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WEEKDAY Mass Times: Tuesday 7th September – Saturday 11th September
Tuesday (No Mass this week); 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)

NO MASS ON TUESDAY

There will be no Mass this coming Tuesday morning.
My humble apologies for the inconvenience.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES STUDY

Acts of the Apostles! We are in Lesson 16: Ministry in Ephesus

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES (PREP)

We begin Classes 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.

PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK – LINDA FIELD

NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

ONLY A DAD

EDGAR ALBERT GUEST

Only a dad, with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame,

To show how well he has played the game,
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come, and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more.
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, *but the best of men.*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR
WONDERFUL FATHERS**

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified on October 19, 2003 and canonized on September 4, 2016, as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests.

She died on September 5 1997. I had travelled home from Calcutta for an interview with the late Bishop Robert Healy on September 5 with a view to joining St Charles Seminary and as I drove through the seminary gate I heard the news of Mother's death! I felt a strong sense of her blessing on my path to priesthood...Praise the Lord.



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER MASS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 145:7-10 R.v.1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 2: 1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats;’ then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4 :23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,’ they said, ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord**

JESUS THE DIVINE HEALER

At the heart of our life of faith is the belief that God has the power and desire to enter into our world and bring life where there was death. Prophets such as Isaiah spoke of the impact that the Messiah would have on the life of the people. Through the promised king, God would reach out and set right what was no longer in order; wrongs would be redressed and life would flourish anew in the desert, and in the hearts of the people. How many of Isaiah’s contemporaries would have thought his words were simply vain hopes which would never be realised? How many were disillusioned with their past experience of kingship in Israel?

It was into this situation of need, hope and disbelief that Jesus came. His powerful word and healing touch brought hope and new life to those in need. One of the great ironies of today’s miracle is Jesus’ command that the deaf man keep silent about what has happened to him. Having just found his voice could he be expected not to use it? Mark’s point is that having encountered Jesus we cannot keep silent.

Despite its brevity the letter of James contains some of the most hard-hitting teaching in the New Testament. Today the challenge concerns how the voice of the powerless cannot be silenced in the Christian community. The standards of the world have no place in the Christian community when it leads to a distinction between rich and poor, when a person’s worth and dignity is only measured by their wealth.

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