

## SACRED HEART PARISH - MUNDARING

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**WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Tuesday 8:30am, Wednesday 9:00am**

**Friday - No Mass this Friday**

**Stations of the Cross 7:00pm**

**Saturday 8:30am (followed by Reconciliation)**

**WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)**

**Sunday – 7:30am (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)**

**9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Each Friday during Lent at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church Mundaring.**

The Stations of the Cross always remind us of how much Jesus loves us!

"The cross shows the seriousness of our sin—but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God." *Billy Graham*

**NO MASS NEXT FRIDAY:** I will be celebrating a morning Mass at Mater Dei College next Friday, due to our Foundation Day celebrations. As a consequence, there will be **no Mass and Adoration**. My humble apologies to those who love to come for Mass/Adoration of Fridays.

### SCHOOL MASS ON WEDNESDAY 9AM

This coming Wednesday morning will be a School/Community Mass. Come along and celebrate with the children...they are celebrating St Joseph

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Will be held on **THIS COMING Wednesday evening March 20 between 6-8pm**. Please mark that date in your diary or on your calendar.

## NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ITINERANT DEACON

Hello to all!

This weekend I visited Holy Rosary Parish Nedlands to assist at Masses and preach the homilies for Project Compassion. I was warmly welcomed by PP Fr Gavin Gomez and parishioners. Many years ago, I was a parishioner of Holy Rosary when Monsignor James Nestor was the PP. The parish also serves the Carmelite Monastery nearby. Loreto Nedlands Primary School closed at the end of last year.

Compassion is the most precise expression of love. This is what we hear in the Gospel today: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that all who believe in him might be saved" (Jn 3:16). The call and challenge for us is to love in the manner that Jesus loved us. It's not easy, though, for it necessarily involves total self-giving and true compassion. Our support of Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in desperate need. ***Blessings, Paul***

### MAYBE YOU CAN HELP

One of our parishioners volunteers at 'Shopfront', an archdiocesan agency established to help the homeless. Apparently, they are in need of **non-perishable items** for their larder. The following is a list of suggested items: **Non-Perishable food only...Pop Top Cans as most people living on the streets don't have can openers.** Also, generic brands e.g. Coles are fine and are also cheaper. Small tins of tuna, Packets of noodles, the cheap version can be \$2 for 5 packets, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Tinned vegies—especially tomatoes, beans – nothing exotic, Small pkts cereal, especially weetbix, Long life milk-full cream, Tins of baked beans and spaghetti, Any sort of meal in a can e.g. chunky soup, tinned meat balls etc, Small coffees, Rice, Tinned fruit, Honey, Vegemite, peanut butter, Muesli bars Anything else that is nutritious and easy to prepare

**BRING AT LEAST ONE OR TWO TO MASS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND WE WILL GET THEM TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM**

Thank you for your kindness.

### THOSE ADULTS WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLIC

I would like to invite any adults who are not Catholic, and would like to become Catholic, to join a small group of people entering the RCIA process later this month. I have 3 adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and one who wants to be confirmed. Some people have approached me about attending the classes to help deepen their understanding of the faith...if you have that desire...you are more than welcome. The course has already started and runs from **7pm-8pm on Tuesdays** during school terms. New people are welcome!

## FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT- Year B

### FIRST READING Jer. 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

■The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
3. Give me again the joy of your help, with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. R.

### SECOND READING Heb. 3: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews>

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3:16

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord: and where I am, my servant will also be.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT - Year B

### GOSPEL Jn 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee and put this request to him. “Sir, we should like to see Jesus”. Philip went to tell Andrew and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain, but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

■The Gospel of the Lord.

### A MATTER OF TIME

*In this fifth week of Lent, we approach the crux of our belief. We are drawing near to our journey through Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Jeremiah heralds, ‘See the days are coming’ and Jesus in the Gospel of John proclaims, “Now the hour has come!” These times are both important in their own context yet, also mark God’s time.*

*Jeremiah’s prophetic words announce God’s new covenant with Israel, a covenant which God writes on their hearts that, “I will be your God and you will be my people”. (Jer 31:33)*

*As John’s passage opens, it is the time of the Passover and some Greeks want to see Jesus. Their seeking of Jesus affirms the words of the Pharisees earlier “the world has gone after him” (John 12:19). The Greeks approach Philip as he has a Greek name and Philip goes with Andrew, to Jesus. With the Greeks seeking him, Jesus recognises that the gathering has begun, “the world has gone after him,” so he announces, “the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (John 12:23). An Amen saying follows: “Very truly (Amen, amen), I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). In this image of a grain of wheat is firstly the revelatory sense of Jesus’ fate, destiny and mission. Secondly, it is the way to see the disciples and our own lives and mission.*

Dr Rosemary Canavan