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We welcome all parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family!

Fr Peter's Message

The word "faith" can mean various things. It can mean the content of belief but also has the more fundamental meaning of "trust" as when a person has faith in another individual or in God.

This week (Wednesday) we celebrate the feast of one of the people of great faith – namely St Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus.

Joseph a young man cared for Mary and Jesus. He supported and protected them. He was a man of faith, trusting in what the angel told him and trusted what the angel asked him to do. "Take Mary home as your wife." Great demands were made of Joseph, - the flight into Egypt, raising Mary's child. Because of his trust great things were done. Joseph kept a loving eye on Mary. He showed her great love. He creates a home for them to live in and a place for Jesus to grow in "wisdom and faith."

One can wonder what Joseph thought of his life. He could certainly see the hand of God leading him, comforting him, being with him in all he was called to do.

When we reflect on our own lives, do we realise that God is working out God's purpose through us. Salvation history continues in the life of the world because of each one of us. St Joseph made a difference to the world because he cared for Mary and Jesus. It is good for us to realise too that the world is actually different because we are here. Like St Joseph we can only trust God that everything is unfolding as it should.



Second Sunday of Lent 15th & 16th March

Toefuata'iga - a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 Ltr water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code, **online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	Mass
Tuesday	5pm	Adoration
	6pm	Mass
Wednesday	9am	Mass
Thursday	9am	Mass
Friday	9am	Mass
Saturday	5pm	Confession
	6pm	Saturday Vigil
Sunday	8am	Mass
	9am	Mass (HPCPS)
	10am	Mass
	5pm	Mass

Saturday Morning Mass

We have commenced the 9am Saturday morning Mass. The priests will also be available for Reconciliation after this Mass. We will give it a trial during the Lenten season and review it over the Easter period. Please note this is a Saturday weekday Mass and does not fulfil the Sunday obligation.

During the Lenten season the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed every Friday at 6pm in the church.

Lenten Reflection - Please join us for a Lenten reflection every Friday morning during Lent after the 9am Mass in the Chapel of Innocents. The focus will be on the Sorrowful Mysteries.

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The Legion of Mary invites all Auxiliary members and parishioners to join them in the celebration of the **ACIES** - the annual Consecration of ourselves to Our Lady on **Sunday 23rd March at 2pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**, 2 Townsend Road, Rockingham, followed by afternoon tea.

The bus will leave Mater Christi church at 1pm and return to Mater Christi Church at 4.30pm. Cost is \$15 per person. If you would like to attend, payments can be made at our Piety Stall. There are a limited amount of seats available on the bus, so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Parish Feast Day 25th March - The Parish Feast Day falls on a Tuesday this year. You are all eagerly invited to celebrate this important day with Mass at 6pm and a small celebration after. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Parents, Altar Servers, and Guild Members

Please note that the link to the roster until the end of March is now available for updating. Kindly add your child's name to the roster based on your availability. Please also use the roster to see if there are any Masses with few or no servers and support the ministry by volunteering at those Masses if possible. Link to Roster: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OGvWRNOssDeg3SO0N31tAKmCjLsqJpCjecRmshD9DB4/edit?gid=0#gid=0>. If for some reason you are unable to access the roster, please request access via the email materchristialtarservers@gmail.com.

Upcoming NEW and existing Altar Server Training & Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 29th March

Please submit your registration for the upcoming training using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0DLdXn7jL7Hck6J2G32UGUMm8AimIxpRWoWoPOMhwJ0vvlq/viewform> or the QR code .



Please **SAVE THE DATE** for this training. Parents who are interested in volunteering for the sausage sizzle can also leave their details using the same link. Your registrations are essential to ensure we can cater adequately for all attendees. Please join the Mater Christi Altar Servers WhatsApp group for timely updates at WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DZvmqCbeGJH0bGTi1kTScm>. **Thank you for your time and commitment.**

Men's Mental Health Talk with Derek Boylen - The men's only session is to provide valuable insights and support for mental well-being: **Monday 17th March from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**, St. Mary's Cathedral – Parish Centre, Victoria Square, Perth. Book here: <https://go.kscwa.au/kscwa-mens-mental-health-17-march-2025>.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Walk - The parish is organising a pilgrimage walk from St. Jerome's parish to St. Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle on **Saturday 7th June 2025**. This will be a unique opportunity to participate in a pilgrimage walk for the 2025 Jubilee. There will be an **information session on Sunday 6th April from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**. Pamphlets are available in the foyer with more information.

Continuation of Top Oval Parking - Please be informed that the City of Cockburn has extended our permission to park on the top oval until Sunday, 14 April 2025. During this time, we will be collaborating with Divine Mercy College and Montessori Steppingstones to develop a traffic management plan that will ensure the smooth and safe flow of traffic on Yangebup Road cul-de-sac and adjacent roads. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work towards an improved parking and traffic solution.



This Week's Meeting Dates & Times			
Date	Time	Group	Venue
Tuesday 18th March	18:30	RCIA	Office Meeting Room
Wednesday 19th March	15:45	RCIYP	Office Meeting Room
	19:00	Catholic Charismatic Renewal	Church
	19:00	Musicians Meeting	Office Meeting Room
Thursday 20th March	18:30	Parents Sacramental Program - Session 4	Church
Friday 21st March	09:30	Lenten Reflections	Chapel of Innocents
	18:00	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday 22nd March	14:45	Bible Study	Office Meeting Room

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

16 March 2025

First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1 or Phil 3:20 – 4:1 (shorter form)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



'Why do we do that?'

by Fr Nicholas

The time for Holy Communion is a very sacred moment in the Mass. Having listened attentively to the Word of God, our hearts have hopefully been stirred to repentance, to a deeper love, and to a renewed commitment to valiantly conform our lives to the teaching and example of Christ. In humble reverence we kneel and listened as the priest prayed the Eucharistic Prayer and how, in the Person of Christ, the priest spoke the very words of our beloved Saviour that changed the bread and wine into His very Body and Blood. But the Mass is not a spectacle to be watched; Christ lived amongst us, He died to erase our sins and rose from the grave to share with us His divine life. This divine life was infused into our souls at Baptism and it is nourished and strengthened in Holy Communion. To receive the Eucharist is to be in union with Jesus, it is to have Jesus in our souls. For this reason, we must take great care and show the utmost reverence when we present ourselves to receive Holy Communion. The traditional way is to kneel and receive the Eucharist directly on our tongue, however we may also receive Communion standing, either in our hand or on the tongue. If we choose to receive Holy Communion standing, we must bow or genuflect in reverence before receiving the Host on our outstretched hands. These external acts of reverence remind us that we are being fed by the Lord, and that the only disposition befitting us is humble reverence – we must never presume to take It for ourselves. The few minutes after Communion are there for interior conversation with our Lord. Either in silence or by joining in the Communion Hymn we speak with Christ, opening to Him the deepest recesses of our hearts.

First Collection EFT Details

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Second Collection EFT Details

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St Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.433 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monasticism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland.



TRANSFIGURATION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word TRANSFIGURATION?

Crossword

Across

- 1: to be selected
- 2: Jesus and the disciples heard God's voice coming from this
- 5: bright with light
- 6: places that protect you from wind and rain
- 8: the high place where Jesus took his disciples to pray
- 10: afraid, scared
- 11: this man wanted to build three shelters

Down

- 1: things we wear
- 3: Mother is to daughter, as father is to ____
- 4: he appeared with Elijah and spoke to Jesus
- 7: "They appeared in _____ glory"
- 9: Peter wanted to build this many shelters

