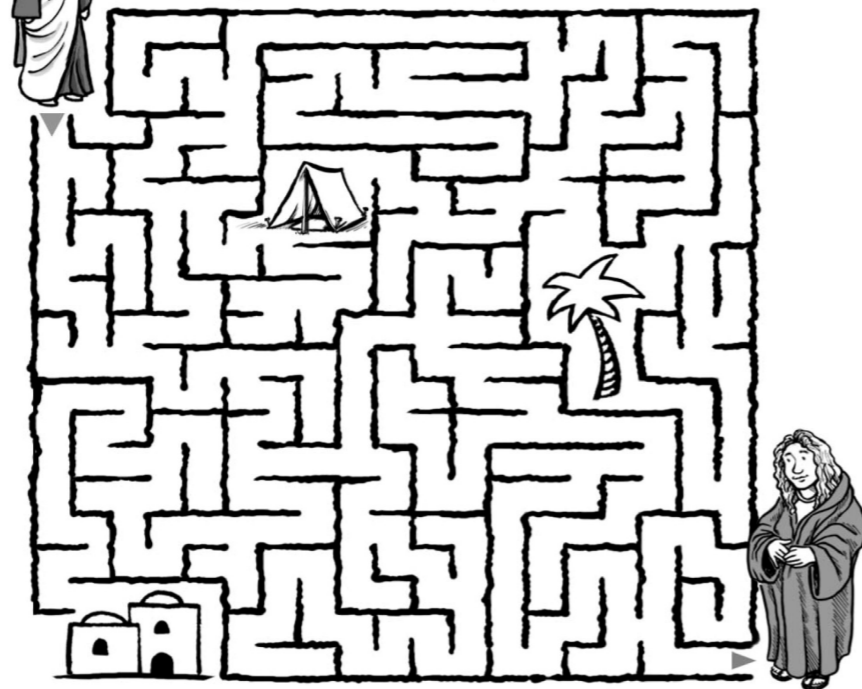
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St Stephen was the first deacon chosen by the apostles soon after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He took care of the needs of Greek-speaking widows among the Christian community in Jerusalem, and he was also known as a zealous preacher. But his preaching was considered blasphemy by the Jewish council and he was stoned to death in c.35 AD. Stephen became the first martyr for Christ and even as they threw stones at him, he asked God to forgive his attackers for their sins.

When Mary heard that her much older cousin Elizabeth was with child, she hurried to Elizabeth and Zechariah's house in the hills of Judea. Can you help Mary find the correct path to her cousin Elizabeth?



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- baby
- believed
- blessed
- Elizabeth
- greeting
- happy
- heard
- hurried
- loud
- Mary
- moved
- woman

P B O A N C N H Y B A B U C S F B
Z O H V U T W G T X E Z M H R G G
F O T V G N I T E E R G A O N O R
L F Q N F D U O L Q B P Q R V Y H
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First Reading Mi 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

*(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.*

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. *(R.)*
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



'Why do we do that?'

by Fr Nicholas

We have recently introduced incense at some of our Sunday Masses, which has prompted people to ask, why? Its use has strong historical and biblical roots. For example, in Psalm 140 we pray, *Hear my voice [O God] when I cry to you. Let my prayer arise before you like incense, the raising of my hands like an evening oblation.* In the Book of Revelation, John describes a vision of heaven, where the angel of God burns incense to mingle with the prayers of the faithful that rise up to the throne of God. Incense then in Catholic worship is a visual symbol of our prayer ascending to God. But there is another reason. In the Scriptures, the presence of God was often symbolised with a cloud. Think here of the cloud that descended into the tabernacle tent when Moses would speak with God in the wilderness, or of the cloud at the Transfiguration that covered the mountain top. God who is pure spirit, made His presence known with the visible cloud. Thus, in the liturgy incense also serves as a reminder of the sacred presence of God. Although God remains invisible to our bodily senses, the visible and sweet-smelling smoke assists to raise our minds in faith. As the cloud on the mountain helped the disciples believe that the man Jesus was the true Son of God, so incense at Mass helps us believe that this same Jesus Christ is really present amongst us who gather in His Name, in the priest who acts in His Person, in His Word proclaimed, and above all, under the sacramental signs of bread and wine.

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