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

Fr Peter's Message on The Scrutinies

Scrutinies in the Catholic Church are a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptised. These scrutinies are celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth weeks of the Lenten season.

This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the "elect." The overall prayers and laying on of hands are to help the "elect" be enlightened by the Word and grace of God.


During the liturgy of the Scrutinies, the parish is asked to pray for the "elect" during this special time of preparation before they receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. These "elect" are also "catechumens." We also have candidates who have already been baptised in a Christian church, who will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church also at the Easter Vigil. We are asked to pray for them too.

We give thanks to the RCIA and RCIYP team for sharing their time and their faith with these elect and candidates.



Third Sunday of Lent 22nd & 23rd of March

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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 - Feast Day
Wednesday	9am	Mass
Thursday	9am	Mass
Friday	9am	Mass
Saturday	9am	Mass
	9.30am	Confession
	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.

A website to help Catholics celebrate the Jubilee year has been launched by the Bishops of Australia. Please utilise this website pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au to participate in opportunities for spiritual renewal provided by the Holy Year.

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.

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.

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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/1FAIpQLSe0DLdXn7jL7Hck6J2G32UGUMm8AimIxpRWoWoPOMhwJ0wvIq/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.**

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 25th March	18:30	RCIA	Office Meeting Room
Wednesday 26th March	15:45	RCIYP	Office Meeting Room
	19:00	Catholic Charismatic Renewal	Church
	19:00	Parish Council	Office Meeting Room
Thursday 27th March	16:00	Children's Sacramental Program - Session 1	Community Centre & MCCPS
Saturday 29th March	14:30	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Church



'Why do we do that?'

by Fr Nicholas

The Fraction of the consecrated Eucharist is a powerful liturgical action that unfortunately is often overlooked. During the last exchanges of the Sign of Peace and as the choir begins to lead us in singing the Lamb of God, the priest very carefully breaks in half the large Host just consecrated. This is the third of the four Eucharistic actions we observe Jesus do when He multiplied the loaves and of course, at the Last Supper, which gave those earlier miracles their true meaning. Now in the liturgy the priest, in the person of Christ, after having taken the bread during the Offertory Rites, having blessed it at the Consecration, now breaks it. This Fraction signifies to us a number of things. Firstly, the broken Bread ought to prompt us to think of the Body of Christ that was broken, we might say, in the course of the Passion. Miraculously, not one of His bones was broken (fulfilling the Scriptures), but Christ still gave up everything as He allowed His flesh to be torn and wounded for our sakes. And yet, as the prophets foretold, *by His wounds we have been healed*; His body was broken so that our wounded souls may be restored. The broken Eucharistic Bread then, signifying the total self-emptying of Christ, becomes our point of entry. He was broken to unite a divided people to Himself. But where ordinary bread is broken so that many may eat, the risen Christ suffers no deterioration, but in fact unites to Himself those who consume Him. The Eucharist is the very living Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ crucified and risen. In this most august sacrament, He pledges to us His life; let us offer ours to Him in return.

Gospel shorter form
Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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The Archangel Gabriel, is one of God's special messengers. He appeared to the prophet Daniel and helped him to understand the visions in his dreams, and was sent to tell Zechariah of the birth of his son, John the Baptist. He left Zechariah without the ability to speak for his disbelief of the message. Gabriel is best known as the angel who sent Mary tidings of the future birth of Jesus - the Annunciation of the Lord. His feast was traditionally associated with the Annunciation, but his feast day is now shared with the other archangels, Michael and Raphael, on the 29th of September. He is the patron saint of many communications industries and workers such as post, telephone, radio and television.

Unscramble the letters in the bucket to reveal who the Samaritan woman discovered Jesus to really be.



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Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- ancestor
- bucket
- drink
- food
- Jacob
- Messiah
- Samaritan
- Sychar
- town
- two
- well
- woman

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