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NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

CONTACT TRACING

“As from December 5, the Government requires businesses and Places of Worship to maintain mandatory Contact Registers for parishioners for the purpose of Covid-19 contact tracing by the WA Department of Health.
Persons under the age of 16 years are not required to be registered.
The details can be collected manually or electronically. Manual registers are now at the entrances to both of our Churches. To register electronically you need to have a Smartphone and download the “SafeWA” app. When entering the Church you need only to open the SafeWA app and scan the QR code that is also displayed at the entries to both Churches.”

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

December 10 is the anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations (UN) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR sets out a certain set of rights that are the basic and minimum set of human rights for all citizens. Setting aside a day to commemorate, educate and reflect on the principles that form the UDHR means celebrating the rights we exercise everyday as Australians, and acknowledging that enjoying those rights carries with it the responsibility of promoting these rights for all people. Things that many of us take for granted, such as the right to an education, the right to receive medical care, and the freedom to practice our chosen religion, are not equally available to all other Australians and people in other parts of the world.

ADVENT PRAYER by HENRI NOUWEN

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!”

CHURCH WASHING ROSTER

Can you spare a little time to help with the church washing? You would be required to do this each week for a month about twice a year depending on how many volunteers are on the roster. This involves taking the small towels used at Mass each weekend, washing and ironing them and returning them the following weekend. **If you can help please contact Mary on 92953020** Your help would be appreciated.

WEEKDAY Mass Times: Tuesday 8th December – Sunday 13th December
Tuesday 8.30am; Wednesday 9.00am; Friday 8.30am, followed by Adoration;
Saturday 8.30am followed by Reconciliation.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)
Sunday 7.30am (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chidlow)
And 9.30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER

Mass in the Sacred Heart School Multi-purpose area 6pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

Our Lady of Good Counsel 7.30am

Sacred Heart Mundaring 9.30am

WEDNESDAY MORNING WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Our Wednesday morning Mass this week will be a whole school Graduation Mass. You are still welcome to come along, but it will be a little more crowded than normal.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

You have an opportunity to make a good confession in the lead up to Christmas. I will sit at the rear of the church on Tuesday evening, December 15, from 6-8pm. There will be an Examination of Conscience playing on the screen. Come along and pray in silence before presenting yourself to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation and then remain to pray in thanksgiving.

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession, there is a chance for mercy.

St. Isidore of Seville

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD.

Engulfed by many chores in the lead up to Christmas, we fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

FIRST READING from the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries out, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R.v. 8

R: LORD LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

R

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

SECOND READING from the second letter of St Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow; to carry out his promises, as anyone else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 3: 4,6

ALLELUIA ALLELUIA

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL a reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel skin, and lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.