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WEEKDAY Mass Times: Tuesday 21st September – Saturday 25th September
Tuesday 8:30am; Wednesday 9am; 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)
9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES STUDY

Acts of the Apostles! We are in Lesson 18 Paul makes his defence.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES (PREP): These Classes continue this coming Wednesday. **The Confirmation Class** will begin at 3.45pm-4.30pm (in the Church) **Holy Communion Class** will start at 4.00pm-4.45pm (in the Parish Meeting Room)

YOU ARE GOD'S MARVELLOUS CREATION: To celebrate National Child Protection week in September 5-11, the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Safeguarding Office has created a storybook titled: *'You are God's Marvellous Creation'*. If you would like a copy, just fill in the CARD which you can find at the entrances and return it to me.

HOST FOR MORNING TEA IN OCTOBER

The time is nigh for asking for a volunteer(s) to host Sunday morning tea for the first weekend in October...Sunday October 3.

If you would like to have this privilege, then just let Fr John know!

NEW ROSTERS FOR CLEANERS, COUNTERS & READERS are available for collection from the front pew. Please collect yours today.

NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

Motu Proprio of Pope Francis, *Traditionis Custodes*

Many thanks to those people (and there were lots) who submitted their thoughts on the place of the Latin Mass in the Church today. The general consensus was that continuing to celebrate the Latin Mass is important, in that it is part of our faith tradition. Some spoke of the sacred nature of this Mass being more apparent than what is called the Novus Order...the Mass after the Second Vatican Council (*The Order we celebrate today*). I am not sure if that doesn't open up a larger conversation about the celebration of the Eucharist...Maybe there is an opportunity for our next Parish Study to be on the Mass itself?

There was also a common theme related to the importance of communities who prefer the Latin Mass: that they be visibly part of the Archdiocese. I suspect that if the Priests who lead parish communities gathered around the Latin Mass (or any parish community for that matter) were more visibly present in the life of the broader Archdiocese that this would be a terrific development...after all, the Church is the Sacrament of Unity!

As a priest, I often lament the absence of my brother priests at Archdiocesan celebrations...especially the Chrism Mass which takes place during Holy Week. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI highlighted the importance of the Chrism Mass *"In the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, the holy oils are at the centre of the liturgical action. They are consecrated in the bishop's cathedral for the whole year. They thus serve also as an expression of the Church's unity, guaranteed by the episcopate, and they point to Christ, the true 'shepherd and guardian' of our souls."*

It's an odd circumstance indeed when a priest, refuses to concelebrate at the Chrism Mass, yet is needful of the Holy Oils, consecrated during that service, for the sacramental celebrations he leads throughout the year!

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you are Father, in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

John 17:20-21

PODCASTS WORTH LISTENING TO! I listened to the most wonderful conversation, not so long ago, during which Jordan Peterson talked with Stephen Fry. Stephen Fry has been a long-time critic (scathingly so) of the Catholic Church and is often seen in the same frame as Richard Dawkins and the late Christopher Hitchens who could be referred to collectively as the New Atheists. While Jordan Peterson is not a Catholic, I believe the conversation is well worth at least a couple of hearings...so rich is the content.

Go to www.jordanbpeterson.com and check out Podcasts Look for Series 4 episode 2 An atheist in the Realm of Myth.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, ‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false from upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 53:3-6, 8. R.v.6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R.**
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so, you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so, you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

■ The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf 2 Thess. 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity....

All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So, he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him down in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord

Living with our differences

As the letter of James observes, wherever there is jealousy and ambition there is disharmony. It is the sign of both human and spiritual maturity to be able to live in peace with ourselves and others. A reality of life is that there are differences between people and that they can often be a source of division and discontent. Today’s readings invite us to reflect on the ways in which differences can be life-giving rather than destructive.

For the writer of the book of Wisdom the truly righteous person will be a thorn in the side of those whose values they do not share. The implied challenge is that of daring to be different when it means being true to our values.

Even within the Christian community the problems provided by our differences and desire for recognition need to be addressed. It is to the credit of the early Christians that they did not veneer over their very real differences and honestly admitted their difficulties in this area. At the very moment that Jesus is speaking of the violent death that awaits him the disciples are already arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. It is precisely in this context that Jesus reveals to them that true greatness has always been found in the ability to serve and sacrifice oneself for the good of others. It is not that differences do not exist, or that some have the responsibility of leadership. What counts is the manner in which that responsibility is exercised. In that, Jesus remains our most enduring example.

Christopher Monaghan CP