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**"To grow in discipleship of
Jesus and go make disciples"**

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart
Sunday – 7.30am @ Our Lady of Good
Counsel, Chidlow
9.30am @ Sacred Heart Mundaring

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am
Wednesday 8.00am
9.00am School Mass
Thursday 8.30am
7.00pm **Men's prayer group**
Friday 8.30am
9.00am **Adoration & Benediction**
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 8.30am
9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)
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1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm
(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring:
1st Weekend of the Month

Due to the late finish of the vigil, and many family gatherings occurring, simpler foods will be suitable.

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

Upcoming Solemn Feasts:

March 17th St Patrick
March 18th **9am School Mass for St Joseph**
March 19th St Joseph
March 25th The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Extra Reconciliation

6pm-7pm Thursday March 26th

Holy Week

29th March Palm Sunday
31st March Chrism Mass – 7pm @ Cathedral
2nd April Holy Thursday - 7pm Mass
3rd April Good Friday Stations - 10am
3rd April Good Friday Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm
4th April Solemn Easter Vigil 7pm @ Mundaring
5th April 730am Easter Mass @ Chidlow
930am Easter Mass @ Mundaring

As requested by parishioners, the convenience of **EFTPOS DONATION** facilities will become available soon.

DIRECT DEPOSIT collection details

1st Collection: Priest upkeep

Sacred Heart 1st Collection
BSB: 086006
A/C #: 985196641

2nd Collection: Parish

Sacred Heart Mundaring Parish
BSB: 086006
A/C #: 673418807

🙏 **PRAYER CORNER** 🙏
✚ Prayer Intentions for the sick

Tess Howden
Janina Wren
Trevor Clark
Dennis Denoual

Do you know of someone in the parish who is sick and would appreciate some prayers?

Why Rose Vestments?

'Laetare'/'Rejoice'

Sunday: The Entrance antiphon of the liturgy exhorts us to 'Rejoice'

The penitential violet is mixed with the white of the approaching festival to give us a glimpse of the finish line & endure.

NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Friday March 6th World Day of Prayer

Report by Corry Harmer

On Friday 6th March The World Day of Prayer 2026 in the Perth Hills was hosted beautifully by the Mundaring Church of Christ.

There were many hymns and stories focussed on the theme country Nigeria.



Our speaker this year was Nigerian Dr Caleb Omowo [pron: Oh-Mo-Wo] from the Parkerville Baptist Church who practices in Byford.



2027 will be the 100th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. The theme country will be Australia and will be hosted in the Perth Hills by the Uniting Church.

Project Compassion

We have all been confronted with the distressing scenes of war in the news. Regardless of politics, we should pray for and try to assist those caught in the middle of such conflicts. **Caritas**, Australia's Catholic International Aid organisation, supported by the Project Compassion appeal, provides humanitarian support throughout many parts of the world, including the Middle East, and places not in the media spotlight, like Sudan. Let us be generous. More information can be found at www.caritas.org.au



Parish First Reconciliation Classes

- April 22nd 5 - 545pm Parent Information night.

Wednesday 415-5pm classes:

- April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27
- June 3rd Practice
- **First Reconciliation** 415- 5pm Wednesday, June 10th (parents welcome to attend and also receive the sacrament)

Opportunities for Confession

On the inside cover of the Lenten *Compassio* books is a guide to Reconciliation. Lent is a great time to encounter God's mercy in this Sacrament.

Many of us have encountered that friend or work colleague that never admits they are wrong, nor sees that anything they do negatively impacts their relationship with others! Lets be challenged to not be that kind of friend to Jesus!

Rather, great relationships are helped through humble self awareness of our shortcomings. So too with God, we realise there's often a gap between where we are and the holiness of life we are called to live! So let us be generous in approaching the opportunity for Reconciliation over the next few weeks.

Sometimes, it's more comfortable to go more anonymously, which is understandable. Works on this capacity for our own confessional have been delayed because of extra busyness the last number of weeks, but will eventually be available. Reconciliation is also held in neighbouring Greenmount before their Saturday morning and evening Masses, or by appointment.



Ignite 2026 Conferences

Held in Darwin Jun 19-21, Sydney 9-12th July and Brisbane 24-27th September, these conferences will be a reviving experience of faith. From being immersed in a culture of incredible people, uplifting worship, powerful speakers, beautiful sacraments and insightful workshops to ignite a new hope and purpose in Jesus. From primary school children to grandparents, there streams of events for kids, young adults and older adults. From small groups to over 300 people, there's a chance to experience a vibrant faith, connected to the wider Church community.

Igniteconference.com.au for more information.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him’. The man himself said, ‘I am the man’.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see’. Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man.

Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you’. The man said, ‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form, 9:1-41

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

15 MARCH 2026

‘WE ARE NOT BLIND!’

The rich theological symbolism evident from last Sunday’s Gospel of John continues in today’s drama between light and darkness. Jesus meets a man born blind and tells him to wash in the sanctified pool of Siloam south of the temple. The blind man returns able to see. Over several scenes in one of the most dramatic and engaging stories in all the Gospels, the man who now has vision is consistently interrogated by the religious authorities who, though they are supposed ‘to see’, move into spiritual blindness.

The dynamic evident in the story is that each time the man is interrogated, he goes back to his experience of being healed by Jesus. Each reflection moves him to a deeper realisation of what has happened and who Jesus is: at first he calls Jesus simply ‘a man’, then later, that Jesus is ‘from God’, until finally, the man worships him. This movement of faith into light is accompanied by a similar movement into darkness by the religious leaders. They fail to see that they have become blind to Jesus and his deeds of healing (which John calls ‘signs’). ‘We are not blind, surely?’ they retort.

This drama is acted out in our day. Jesus’ final words to his antagonists and John’s audience are forever relevant. ‘Blind?’ questions Jesus, ‘If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see”, your guilt remains.’ This clarity of understanding and insight is important in a world where truth is camouflaged as falsehood and lies proclaimed as truth. We need to journey with the man born blind, to reflect on our experiences, to be with Jesus and ‘see’.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.’ When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed one stands there before him,’ but the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ He then asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ He answered, ‘There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.’ Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, ‘Come, anoint him, for this is the one.’ At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

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

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

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

GOSPEL

Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.